

## Lawrence E. Jones

June 18, 1943 – December 15, 2019



Lawrence “Larry” Eugene Jones passed away peacefully at home in Santa Cruz on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with family and friends by his side. He suffered from a neurological degenerative disease. Hospice lovingly served him over the previous seven months. He was 76 years old.

Larry was born in Orlando, Florida on June 18, 1943. He lived in Santa Cruz for 45 years. He is survived by daughter, Avonell, and son, Van. His oldest child, Laurel passed away in Santa Cruz eight years ago. His brother, Gerry, and sister, Carla, mourn his passing in Orlando. His two stepsons, Chris Rood from Fremont and Alex Rood from Oakland also grieve his passing.

His wife of thirty-five years, Elizabeth Anne, was his main loving caregiver over the past three years. She continually reminded him of what a wonderful life they’d had. They had a rich family life with their children and grandchildren. They developed three businesses focused on plant medicine. The first is an essential oil company, Elizabeth Van Buren, which is still manufacturing products with integrity such as lotions, massage oils, therapeutic blends, and single note essential oils. The second is the College of Botanical Healing Arts that Elizabeth began with Larry’s help in 1997. It provides quality education on the use of plant medicine. The third is Spectrix Labs that Larry developed with his chemical expertise to analyze essential oils and perfumes.

Larry’s parents, Homer & Lucy Jones, predeceased him. Larry’s early years were filled with creative pursuits. He loved music and picked up a guitar when he was ten years old and immediately started playing. His maternal grandfather was an inventor that inspired Larry and Gerry. The two brothers wrote a book, illustrated by Gerry on “Casey Jones” when Larry was in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Their mom took them to the local Hobby Shop and they created airplanes, cars, engines, etc. from materials purchased there. Larry created a Rocket Club with his friends, Teddy and Rodney while in High School.

Larry began a spiritual journey while living in Florida which continued during his college years in Arizona, where he earned a BS. With his first wife, Karyn, and three children, he continued West. In California Larry worked for Hewlett Packard building satellites; later he did research in the chemistry department at UC Santa Cruz.

Larry applied his mechanical abilities to fixing cars, stereos, home appliances, and bicycles. He applied his talents to all plumbing, electronic, and mechanical issues at home. He often relaxed by taking long-distance bicycle rides, one of his passions.

His greatest passion, however, was his spiritual journey. With Elizabeth and a large group of friends in Santa Cruz, the Bay Area, and all across the United States, Larry enjoyed fellowship and inspiration among readers of *The Urantia Book*.

Whether he was creating Tesla coils or inspiring others with spiritual truths, Larry brought intelligence, gentle humor, and sublime kindness to all his relationships.

Larry’s friends are welcome to attend a Celebration his life on April 4<sup>th</sup>, in Bonny Doon. Call 831-425-1882