



Stewart Jones

December 3, 2008

Stewart Jones died Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at Fort Hamilton Hospital. Stewart Jones was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on February 10, 1919, the son of Mary Jane (Stewart) and Edward James Jones. He graduated from Neodesha (KS) High School in 1936, and in 1940 received a B.A. degree in journalism from the University of Kansas, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Stewart was married to Martha Ann "Martie" Watson on July 11, 1952. He is survived by his wife Martie and four children: Candace Ann (Dennis) Wittman of Hamilton; Dennis David (Theresa) Jones, Covington, KY; James Stewart (Tina) Jones of Hamilton; and Elizabeth Wuichet (Betsy) Jones, Delaware, OH. He also is survived by grandchildren: Christopher D. Jones of Hamilton; Brenda J. Wittman, Avon, OH; Angie W. (Tom) Taylor, Cincinnati; and Will Stewart (Kelly) Wittman, Ft. Story, VA., by four great grandchildren, J. T. Wittman and Avery Stewart Wittman of Avon, OH, and Sophia W. Taylor and Sydney M. Taylor of Cincinnati; by two sisters-in-law, Sally Watson of Hamilton, and Esther Jones of Washington, D.C.; and by a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Alice Berridge of San Diego, CA. His brother, J. T. Jones, his sister, Betty Jones Griffith, a grandson, LCDR Joshua Wittman, USCG, and a brother-in-law, David W. Watson, preceded him in death. An ROTC graduate, Stewart entered World War II as a second lieutenant, US Infantry, in August, 1941, became an administrative officer and was separated as a major, USAF, in 1946. His early career included writing for WMBH in Joplin, MO; city editor of the Anderson Countian in Garnett, KS; PR

manager for Gulf Coast Airlines in Houston, TX; and advertising manager of Cravens, Dargan Insurance Managers, Houston. In 1947 he joined Champion Papers and for sixteen years was editor of The LOG, which was rated by Forbes Magazine as the nation's finest employee publication. In 1963 he became vice president of Rowe & Wyman Advertising, and in 1966 helped found Brewer, Jones & Feldman, Inc., an advertising and public relations agency. He was president and CEO until his retirement in 1992. Among various advertising honors he won an Addy Award for copywriting from the New York Ad Club. Stewart was a ruling elder of the Front Street Presbyterian Church. He also was Co-founder and for 13 years chairman of the National Religious Music Week Alliance. He was president of the Cincinnati Industrial Editors Assn., president of the Ohio Valley Direct Marketing Club, vice president of the American Association of Industrial Editors, and co-founder and chairman of Spiritual Forum. He served as a director of the Boys Club of Hamilton, the Alzheimer's Association of Cincinnati, Family Services, and Emergency Money Fund. He was a co-founder and for seven years co-chairman of A Taste of Gospel Music, and co-founder and for 22 years a trustee of Accent Hamilton! In college Stewart was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalism fraternity; and Scabbard & Blade, honorary military fraternity; and won the Schott Award for Journalism. He and his family won a Great American Family Award in Hamilton in 1996. He was named Outstanding Senior Citizen of Butler County by the Cincinnati Council on Aging in 1997, and Humanitarian of the Year by Lifespan in 1998. In 2006 he received the Champions award from Colonial Senior Services and the Leadership Award of Honor from AOPHA, the Ohio association of 300 retirement communities. In naming him one of 50 "Amazing Americans" after he introduced an exclamation mark to Hamilton's name in 1984, Newsweek Magazine said: "Since Hamilton's founding in 1791, its illustrious daughters and sons have ranged from Fannie Hurst to Ray Combs. None has done more to gain his hometown celebrity than Stewart Jones." Stew's first love was his family. His hobbies were tennis, photography and growing roses with

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