

David "Dave" A. Jones, Patriot-News, Monday, August 9, 2010

David "Dave" A. Jones, 63 of Newport, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

Known affectionately as "Big Dave", he was born on January 15, 1947.

David graduated from Newport High School and Bloomsburg University with a B.A. in accounting. A lifetime fan of wrestling, he was always very proud of being a member of the undefeated Newport High School wrestling team in 1964. His career was spent primarily in healthcare until he retired in 2006 as a Vice-President of Select Medical Corporation in Mechanicsburg, PA. Ever energetic, David returned to Select a short time later in a consulting position. He sat on the Juniata Township Planning Commission and was a member of the Newport School Board for 15 years. Big Dave was a life member of the Newport Owl's Club and the Newport American Legion, Post 177.

David was preceded in death by his parents, **Paul David Jones** and **Zoe Wagner Jones**.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, **Susan**; two sons, **David**, of Camp Hill, and **Damian**, of Carolina Beach, NC (soon to be Pittsburgh), a grandson, **Noah**, of Carolina Beach NC, and his brother and sister-in-law, **Bruce** and **Billie Jones** of Newport.

After retiring, Dave and Sue split their time between Newport and Carolina Beach, NC, surrounded by their many wonderful friends. Although they traveled extensively, Dave's heart was always in Newport. Big Dave loved to golf and was a member/director of the Lost Creek Golf Club in Oakland Mills, PA and the Pine Valley Country Club, Wilmington, NC.

Big Dave was a devoted and loving husband, father and friend. His greatest joy came from spending time with friends and family from Newport and abroad. His love of his wife and children was unconditional and his generosity was without equal. Dave will be greatly missed and remembered with love.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on August 11, 2010 at the Newport Family Life Center, Shortcut Road, Newport, PA. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will continue following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Big Dave Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o PNC Bank, Newport, PA. The fund will be used to assist a deserving Newport wrestler in pursuing a college degree.

Arrangements by the David Myers Funeral Home, Newport.