



Dorothy Lofton Jones

December 15, 1936 - April 26, 2018

Dorothy Lofton Jones was born in Greenville, North Carolina on December 15, 1936 to the late Reverend Eather W. Lofton and Zelma G. Lofton. She was the second oldest daughter. While still a young child, her mother formed a trio with Dorothy and two of her four sisters. The Lofton Sisters sang at various churches throughout the East Coast.

She received her formal education within the Baltimore City Public School system, where she met her first vocal teachers at the Frederick Douglas High School. Robert Earle Anderson and Marion Smith recognized the talent embodied in Dorothy. At the Peabody Conservatory of Music, she studied Voice with Joseph Victor Lauderoute, the international mezzo-soprano, Elaine Bonnazzi and Thelma Viol. She later studied with Frederic Petrich, Sylvia Olden Lee of Center City, Pennsylvania and William Bodkin of New York City.

On November 2, 1974 Dorothy wed William B. Jones. They were married for 43 wonderful years, until God called her home.

Dorothy performed with The Chesapeake Opera Company and The Minnesota Opera Company. In 1983 toured with The Houston Grand Opera Company and performed with the Baltimore Opera Company. In the spring of 1995 and October of 1997, she performed with The Handel Choir. She has appeared in The Magic Flute by Mozart, The Consul by Menotti, Treemonisha

by Scott Joplin, Suor Angelica and Madame Butterfly by Puccinni, Susannah by Carlisle Floyd, Hansel and Gretel by Humperdinck and A Bayou Legend by William Grant Still. Mrs. Jones was seen on the television series Homicide: Life on the Streets (a requiem for Adina) in March 1996. In December 1996, she appeared in the production of Mozart's The Magic Flute at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., under the baton of Victor Borge, with the Washington National Symphony Orchestra.

Upon her retirement in 1991 from telecommunications giant, Bell Atlantic, she founded The Municipal Opera Company of Baltimore, Inc. The company was created to provide a venue for minority singers to perform grand opera who would otherwise have little opportunity to perform major roles. These operas were unique in that they were all performed in English. The Municipal Opera Company of Baltimore, Inc. staged 16 full operas, several concerts, opera tea and a gala at several local churches and venues in and around Baltimore.

In 1995, Dorothy was awarded a plaque of recognition from the cast of William Grant Still's A Bayou Legend. In 1996, she received a Certificate of Appreciation for invaluable services from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1999, Dorothy received a plaque in recognition of her contributions to the Cultural Enrichment of the Citizens in Maryland. She was listed as an Honored Professional in the National Register's WHO'S WHO in Executives and Professionals 2000-2001 edition. In February 2005, Dorothy was honored by the Baltimore Tuskegee Alumni Foundation, Inc. in recognition for outstanding leadership and commitment to the performing arts. On March 25, 2006, she was awarded the Living Women History Maker's Lifetime Achievement Community award, by the Baltimore City Club National Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Dorothy served on the Board of Directors for Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., ASALH (The Association for the Study of African American Life and

History) and The Municipal Opera Company of Baltimore, Inc. Additionally, she was a long time member of the Chancel Choir at Douglas Memorial Community Church.

Dorothy leaves to mourn her loving husband, William B. Jones, sister Corinthia I. Galloway, brother Adolph M. Lofton, three step-children, Deborah, Jay and Wanda, one aunt, Evangeline Gibson (NJ) and a host a nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many, many friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 4. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
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Family Hour

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAY 5. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Lofton Jones*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



Jeannie
Jacobs

“ *What a wonderful woman, and artist, and terrible loss to the Baltimore community and all her family. Surely she sings with the angels now. I was so lucky to sing with her in 2001 as we performed Carmen.*

Jeannie Jacobs - November 17, 2019 at 05:48 PM



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“ *I would like to send a few thoughts of comfort to you all. Lossing some one dear hurts. The time is coming when we will be free of dying as the Bible hold out the hope ,Rev.21:3-5.Great indeed,Healing to the heart .*

Lillian - April 30, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - April 30, 2018 at 09:06 AM