



## Michael Rex Jones

May 20, 1959 - February 13, 2019

MICHAEL REX JONES passed away peacefully at his home in Orlando, Florida on February 13, 2019. He was born to Lloyd and Joe Ann Jones on May 20, 1959.

After high school, Rex attended Lake City Community College then to Tallahassee where he received his B.S. Degree in Education from the Florida State University. He then went to the Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas to complete a Master's Degree in both Education and Theology. Returning home, he was ordained as minister in the First Baptist Church of Cross City, Florida.

Rex served as Youth Minister in both Avon Park, Florida and in Manassas, Virginia before returning to Florida as Assistant Principal at Deerwood Elementary in Orlando.

Rex was called to take a position as Principal of Mill Hill Elementary School in Fairfield County in Connecticut. Having received his Specialist Degree in Administration and Supervision, he became an Assistant Superintendent in Fairfield County. He retired after being Principal of Long Lots Elementary in Connecticut.

He is survived by his mother, Joe Ann Jones, his brothers David Jones and

Ken Jones, his sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Ron Burns, nieces Jordan Burns and Kirsten Burns, and nephew Reiner Burns, his aunt Lena Bessinger, his uncle William M. and Jan Brannen, Sr., cousins Michael Bessinger and Laura Bessinger-Morse.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Jones, grandparents M. H. and Laura Brannen and Worth and Kate Jones and cousin William M. Brannen, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Florida Children's Home, the First Baptist Church Scholarship or donate to Gideon Bibles in his honor.

A private service will be held on February 23, 2019 at the Cross City Cemetery with Reverend Mike Brown conducting the service.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cross City Cemetery

127 SE 289 St  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Rex Jones*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Michael Rex Jones*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *My three children attended Mill Hill School while Rex was serving as the Principal and our family got to know him well. He had a contagious smile and was always quick to share a laugh and a good story. We are all so very sorry for your great loss.*

*LeeAnne Power and Family*

**LeeAnne Power** - March 04, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Rex's passing. I taught at Mill Hill School during the time Rex was principal. He had a ready smile, wonderful laugh and cared deeply for the students in his charge. Godspeed my friend.*

*-Sue Bannay*

**Sue Bannay** - March 04, 2019 at 01:28 PM

EP

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

*My last year at Mill Hill was Rex's first year in Fairfield. He tried very hard to make my last year a very enjoyable one. He always had a kind word and always possessed positive energy upon entering my class room. I shall always have found memories of that time at Mill Hill.*

*Remember the love that Rex had for all of you. He spoke so lovingly of his family.*

*Most sincerely,  
Elizabeth Power*

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**Elizabeth Power** - February 27, 2019 at 02:23 PM

DC

“ *My sincere condolences to Rex's family. He always spoke lovingly of each and every one of his family. I worked for Rex during his years as Principal of Mill Hill School.*

*He had an infectious smile and lots of energy. I remember going with him on a trip to Washington, D.C., to accept a Blue Ribbon Award for our school's performance — what an honor for Mill Hill. I must say that he was the best darn tour guide as he showed me the sights during what precious free time we had between scheduled meetings*

*May he Rest In Peace!  
Mostly sincerely, Donna*

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**Donna Coble** - February 23, 2019 at 12:32 PM

JW

“ Rex was my Children’s youth pastor, he was family to us. My kids loved him and so did my husband Duane and I. My heart is so sad today. He was a funny, loving man. His family came for a thanksgiving one year we loved them as well. My kids have great memories of times spent together. He lived in a house on our property so he would come for dinner all the time. He stayed with my children one time when we went away. He told me I will never brush a MISSYS hair again, she cried the whole time haha! Julie said mom it was so funny. He would take the brush out and she would cry.. He loved going into Washington so I would go with him sometimes to get a break and Duane would stay home with children. We would always have a great time together we were best friends. Rex was always a so fun for all the kids. He loved them all. He also loved his family and talked about them all the time. His sister Barbara had twin girls and he would show us pictures all the time. He would say how beautiful and smart they both were. He was so proud of Barbara and would tell us what a great mom she was. His parents were his cheerleaders he adored them. Rex was a one of a kind friend and will hold a very dear spot in my , my husbands and the hearts of my children’s. He is home with Jesus and his monma and is suffering no more. I truly loved this man. May he Rest In Peace . Jeanne Whitman

Jeanne Whitman - February 23, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Michael Rex Jones.



