



Eddie Ray Jones

October 7, 1949 - October 13, 2025

Funeral services for Bishop Eddie Ray Jones, 76, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Gilmer Apostolic Church with Rev. Michael Putman and Rev. Gary Jones officiating. Interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will be held 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Friday, at Gilmer Apostolic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Bishop Jones was born on October 7, 1949, in San Bernardino, California to Kinzy and Mary Smith Jones and passed from this life on October 13, 2025, in Tyler, Texas.

Bishop Jones married Frenda Jean Wheat on July 6, 1968, in Lamont, California. He moved to Gilmer in 1974 and founded Gilmer Apostolic Church. He faithfully served in the ministry for 57 years, during which time he served as pastor for 48 years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Frenda Jones; son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Rachel Jones; brothers, Gary Jones, and Leroy Jones; and his grandchildren, Miah Lambert, and Michael Allen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, R. B. Jones, Carl Jones, Buck Jones; and sisters, Mary Bailey, Louise Bailey, Shirley Watson, Joan

Anthony, and Betty Watson.

Pallbearers will be Caleb Smith, Nicolas Smith, Rodney Smith, Russell Jones, Steven Dunn, and Michael Allen.

Please visit Bishop Jones' online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S
Gilmer, TX 75645

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gilmer Apostolic Church
1319 N Wood St
Gilmer, TX 75644

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Service

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gilmer Apostolic Church
1319 N. Wood St.
Gilmer, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eddie Ray Jones*



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 30, 2025 at 10:42 AM

JK

“ *The Greatest Leader I have ever known...*



Joanna Kochin - October 18, 2025 at 10:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Bishop Eddie Jones Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 18, 2025 at 05:53 PM

RP

“ Rev. & Mrs. Michael L. Phillips purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



Rev. & Mrs. Michael L. Phillips - October 17, 2025 at 04:01 PM

WF

“ With Love, Bro. & Sis. Flosser purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



With Love, Bro. & Sis. Flosser - October 16, 2025 at 03:08 PM

CK

“ Cheyenne Apostolic - Pastor & Sis Keith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Ray Jones.

Cheyenne Apostolic - Pastor & Sis Keith - October 16, 2025 at 02:17 PM

CK

“ Cheyenne Apostolic - Pastor & Sis Keith purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



Cheyenne Apostolic - Pastor & Sis Keith - October 16, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - October 16, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ All I can say is Pentecost has lost a powerful voice. I have so many memories of hearing Elder Eddie Jones preach. His ministry was such a blessing to me and many others. Only eternity will tell of the positive impact this man of God on so many. Elder until we meet again!

Caleb Avery - October 16, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



October 16, 2025 at 10:15 AM

PF

“ Pastor David Covey & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



Pastor David Covey & Family - October 16, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PF

“ Pastor David Covey & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Ray Jones.

Pastor David Covey & Family - October 16, 2025 at 10:13 AM

PJ

“ Pastor Jarrod Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Ray Jones.

Pastor Jarrod Jones - October 16, 2025 at 07:31 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



October 16, 2025 at 07:31 AM

SF

“ *Scott N Donna Fenlaw lit a candle in memory of Eddie Ray Jones*



Scott n Donna Fenlaw - October 15, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.*



October 15, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.*



October 15, 2025 at 11:49 AM

JC

“ *Our prayers are with the Jones family.that God will strengthen and comfort your hearts from such a great loss.
The Apostolic Church has lost a great man of God and a powerful preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ!!
Bro Johnny Carroll and family*

Johnny Carroll - October 15, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TG

“ Terry and Judy Ganey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



Terry and Judy Ganey - October 15, 2025 at 10:04 AM

DD

“ Debbie, Andy, Amy and Adam Durbin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Ray Jones.

Debbie, Andy, Amy and Adam Durbin - October 15, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



October 15, 2025 at 09:50 AM

PR

“ My deepest respect for a man who defended the name of Jesus.

My condolences to his wife, children, grands, and Church members.

Currently on missions, Mount Jesus, Balamban, Cebu Island.

Pastor Gary rekart - October 15, 2025 at 05:05 AM

PR

“ *Pastor Gary Reckart purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.*



Pastor Gary Reckart - October 15, 2025 at 05:00 AM

EC

“ *Ed Jones Family , Bakersfield CA. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.*



Ed Jones Family , Bakersfield CA. - October 15, 2025 at 12:10 AM

AL

“ *Elder Jones was such a testimony of faith and never letting things get him down. He would come and preach, with way more serious problems than I had, and build my faith!! I'll forever remember his dance, his faith, and his message❤️ and I pray that I can use his testimony to be a better saint who believes through all!*

Alaina - October 14, 2025 at 09:40 PM

JM

“ Great memories, of being in campmeetings and anniversary services with ‘the Elder’...beginning in the early 80’s.

He exemplified, how to ‘plug in to the flow’ of the Spirit, and let God have his way...

What a ‘Prince of Preachers’, who inspired the faith of soooo many to believe God for the supernatural!

We always knew growing up, when we saw ‘the Elders’ name on a flyer, to come with great expectation, because God was gonna move in a tremendous way...and many would be blessed!

What a special Ministry of encouragement and edification...that we were honored to grace our lives!

May Gods tender mercies, empowering grace, and abundant love, surround his wife and family during this time.

