



## Richard G. Jones

June 11, 2018 - February 22, 2012

Mission, Kansas-Richard G. Jones, age 93, of Mission, Kansas, formerly of Mattoon, Illinois, passed away at his home on February 22, 2012. A funeral service in his honor will be held Saturday, March 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue in Mattoon. Reverend Art Woolverton will officiate. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. Visitation will be held Friday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue in Mattoon. Born June 11, 1918, in Chicago, Illinois, Richard was the son of the late George G. and Mary S. (Wellner) Jones. He married Ann Barnekow on April 18, 1942, in Metuchen, New Jersey. She passed away November 19, 2002. Survivors include two daughters, Tracy McVay and husband Myron of Prairie Village, Kansas; and Deborah Barnekow and husband Leroy Finke of El Jebel, Colorado; one grandson, Chris McVay of Kansas City, Missouri; and a cousin, Leonard Schneller and wife Aileen of Park Ridge, Illinois. Mr. Jones was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mattoon. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Army-Airforce teaching pilots how to fly by instrument. He graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where he was a member of the social fraternity Phi Gamma Delta. In 1946, after his army discharge and a brief stay in New York, Richard and Ann moved to Mattoon to join the Checkley Insurance Agency where he later became a partner. He was also a member of the Lions Club and past president of the Illinois Independent Insurance Agents

Association. Both Richard and Ann were very active with international students of the American Field Service: after retirement they traveled abroad and visited many of the students with whom they had become friends.

\r\n\r\nRichard's favorite pastimes included playing golf and bridge, and reading. He attended his first baseball game with his father at the age of 8 and became a life-long, devoted fan of the Chicago Cubs. He will be truly missed by his family and friends.\r\n\r\nMemorials in his honor may be made to the Children's Fund at the First Presbyterian Church. \r\n\r\nPlease visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.\r\n

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard G. Jones*

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“ *"Dad Jones", as alot of AFSers and foreign exchange students called him, was a delightful guy. He always had a merry twinkle in his eye as he told stories; he loved to travel and be with people. He and Ann were responsible for many exchange student placements and activities which have continued to connect people from all over the world. Dick was one of a kind: good natured, jolly and caring, special to me and so many others.*

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**maggie Dougherty-Roberts** - March 24, 2012 at 02:40 AM



“ *Richard Jones was "Dad Jones" to me for 50 years and he fulfilled that role in so many ways. I always knew I was loved and supported unconditionally. He was there in hard times and we laughed together through the good times. I loved him dearly and will miss him greatly.*

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**Cheryl Riley** - March 21, 2012 at 02:43 PM