



Brian O'Neil Jones

November 22, 1971 - November 12, 2005

BRIAN O'NEIL JONES was born the son of Gerald and Martina Jones on November 22, 1971 in Richmond, VA. On Saturday, November 12, 2005, God called His angels to receive His very own. Though his death is untimely, we take comfort in knowing that God's word is final. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Neil, as known to friends and family, began his fellowship with Jesus in the Bethel A.M.E. Church where he was baptized at the tender age of nine. Neil received his early childhood education in the public schools of Richmond, Virginia. Upon his family's relocation to Millersville, Md., he attended public schools in Anne Arundel County. He graduated from Old Mill High School in 1989 where he was noted for his outstanding academic and athletic achievements. Neil furthered his education at Tennessee State University. It was here that his athletic ability earned him a position as a 'walk on' member of the basketball team. He led the Tennessee State Tigers to greater heights by bringing them local and national recognition. In 1996 he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. Tennessee State was also where he met Kenya Powell who later became his wife on July 26, 1997. The vines of Neil's life led him to a professional career as a software engineer at Northrop Grumman. He was also a head JV Basketball coach at Cardinal Gibbons High School where he was able to reach and impact the lives of young men. His passion for basketball enabled him to influence youth to grow and reach their highest potential. Neil could always be found on the basketball court and in recent years he took up

golfing. He never missed an opportunity to seek knowledge from his uncles during a lively game of cards. With the resemblance of his mother and the demeanor of his father, he enjoyed a good laugh and was sought after by many for words of wisdom. His love for his children was shown through his dedication and caring ways. The life of Neil Jones was short lived yet he leaves a legacy to follow. He leaves: a loyal wife, Kenya Jones, who loved him unconditionally; three adoring children, Kameron, Kai and Kolby Jones. Also left to cherish his memory are: his devoted parents, Gerald and Martina Jones; a loving brother, Brandon Jones; precious niece, Amarie; father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Ela Powell; brother-in-law, John Burrell Powell; a very special, devoted friend, Gwendolyn "Ma" Bowser; ten aunts, eight uncles, two great-aunts; and a host of cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brian O'Neil Jones*

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“ *Dear Jones Family, My son, Matt wears the memorial T-shirt of Neill quite often and I always think about how much we all adored him. Matt attends McDaniel College and would talk to Bob about how much he was influenced by your son/husband/brother. There are two great men enjoying our Lord in Heaven now! God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Kate Srour##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

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“ Even though the months have passed, the sadness of Neil's death is still fresh in our hearts and minds. I could never explain to you how your husband,brother,son touched my son's life. My son's best year of his life was when he played for Neil. It was then that he learned the importance of becoming an honorable man. I wish I could have thanked him one more time! You all remain in our prayers...The Srour Family###imported-begin###Kate Srour###imported-end##

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“ To:The Jones Family, There are times of sadness when a song can strengthen a broken heart. "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow- I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day. I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray. I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said, and today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead. Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand." My you find comfort in knowing that Jesus cares and He will carry Kenya, the children, Martina, Gerald, Brandon and all the family through this to brighter days. If you need anything, no matter the hour of the day or night, just call and the Sawyer/Hinton family will be there.###imported-begin###Hazel Sawyer###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of Neil. Neil and I haven't talked in ages, I will never forget the impact that your family has had on my life. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones. God Bless!###imported-begin###Danny Laupp###imported-end##

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. Brian always greeted everyone with that great smile of his. We all lost a ray of sunshine. My deepest condolences to your family.###imported-begin##Jay Fuller###imported-end##

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“ I wish to express my condolences to the family & friends of Mr. Jones. While we cannot avoid the pangs of death, there is hope. 1 Corinthians 15:26 reads, "As the last enemy, death will be brought to nothing." This is the kind of future we can look forward to with confidence, as those words are the promises of our Heavenly Father, "who cannot lie" (Titus 1:2).###imported-begin##Debbie Spann###imported-end##

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“ To the entire Jones and Powell Families, while watching the news I was saddened to see the loss of someone who apparently added meaning to the lives of many. My deepest sympathy goes out to you all as I have also suffered a loss so great and too soon. Violence will be removed as promised by Almighty God, and he gives comfort at Isaiah 25:8, 9 where He will remove the death forever! Please continue relying on Almighty God, His Holy Scriptures and prayer for much needed comfort during your time of grief.###imported-begin##Mrs. Lewis###imported-end##

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“ My "cuzz" as I always called him was one of my closest cousins. We grew up together in the close knit circle of Jones' and although it is hard to deal with the loss of such a fine young man, I know he is looking down now and telling us his soul is free and he is at rest. I love you cuz. You will always be with me.##imported-begin##Sherry Jones Robinson##imported-end##

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“ Sorry for your loss in I didn't know your son but he seemed like a fine young man who loved his kids and may GOD continue to bless your family through it all.##imported-begin##Rhonda Wilson##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to express my deepest sympathy on the passing of Neil. I was part of the Gibbons basketball family. I am very good friends with Drew Phillips who knew Neil very well. Neil will be sorely missed by all. May God Bless your family during this very difficult time. Rich Pickett (Gibbons class of 1980)##imported-begin##Rich Pickett##imported-end##

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“ To: Gerald and Martina Jones, we are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. May God be with you in your time of need... Andy, Denise & Trevor##imported-begin##Denise & Andrew Johnson##imported-end##

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“ To Kenya: Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of Neil. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Lisa Burton-Washington##imported-end##

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“ Gerald & Martina, Words cannot ease the sorrow that you must feel - please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your family has been added to our prayer list at church. If you should need anything, please do not hesitate to call upon me.##imported-begin##Cheryl John##imported-end##

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“ To the entire Jones Family Our son Alex played for Coach at Gibbons (2002-03 season) Coach was a fine man and a wonderful example to the team. We were very impressed with the grace and class he always displayed. Our son's(and our) heart is heavy with this tragedy. Our prayers are with you. May you feel the loving arms of Our Dear Lord and His Blessed Mother as you experience this unspeakable grief. God Bless You, The Kuziel Family##imported-begin##Mary, Bob and Alex Kuziel (class of 2005)##imported-end##

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“ I was so sadden to learn of the untimely death of Brian. My heart goes out to all of you. We can never understand why things like this happen, but I hope that with prayer all of you will heal. My deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Doretha E. Dudley##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. My two sons attend Cardinal Gibbons High school and I just would like to let you know how much your son/husband's dedication, commitment, guidance, strength, encouragement impacted my sons. Coach Jones will be missed, but what he left behind for those boys will be with them for the rest of their lives. He loved those kids and although he drove them crazy sometimes :), they loved him too. I want you to know that Coach Jones purpose in life was fulfilled, he came here and done just what God wanted him to do. I will continue to pray for your comfort and strength. He will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Demetria Webb##imported-end##

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