



Chester R. "Chet" Jones

June 1, 1959 - May 20, 2026

Chester R. "Chet" Jones, 66, of Mount Joy, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Born in Columbia, he was the son of the late Chester G. and Florence R. (Mimnall) Jones. Chet was the husband of Sandra "Sandi" (Gestewitz) Jones with whom he would have shared their 40th wedding anniversary this September 20th.

Chet was a positive presence to everyone who knew him, always bringing laughter, joy, and encouragement wherever he went. He worked faithfully as a truck driver at Wenger Feeds for 23 years, where his hard work and dedication reflected the kind of man he was. He found peace and happiness by the river, fishing whenever he had the chance. He loved all styles of music, and could often be found drumming, jamming, and singing a happy song. He was an avid camper who cherished nights around a campfire, sharing stories with family and friends. He also loved spending quiet time reading history books and studying his Bible. Family was very important to Chet, but above all, he loved Jesus with all of his heart, and his faith was evident in the way he lived and loved others.

Surviving in addition to his loving wife, Sandi, are two daughters, who remain to honor his memory. Samantha Simmons, wife of Kevin of Manheim, and Tori Karim, wife of Josh of Marietta; a grandson, who was the apple of "Poppy's" eye, Drew Simmons; three sisters, Dawn Mosteller, wife of Don of York, Linda Stauffer, wife of Morgan of Wrightsville, and Judy Gilbert, wife of Ricky of Columbia; and a brother, Michael Jones of York. Chet is also survived by

many nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews, who he loved dearly.

A memorial service to honor Chet's life will be held at LCBC Church, Manheim Campus, 2392 Mount Joy Rd, Manheim, PA on June 6th at 11:00 am. Family and friends will be received at the church before the service from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Interment will be private. Rather than flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be directed to a legacy fund. Please make checks to Drew Simmons and mail directly to Fulton Bank, c/o Drew Simmons, 1641 S Market St, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, for Drew's, future education. Also in honor of Chet, dress is casual. Chet was happiest when wearing jeans, a T-shirt, and sneakers. We encourage family and friends to wear their favorite pair of jeans and yes, even their sneakers. He would be so pleased!

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

LCBC Church, Manheim
2392 Mount Joy Road
Manheim, PA 17545

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Aunt Sandi, Samantha, and Tori,

Our hearts grieve deeply with you all ever since we heard the news of uncle Chet's passing and we extend our prayers and condolences. We will truly miss him in our visits back to PA. Uncle Chet always had the ability to the light up the room with his positive attitude, humor and especially his contagious laugh. I have such fond memories of our times together growing up. One of my earliest memories was making popcorn and watching Indiana Jones at your place in Columbia. Then come all of the camping memories, tagging along while he played the congas at a garage band concert. And of course the recent memory of our visit to the gun range. That definitely made a unique memory for our kids. I also really appreciated how Chet joked about my chapter in a book on missions being too complicated! Haha.

We are truly sorry to see him go so soon and that you have to endure the big hole this loss brings to you all. We as a family have certainly had our share of sudden grief in years past and it never gets easier. Death is a lying thief that lives on borrowed time until the Messiah finally returns. And every time it leaves an empty space and the traces of its work, we can't help but pray, „How much longer, Lord?!“ We pray this with you in light of Chet's untimely death as we also honor and celebrate the live Chet lived and his love and faith in our Lord. God Bless you all.

Justin, Rawan, Luke, Angelia, and Lincoln

Justin Shrum - June 05 at 12:24 PM

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“ Chet Jones was much more than my brother-in-law—he was my friend.

When I think of Chet, one of the first things that comes to mind is his infectious smile and wonderful sense of humor. He had a way of making people feel comfortable and bringing laughter to any gathering. Whether we were sitting around a campfire at his camper or enjoying an evening in his backyard, the conversations, stories, and laughter created memories that I will always treasure. Above all, Chet loved his family. He was devoted to his wife, Sandi, and took great pride in his daughters, Sammi and Tori. Nothing brought him more joy than spending time with them and sharing in their lives. He was also a proud grandfather to Drew, and it was easy to see how much that special relationship meant to him. He was always a favorite with children, especially his many nieces and nephews, including our own children. The love he had for his family was evident in everything he did.

Chet enjoyed life and the people around him. He understood that some of life's best moments aren't found in grand events but in simple times spent with family and friends. Those are the memories I will carry with me.

His passing leaves a void in our family, but I am grateful for the years we shared and the friendship we enjoyed. While it is difficult to say goodbye, I find comfort in imagining a joyful reunion in heaven between Chet and our son, Joel. I can almost picture them together, smiling, laughing, and catching up on all the years they have been apart.

Chet will be deeply missed, fondly remembered, and forever loved. His smile, his humor, and the memories we made together will remain in our hearts for years to come.

James Shrum - May 29 at 05:14 PM