February 22, 2019 at 01:39 PM

SB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We crossed paths with Rex as Phil Brown was our Principal at Cos Cob School and many of our staff quickly became friends with both of them. Some of the happiest memories I have of Rex and Phil are the parties we had at their beautiful home in Redding, CT. Rex was funny, compassionate about his friends and of course their pets. We absolutely adored Rex and were so happy to have met him through our dear friend and Principal Phil. We shared many happy times and I feel such sorrow at his passing. A wonderful man who touched many lives. May he rest in peace with those who have gone before him. God bless you all and know that many staff at Cos Cob School in Cos Cob, CT mourn the passing of a special friend.

*Sheila Babyak*

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**sheila babyak** - February 21, 2019 at 02:39 PM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Jones Family. We loved Rex like a son and will miss him forever. We have such good memories of him. His love for not only people but animals made him a very special person. May he rest in peace. Love, Dottie and Buddy Coccozza

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**Dorothy L Coccozza** - February 21, 2019 at 11:31 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rex was a loving, caring principal who worked tirelessly for his students and teachers. Having worked with him for three years as PTA president gave me a lot of insight into how hard he worked for his school and how much he cared for and loved his charges. God Bless you, Rex.

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**Lily Bloomingdale** - February 21, 2019 at 10:23 AM

ES

“ Sending condolences to Rex's family from a friend of his in education. He was a fabulous educator, friend, and all around human being. His captivating smile would always give you a lift. We all missed him dearly when he moved to Florida. We are blessed to have had him in our lives here in CT and will hold on to the wonderful memories!  
Warm regards and sending my sympathy,  
Esther Bobowick

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Esther - February 20, 2019 at 10:32 PM

PH

“ Rex was my principal at Mill Hill Elementary School in Fairfield, CT. He was full of light, humor, and positive energy. He was supportive of his teachers and genuinely cared about the best interests of his students. It was my great privilege to work on his staff. I am so terribly sad to hear of his passing. I will always remember him fondly.

Paula Healey

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Paula Healey - February 20, 2019 at 04:04 PM

KC

“ Rex was my Principal at Jennings Elementary School. He was always First Class - generous, filled with humor and a true People Person. He cared. I will miss him. He always spoke about his family especially his sister and his adored nieces. My prayers go out to you. Sincerely - Kathy Del Conte

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Kathy Del Conte - February 20, 2019 at 10:28 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to your family. Rex was a wonderful person whose delightful company I enjoyed while we both worked in Fairfield. I still fondly remember my trip to New York City with Rex and friends to see “Wicked” on Broadway. May he rest in peace and his spirit live on in those whose lives he touched.

Marlene Cavagnuolo - February 19, 2019 at 08:22 PM

LM

“ Lisa Moscato lit a candle in memory of Michael Rex Jones



Lisa Moscato - February 19, 2019 at 04:47 PM

TC

“ Joe Ann, David, Ken, Barbara and Ron, please know that you are in our prayers. Your family has always been so special to our family. May the God that you have loved and lived by shelter you during these difficult days. We love you.

Tommy and Karen Cooper

Tommy and Karen Cooper - February 18, 2019 at 07:01 PM

DR

“ My prayers are with you Joe Ann and your family. May God hold you tightly in his arms and give you peace.  
Dot Bishop Remington

Dot Remington - February 18, 2019 at 03:48 PM

GG

“ *Gloria Gilbert lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Rex Jones*



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**Gloria Gilbert** - February 18, 2019 at 02:47 PM