His Legacy… William A.B. Jones was born April 22, 1947 in Panama City, Florida to Almer E. and Mary H. Jones. Bill passed away on October 8, 2013 at Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, California. Growing up in a military family, he moved frequently as a child, living in 10 states and Germany. Following his graduation from Radford High School, Honolulu, Hawaii, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam as an Airborne Ranger. He was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received during combat. Returning to California to take up permanent residence, Bill earned his degree in accounting from Golden Gate University in San Francisco but chose to leave the Bay Area to get away from the crowds and concrete. Having visited his grandparents frequently in Oroville, Bill was drawn back to the area he remembered as both beautiful and crowd-free. Initially Bill worked for the Butte County’s Auditor’s Office, but in 1978 he left there to work at CSU, Chico as a supervisor in the Financial Aid Office. At the time of his retirement in 2007, he was the Associate Vice President for Business and Finance. Bill served on the Oroville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 2009-2012 and was a partner in Harlan, Jones & Scurlock, whose commercial properties include the Mission Square, Phase II complex on Fifth Avenue in Oroville. Following his retirement, Bill took up mandarin farming, and was a co-owner, along with his wife, daughter and son-in-law, of Mt. Ida Mandarin Ranch, also in Oroville.

His Family… Bill is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sandra Jones; his daughter Katherine Layton [Chris Layton]; sisters Virginia (Jinx) Diliberti [Jim Webster] and Jean Higgins [Ron Higgins] all of Oroville; brother Gregory D. Jones of Hayward; mother-in-law Donna Kline, and sister-in-law, Peggy Landry, both of Oroville; as well as many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his father, Almer E. Jones, Jr.; his mother, Mary H. Jones, and his older brother John R. Jones.

His Farewell Service … Bill’s memorial service will be held on Friday, October 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Ramsey Funeral Home, 1175 Robinson St., Oroville. Reception to follow at the Bird Street Café International Room; enter at 14 35 Myers Street. Inurnment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

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