

Bayard (Barry) P. Jones Jr.

December 9, 1946 – November 4, 2014

Bayard (Barry) Jones, 67, of Star Valley Ranch, passed away on Nov. 4 after a year of completing his bucket list.

Born Dec. 9, 1946 in Geneva, Ill., Bayard watched John Wayne movies and admired the WWII veterans so much that he enlisted in the Army, became an officer, an Airborn Ranger, and volunteered for Vietnam service. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Peggy, he moved to Montana, where he found work as a Meter Reader for Montana Power in 1973.

In 1978, he was hired as scrubber supervisor for Basin Electric at Laramie River Station. Over his 30 years at LRS, Bayard moved from scrubbers to plant manager. He tried to get to know every one of the employees and their families, in the firm belief that every one of them was important to the job, the community, and to the world.

After retiring in 2008, Bayard lived out his dreams of fishing all summer in and around Yellowstone, hunting birds and elk, fishing in the Bahamas, and being with his friends and family as much as possible.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Peggy, and his two children, of whom he was so very proud: Angela Young of Merritt Island, Fla., and Justin Jones of Logan, Utah and six grandchildren. Also surviving are his mother, Betty Jones, and two sisters: Pam Robbins and Merrie Putman.

Bayard believed he was blessed to have lived through Vietnam, married and raised his family and to have known each of his grandkids, when so many others never had the opportunity. He did not want services after he passed, but said he would appreciate donations to cancer research in lieu of flowers.