

Ernest Junior Jones



Ernest Junior Jones, 93, of Newton, and currently residing in Marion, died Sunday, December 6, 2020, at Winslow House Care Facility in Marion, Funeral and celebration of life services will be held at a later time.

Ernest, the son of Ernest Benjamin Jones and Gitalie Larson Jones, was born April 29, 1927, in Grinnell. He attended school in Grinnell and finished his high school diploma aboard the USS Pennsylvania during WWII. He was proud to be a Navy Veteran. Ernie managed the Singer Sewing

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Center in Newton. After leaving Singer and some varied careers, he settled on carpet sales as his retirement career. In addition, Ernie had a small sewing machine repair business in his home

until age 90.

He enjoyed boating, fishing and camping when he had free time at Red Rock and Lake Rathbun. He was Commander of four platoons of the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary first for Red Rock, then for Rathbun, many years. He was also a ham radio operator, Handle # KPH3472, and served some years as president of the Newton Amateur Radio Association. For many years he and wife Edie traveled the U.S. on their Goldenwings with friends. He belonged to the American Legion and the Moose Lodge, where he and Edie enjoyed square dancing and doing a fancy two-step.

Ernie is survived by his seven children from his first marriage, Tallie Furrow, Diana Zrudsky, Evelyn Beck, Larry Jones, Perry Jones, Cindy Bates, and Deb Pefferman; step-daughter Judy Robson-Schutty from his marriage to Edith Robson Jones; and 22 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and three

great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Edie; brothers Alfred, Kenny, and Max; his sister Dorothy Mithelman; his parents; step-children John Robson and Sharon Hildebrand; and one grandchild.