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He did not choose the fields and forests,
He chose the skies.
He chose his Country's Colors
He chose where duty lies.

At home among the sun and stars
He passed through space and time,
And far beyond the galaxies,
He soars to Heights Sublime.

Minnie Klemme
Murdock, Neb.
(family friend)

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CAPTAIN BRIAN R. JONES

Born January 19, 1952, Carroll, Iowa

Entered Into Eternal Rest November 19, 1984
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

Services From the
Burmeister Funeral Home
Monday, November 26, 1984
at 11:00 A.M.

Rev. George Gibson, Officiating

Music

Lee Nelson
Roger Carlson

Alan Boettger
L.J. Lauterback

Steve Lawson

Casket Bearers

I & I Staff - Omaha, Nebraska
United States Marines Corps

Interment

Harlan Cemetery - Harlan, Iowa

Military Rites

I & I Staff - Omaha, Nebraska
United States Marines Corps

Lunch - First United Methodist Church at 9th & Durant following interment services.
Please enter by North West Entrance.

Brian Rans Jones was born January 19, 1952, in Carroll, Iowa, son of G. Stanley and Gertrude Coglon Jones. The Jones family moved to Harlan from Audubon in 1961, where Brian graduated from the Harlan Community High School in 1970. He attended college at South Dakota State in Brookings and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1974. Brian was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith. On October 12, 1974, he married Karen McCormack, his high school sweetheart and two children, Cresta Marie and Nathaniel Guy were born to this union. He worked for a landscaping firm in Minneapolis prior to June 1977, when he entered Marine Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps on August 19, 1977. He reported for flight training in Pensacola, FL, June 1978 and was designated a Naval Aviator November 1979. During his assignments in Hawaii, he was deployed to LHA's Pellelieu and Tarawa for two 6 months tours. He was also assigned to the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Africa, Australia, Japan and Korea, after which he received his captain commission. Brian received his initial qualification in the CH53D at Marine Corps Air Station, New River, NC and was reassigned to Helicopter Marine Heavy 464 New River on June 9, 1983, and earned designations as Section, Division and Flight Leader. He served as the Department Head of the Logistics Department and later as the Aircraft Quality Assurance Officer.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Ray Coglon and paternal grandparents, Guy and Nina Jones. A devoted son, husband and loving father, Brian is survived by his wife Karen and children of Jacksonville, NC, parents Gertrude and G. Stanley Jones, sister Donita, Mrs. Dave Miller and brother Bruce all of Harlan, and maternal grandmother, Lena Coglon of Exira.

The professional ability of Captain Jones as a naval aviator was demonstrated when he fought to regain control of his helicopter and made an emergency landing. His professionalism, courage and dedication to duty saved the lives of eleven fellow Marines.

Memorial are requested to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling
mirth
of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred
things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared
and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind swept heights with easy
grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
the high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

