



Raymond E. Jones

January 28, 1948 - August 1, 2025

Dodgeville – Raymond Edward Jones, age 77 of Dodgeville, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family, Friday, August 1, 2025. Ray was born on January 28, 1948, in Castle Rock to William and Lillian (Richards) Jones.

He grew up farming in Highland with 7 siblings, milking cows, raising animals and developing a work ethic that lasted the rest of his life. Ray was a thoughtful, quiet man that expressed himself more with deeds and actions than words.

Ray married the love of his life, Barbara Grimm, on June 20, 1970, winning her over with steadfast persistence and boyish handsomeness.

Ray was a dedicated parent, not only to his own children but also as a foster parent to over 100 children throughout the years. His calm strength was an anchor and touchstone that impacted and nurtured many.

Barb and Ray bought the Dodgeville Locker Plant, in the early 1970's and ran it until the 1990's. They employed many people, supporting the community with top notch services and Ray's award-winning ring bologna. The Locker Plant spice room contained amazing smells as well as magic and secrets. It was hard work, and they took pride in running the business together.

Ray drove school bus for Dodgeville Schools for many years after closing the locker until he officially retired. Throughout all the 'working years' and after, Ray was the family chef, grilling, baking, and cooking for the household and special family occasions. No event was complete without 'Ray's beans'.

Ray was also a volunteer fireman for the Dodgeville Fire Department from 1976 until 2000. For over 20 years everyone knew not to park Ray in because he could be called away at any time.

Ray embraced adventure and travel. From camping and cooking over the fire, to family trips in Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, England, many destinations around the United States, and eventually establishing a yearly trip to New Orleans.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lillian, and his son, Michael.

Ray is survived by his wife of 55 years, Barbara (Grimm) Jones of Dodgeville; his siblings Edward/Bud (Linda) Jones, Doris (the late Don) Tomashaska, Russell (the late Susie) Jones, Ruth (Helmuth) Krause, Randy (Vicky) Jones, Rose Mary Jones, Jim (Gift) Jones; his children Bob (Sara) Jones, Bill (Liz) Jones, Joey (Josh Nielsen) Jones, Bryan (Lexus) Jones; his grandchildren Taylor, Tristan, Matthew, Georgia, Michael, Jaxson, Milo and many others who are Ray's (kids) and (GRAND kids).

A Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home
400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Allison Malenfant & Brad Holcomb purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Raymond E. Jones.



Allison Malenfant & Brad Holcomb - August 07, 2025 at 09:24 PM

BA

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Beverly Adams-Sugden - August 07, 2025 at 09:05 AM

KS

“ Ray was my first boss.
He taught me to work hard & was always there willing to help me learn. I worked for him at the Dodgeville Locker Plant as a young man....He was a great cook out chef too..!

I love his whole family & how much they opened their home to us all..

I will never forget you Raymond..!

Kraig....

Kraig Smart - August 05, 2025 at 10:41 PM

CG

“ Dear Barb and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your husband, Ray's passing. What a wonderful full life you had with him. We keep our loved ones in our hearts and memories forever. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Christine Rasmussen Gunderson.



Christine Gunderson - August 05, 2025 at 09:23 AM

IC

“ Ian, Jon, and Chris Clark purchased the Pretty Pleasure for the family of Raymond E. Jones.



Ian, Jon, and Chris Clark - August 04, 2025 at 06:33 PM

TM

“ Travis miller purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Raymond E. Jones.



Travis miller - August 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM

TM

“ Travis miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond E. Jones.

Travis miller - August 03, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond E. Jones.



August 02, 2025 at 05:44 PM



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“ Ray was a kind and loving man. He and Narb showed me what family truly was. I know I am just one of many kids he helped along the way. He will be truly missed.

Jessica Watters - August 02, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ Barb & family,
So very sorry for your loss.

Diane Hermanson - August 02, 2025 at 01:45 PM



Sorry for your loss, Barb , Bob & Sara & family!!

Dick & Nola Burns - August 02, 2025 at 02:28 PM



So sorry for your loss Barb.

Lois Blabaum - August 02, 2025 at 06:02 PM

MK

So sorry to hear this. Our sympathy to Bob, Sara and Barb!

Margaret Kaufman - August 02, 2025 at 10:05 PM

LC

So sorry for your loss Barb. Prayers for all your family!

Laura Clarkson - August 02, 2025 at 10:42 PM

JM

Ray was a very nice, kind Man, he was a great Father-in-law to our daughter Liz, and a great Grand-father to our shared Grandchildren Georgia and Michael. We will miss him!

Jim and Mala McGhee - August 04, 2025 at 11:11 AM

MA

Aww, Barbara, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Ray was such a kind and gentle man, and he will truly be missed.

Maschielle - August 07, 2025 at 01:31 PM