



# Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Jonesridge Drive**

Name of Veteran: Frederick Charles Jones Dec.1, 1913-Mar. 23, 1961

Rank: Cook

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: Jan. 1, 1938 to Mar. 14, 1943

Year of Visit/Dedication

Veteran or Family Visit

Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: Yes Died at Battle: No

Frederick Charles Jones was born on December 1, 1913 in Packwood, Warwickshire, England to Charles and Alice Jones. He was raised in Packwood with his parents, three brothers, and five sisters. When he was older he became a Whipper In (a huntsman’s assistant for managing the hounds) for the local hunt and also looked after the village doctor’s horses. He later became a Gamekeeper on a local estate.



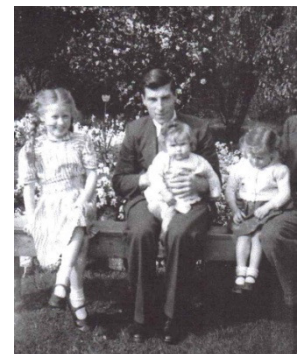
Fred joined the Royal Navy on September 11, 1935 at the age of twenty one. He served HMS Pembroke, Comet and Diomedé before joining the Ajax on January 1, 1938. While onboard the Ajax he served as Cook. Sometime during the war he was injured in the stomach by shrapnel and was treated at Idsworth House, near Portsmouth.

Fred served for almost six years on HMS Ajax over three terms. He cooked onboard fifteen ships in the Royal Navy over the course of twelve years. During this time he moved from Assistant Cook to Petty Officer Cook and was granted two Good Conduct badges.

Fred lost two brothers in the War. John, his youngest sibling, died in Germany while serving the Royal Air Force Reserve as a Sergeant Observer. Cyril, Petty Officer and the second youngest in the family, died in a submarine sinking off the coast of Scotland.



Frederick married Elsie Annie Parsons on August 11, 1945 and together they raised five children; Brenda (from Elsie’s first marriage to John), Pamela, Jeanette, Angela and Kenneth.



Fred with Brenda, Jeanette and Pamela (L to R)

During Fred’s time in the Navy he used his artistic talents to illustrate letters sent home by fellow crew members. When he left the Navy in 1947 he became a professional Signwriter for a company that he eventually owned.

Frederick died on March 23, 1961 at his home in Warwickshire from Lung Cancer. He was only forty-seven years old. Despite his illness at a relatively young age, Fred is remembered as saying, “I’ve had a good life”.