



## Bobby Ray Jones

January 10, 1945 - July 25, 2025

Bobby Ray Jones, who proudly answered to Dad, Bob, Grandad, Mr. Jones, and Coach Jones, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on July 25, 2025, reuniting with the love of his life, Pam, after 44 wonderful years together.

Bob was born in Lubbock, Texas on January 10, 1945, to Ruby Faye Jones. He graduated from Idalou High School in 1963, where he excelled in and developed a lifelong love of sports. He went on to attend and play baseball at Sul Ross State University and Lubbock Christian University, and eventually graduated from Texas Tech University in 1969 with his Bachelor's degree, later earning his Master's degree from Tarleton State University.

Bob was a devoted father to Chris and Matt Jones, and joyfully became step-father to Chad Kopec and Katy Kopec-Robbins when he married Pam Curry in 1979. Together, the blended family of six followed Bob to different parts of Texas as a coach's wife and coach's kids. In 1995,

Bob and Pam settled into their retirement home at White Bluff Resort in Whitney, Texas, where they built a beautiful life of faith and shared their home of 30 years with family and friends.

Known by most as Coach Jones, Bob had a gift for leadership and quiet strength. He was a beloved coach, mentor, and father figure to countless students and athletes throughout his career in education. After years on the field and in the classroom, Bob transitioned into administrative roles, always carrying his passion for student success and personal growth. He “officially” retired in 2000—but anyone who knew Bob knows he never really retired, especially not from coaching. Bob created a legacy of coaching for his sons and grandsons as they entered the workforce throughout the years.

Bob loved to cook, and was famous for his hearty breakfasts and anything grilled. He had a soft spot for all things golf and could often be found soaking in BBQ and landscaping tips from YouTube. But more than anything, he loved cheering on his children and grandchildren. Whether on a field, court, stage, boxing ring, or classroom, Granddad was always there for them. Bob cherished his role as Pam’s biggest fan, content with letting her shine on all occasions. He found joy in simply being by her side, often behind the scenes, and being grateful for the life they built together. One of his most treasured routines was their morning devotional and prayer

time over their first cup of coffee. In recent years, Bob's faith grew deeper, and he openly shared how much God had done in his life. Bob is survived by his children, Chris Jones, Matt Jones, Chad Kopec, and Katy Kopec-Robbins; and by their spouses, Sandra Jones, Tiffany Jones, Nicole Kopec, and Mat Robbins. He leaves behind his cherished grandchildren: Tyler Jones, Kyle Jones, and spouse Keelie; Jace and Addie Jones; Isabella and Ian Kopec; and Elizabeth and Ben Barrett. He recently became a proud great grandfather to Levi Laird Jones on June 26, 2025.

His legacy is one of quiet strength, unwavering love, and faithful devotion—to his family, his calling, and his Savior.

A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for August 9, 2025, 2:00PM, at the White Bluff Chapel in White Bluff Resort, located at 1072 White Bluff Drive, Whitney, TX 76692. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Bobby Ray Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund at Texas Tech University via the following link: <http://give.ttu.edu/JonesMemorial>