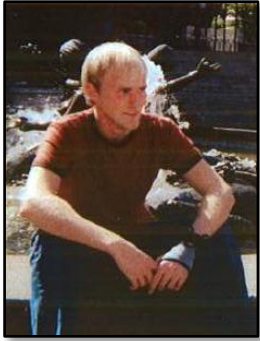


PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

DAVID R. JONES ENDOWED AWARD

Established 2004



Davy Jones
1982-2003

Like many young men, David “Davy” Jones rebelled against his parents in high school. It didn’t help matters that his mother, the Honorable Edith Jones, was a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Houston. Davy’s father, Sherwood “Woody” Jones, and mother tried everything they could to reach their tall, lanky, blond-haired son. Davy loved music and in high school at St. Thomas Episcopal School, he became the guitar accompanist with the world-renowned St. Thomas Pipe and Drum Band. At a summer program in England, he was influenced by studying the life of St. Thomas More. He brought his grades up enough to be admitted to Pepperdine University.

In the fall of 2000 Davy came to Malibu as a freshman. He pursued his interest in St. Thomas More by writing an essay on More’s classic, *Utopia*. The quick-witted handsome young man was starting to show a serious side and grew closer to his parents. During his sophomore year, Davy had a profound spiritual experience. As a born-again Christian, his life changed dramatically; he became prayerful and deeply religious. He began earning A’s in school but maintained his whimsical sense of humor and took up cooking and gardening. By now an accomplished bass guitarist, he also joined the Pepperdine Jazz ensemble, playing string bass.

During the summer of 2002, Davy participated in Pepperdine’s London program. He even spent two weeks in Scotland with a youth group that evangelized using Christian rock music. In his junior year, Davy began studying New Testament Greek and found he had a great affinity for the language. He joined a men’s Bible study group that included School of Law associate dean Jim Gash, who was his mother’s former law clerk. By the fall of 2003, Davy’s senior year, he was engaged to Jami Garcia, a young woman he met through church activities. They planned to marry following Davy’s graduation and his matriculation at Fuller Seminary.

On a November day, a tragic car and truck collision on Malibu Canyon Road ended Davy’s brief life. As Pepperdine University and the Jones family gathered in mourning, hundreds of tributes flowed in describing Davy as a spirit-filled Christian, an encouraging guy with a ready smile, a fine student, a good citizen, and a treasured friend. Through their overwhelming grief, Woody and Edith said that Pepperdine University shaped Davy in his religious quest to dedicate himself to Christ and that he had gone to be with the Lord he faithfully served.

With their resources and the generous gifts of caring friends, Woody and Edith Jones established the David R. Jones Endowed Award so that other young people can receive a faith-based education at Pepperdine. They hope that Davy’s story will inspire future generations of students in their search for the meaning of life.

For as many are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God. ~ Romans 8:14



SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

The David R. Jones Endowed Award is restricted to senior students at Seaver College who have demonstrated achievements in humanities studies, have actively participated in Christian fellowship and study, and have exhibited a love of music.