

Lee Roy Jones

February 13, 1923 - March 25, 2017

Lee Roy Jones, age 94, of Concordia, Missouri passed away Saturday, March 25, 2017.

Lee Roy was born February 13, 1923, in Mayview, Missouri, to Roy Jones and Pearl Fox Jones. He attended elementary school at Foster School, a one room school. Lee Roy graduated from Farmers High School in 1941 and left the family's farm north of Warrensburg to attend Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri.

He attended Missouri Valley from 1941-1942 where he pitched collegiate baseball.



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In January 1943, Lee Roy was inducted into the US Army and served as a corporal in the 7th Army's 101st Squadron of the 116th Battalion of Reconnaissance Units in Europe during World War II.

His tour of duty ended on April 30, 1945, seven days before the end of the war, when a sniper's bullet perforated his chest.

Still carrying the bullet, he received a medical discharge in October 1945 and resumed pitching by learning how to pitch without aggravating his injury.

In 1947, Lee Roy began his semi-professional baseball career pitching in the minor league for Sweetwater Texas.

He was known as the "colorful little southpaw from Warrensburg, Missouri" who answered to the name of "Stumpy".

He worked construction during the day and pitched at night often crossing paths with his brother Kenneth who was a catcher.

Lee Roy pitched for Texas and Minnesota minor league teams through 1955.

Lee Roy married Wanda Simpson in 1950. They began married life residing in Warrensburg during the winter months and Texas or Minnesota during baseball season.

After his baseball career ended, they purchased a farm in Johnson County where they reside today.

For the last 60 years farming captured his full attention and was his passion. He enjoyed farming and coon hunting with his son.

He is survived by his wife Wanda, and son Coy Jones of the home; daughters Peggy Wood and her husband Don of Overland Park, Kansas, and Penny Brookshier and her husband, Michael of Warrensburg; grandchildren Stephen Wood of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jennifer Wood of Kansas City, Missouri, and Daniel Brookshier and his wife Jana of Warrensburg. Also surviving, a brother, Kenneth Jones and his wife, Shirley of Warrensburg, and niece and nephews.

Services for Lee Roy will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 28th at Williams Funeral Chapel in Warrensburg with the Reverend Heather Jepsen of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will follow at Zion Hill Cemetery, north of Warrensburg. Pallbearers will be Billy Bell, Lloyd Bell, James Bell, Mitchell Bell, Phillip Bell and Eddie Bracken.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Gene Bell, Mel Keyser, Ricky Bracken and James Bracken.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 27th at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions are suggested to Zion Hill Cemetery Association in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left at www.williamsfuneralchapel.net.