Nothin but LOVE for ya! -JM

Jerry Mills - October 14, 2025 at 08:17 PM

AW

“ It is no coincidence that when I went to read my Bible today, it was the account of a lame man and his four friends tearing off the roof to get to Jesus! I didn’t know Elder Jones personally, but I’ve heard him preach faith that tears the roof off and meets Jesus! The kind of preaching that miracles follow! What an honor to have heard this man preach! May his legacy live on, just as he will live on in the presence of Jesus. Our prayers are with all that are grieving 🙏

Ashley W - October 14, 2025 at 07:34 PM

JF

“ Will miss hearing this Great Man Of God preach! Was definitely a HERO of mine!

Jayden Fulkerson - October 14, 2025 at 06:53 PM

DB

“ Elder Jones was one of my favorite Preachers and Such a Great Man. I went to Iowa with him Pheasant Hunting, Just Him and I. We had such a great time and I will always cherish the good talks we had. He Preached a message at our camp meeting in Jayess Ms when i was very young. He brought the house down that night like i have never seen before. His message was titled The Holy Bible and i guess he must have quoted several hundred scriptures. When i asked him later how much he had to study for the message. He replied. I just looked over it a little , The anointing came on me and God did the rest. It was a night i will never forget. i have many great memories of Bro Jones and they are all Great Memories. He will forever be missed. Especially In Gilmer Texas. Our Loss is Heavens Gain. Praying for His Family and Church Family.

Daniel Brister - October 14, 2025 at 06:25 PM

JC

“ Elder Jones was known for his faith preaching! He's finished his race well! Elder Jones I had no idea I'd be one of the last people to dance with you. Elder you preached "In The Bag!" And sir it is in the bag! When I cross over into heaven im going to be looking for you and we're not only gonna dance again but we're going to shout across heaven together! A man that I admire and hope to be like. Elder. Jones held his faith all the way to the end! God bless you Elder!

Jacob Campbell - October 14, 2025 at 05:54 PM

RS

“ Ronney Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.



Ronney Smith - October 14, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RS

“ Ronney Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Ray Jones.

Ronney Smith - October 14, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RB

“ Elder Jones, while armed with a song, a jig, a faith message & his trusty tambourine could whip any devil!! What a Godly example of Faith & endurance!!! We love Bro & Sis.Jones and we will never forget the impact, that Bro. Jones made in our lives!! Thoughts & prayers for our friends at Gilmer Apostolic!!!



Rick & Letitia Breeden - October 14, 2025 at 05:24 PM

KB

“ Kelley Boden lit a candle in memory of Eddie Ray Jones



Kelley Boden - October 14, 2025 at 03:47 PM

RH

“ *Elder Jones, you left us a legacy of Truth, Faith, and Love unconditional, and a church family that will fight for it together till the end just as you did! You will live in our hearts! Love always Tony and Rose Hayden*

Rose Hayden - October 14, 2025 at 03:25 PM

TS

“ *I remember Elder Jones being a staple speaker in many special meetings going back to when I was 6 or 7 years old. What a life, lived for Jesus and no doubt without regrets. May I finish the race the same way! See you soon Elder!*

Tom Slage - October 14, 2025 at 03:23 PM

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“ *-Andrea Wand Watson, Carrisa Watson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eddie Ray Jones.*

-Andrea Wand Watson, Carrisa Watson - October 14, 2025 at 03:20 PM

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“ *-Andrea Wand Watson, Carrisa Watson purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Eddie Ray Jones.*



-Andrea Wand Watson, Carrisa Watson - October 14, 2025 at 03:20 PM

SH

“ *What a man of God! I have so many memories in my short time where he’s there. In some of my most cherished and beautiful times, and some of my hardest times, he’s there, preaching, singing, laying hands, speaking faith, exalting God. He was mightily used countless times to trouble the waters and lead the charge into the move of the Holy Ghost. He was a man that, whenever you saw him, you could tell he was even closer to God than the last time you saw him. I’m thankful I got to be around him.*

Sebastian Haigler - October 14, 2025 at 02:57 PM

DG

“ *Bishop Jones, was a man that modeled what Jesus taught us to be like! He will be dearly missed and his presence will never be forgotten, I love him and his wife so much simply because they first loved my family and !! My only regret is not having spent more time with him*



Dario Galvan - October 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM

ES

“ I'm sorry, but that pared down obituary doesn't begin to do justice to the towering, effervescent man of God, Eddie Jones was.

A man of miracle-working faith, he could quote the Bible word for word while dancing a sideways jig. He'd sing a capella and get the entire congregation standing to their feet and running to the altar to get a taste of the same touch of God he was feeling.

Whether he preached, "A Little Dab Won't Do Ya" or "It's In the Bag!" he energetically brought the Word of God to life and he made it exciting and accessible.

Now, true to his word, he "lit it on fire on both ends and cut it short in the middle." Heaven's gain is our loss. A true giant of End-Time Pentecost has moved on, but he's shown us all how to remain true and strong all the way home to glory!

Elder John Slage - October 14, 2025 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ Elder Jones was an inspiration to so many through the way he worshipped and his love for young folks. When I think of elder Jones I think of Man of Faith who would always testify of the goodness of Jesus. He'll be sorely missed but see you down the road Elder Jones

jackosn spence - October 14, 2025 at 01:55 PM