



Eula Virginia Jones

January 8, 1944 - September 15, 2020

The Legacy

Forever In Our Hearts

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave Footprints in our hearts and we are never, ever the same. Flavia Weedn

From Brunswick Roots, She Sprang

Eula Virginia Jones died on September 15, 2020 in Richmond after a long illness. During War II, she was born on January 8, 1944 at Route 1, Box 95 (Highway 58) in Freeman, Virginia as the fifth of fourteen children of the late Ida Jones Jones and Howard Alphonso Jones, Sr. Nine of her siblings survived to adulthood. Her siblings, Ella Ruth, Howard, Jr., Melvin Purvis and Earl Lee Jones welcomed her to the family. Her parents had just moved into their new home under the sycamore tree in 1943. Ella was overjoyed to be blessed with her first sister. Eula was the last sibling who was delivered by a midwife.

In 1950, she began to attend Scott-Lewis Elementary School of Freeman. Elnora Callis Washington was her first teacher. She taught both of her (Eula's) parents and eight of her siblings. Her seventh grade teacher, the late Rev. Dr. Jesse Byrd, Sr. suggested that she should major in English in college. At

Scott-Lewis, she met her lifelong friends - Judy Robinson, Celestine Valentine Finney, Marian Dillard Spraggins, Jacqueline Hopson Halstead, Eunice Walton Bright, Carolyn Williams and Maudriece Peebles Stith. She joined the First Baptist Church of Freeman where her pastor was the Rev. A. C. Matthews of Weldon, NC. She was a member of the choir and she served as secretary of the Midway Bethany Baptist Sunday School Union. In later years, she became a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Glen Allen.

Eula always had a good work ethic. While her parents worked, she cooked, cleaned, washed clothes and cared for her younger siblings - Lloyd Conway, Marvin Curtis, Roy Parnell, Milton Ray and Stanley Poindexter. She also performed chores on their farm of twenty-seven acres such as weeding the garden, picking cucumbers, picking cotton, planting tobacco, chopping tobacco, "pulling suckers" off the tobacco, stringing tobacco and preparing dry tobacco for the market. If her biography were ever written, its title should be Up From the Tobacco Fields.

On Saturday of each week, she did household chores for her cousin, Fred Jones and his wife, Dorothy Franklin Jones. She sometimes clerked in their store. She was paid \$3.00 each Saturday. Of her earnings, she would give her brothers, Lloyd and Marvin a quarter each. They would buy popsicles each day to go with the two sandwiches which their mother had fixed for them. Popsicles were only a nickel during that time. Eula began to share with her family at an early age. Eula, Lloyd and Marvin were a trio. They went most places together.

In the fall of 1958, she enrolled as a freshman at James Solomon Russell High School of Lawrenceville. During her sophomore year in high school, she was a contestant in the Miss Rhomania Pageant which was held in the Kirby Auditorium at Saint Paul's College. The pageant was sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Eula rode on one of the floats in the parade for

Homecoming at Saint Paul's College. By participating in the pageant, Eula's social skills were enhanced. Elvin Maclin Davis Reid, a member of the sorority and a physics teacher at James Solomon Russell High School was Eula's sponsor. Eula's sister, Ella Ruth Jones Richardson was also a member of this sorority.

At Russell, she met seven more dear friends - Ida Short Walker, Paulette Majette Purcell, Mary Harrison Taylor, Carolyn Walker Hines, Jerdeline Harris Swann, Nancy Harris Hicks and Arlene Maclin. She was enrolled in the college prep program. Upon graduating from James Solomon Russell High School in the spring of 1963, she went to Englewood, NJ where she worked in a hospital laundry. She returned to this job for three consecutive summers. In the fall of 1963, she enrolled as a freshman at the former Saint Paul's College of Lawrenceville. Dr. Earl Hampton McClenney, Sr. served as the President of Saint Paul's College during the four years in which Eula was an attendee. During her sophomore year at Saint Paul's, she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. At Saint Paul's, she was blessed with friends such as Ann DeLoatch Stovall of Zuni, Brenda Scott Gordon of Jarratt, Carolyn Richardson Davis of Emporia, Isabelle Finney Flood and Constance Jones, both of Suffolk.

In the fall of 1966, Eula returned to James Solomon Russell High School as a student teacher. She taught English 10 under the supervision of Barbara Hite Evans, an alumna of James Solomon Russell High School. During the spring of 1967, she graduated from Saint Paul's College with a B.S. Degree in Secondary Education (English). In the fall of 1967, she began to teach English at Southside High School of Dinwiddie. In the fall of 1968, she began to teach reading at Mosby Middle School of Richmond. She later served as a reading specialist at Mosby Middle School and Boushall Middle School. In Richmond, her circle of friends continued to grow - Pauline Wright Gilliam, Karen Weaver

Weaver, Marian Smith Harris, Gwen Dusenberry Young, the late Mary Quash Cummings, T. Karen Carter, Audrey Stevens Holmes, the late Arbelle Charity Booker, Thelma Young Pettis, Delores Johnson Wood, Evelyn Johnson Crawley, Linda Arnold McCullough, the late Donna Quarles Knight, Barbara Jackson Robinson, Katrina Beverly Gill, Mary Gay, Dr. Valerie Foxx Harris, Dr. Linda Henry Gilliam and Dr. Diane Simon Beatty.

In 1977, she received a master's degree from Virginia State University. She also did graduate study in reading at Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Tennessee at Knoxville and Williams College in Williamstown, MA. She always praised Dr. Mae Coleman Johnson, a professor of education at Virginia State University for teaching her how to diagnose reading deficiencies of students. Eula served as an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Union University, John Tyler Community College and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

As a loyal alumna of Saint Paul's College, she sang the praises of her Alma Mater far and near. She served as a member of the Barbara Maclin Memorial Scholarship Committee. She was also a member of the J. C. Byrd Memorial Scholarship Committee which was named in memory of her seventh grade teacher at Scott- Lewis School. The Byrd Scholarship Fund was begun by her brother, Marvin Curtis Jones, Sr. Both scholarship funds assisted students to attend Saint Paul's College. In addition, Eula also contacted all of the members of the Class of 1967 each year in order to solicit contributions for Alumni Day. She was named as an outstanding alumna one year during Alumni Day at Saint Paul's College. She was heartbroken when the doors of Saint Paul's College closed in 2013.

Even though Eula lived in Richmond, she was visible in the Brunswick County community. For 36 years, she sold tickets and served as a hostess at Meljo's of Freeman, a business which was owned by members of her family. She

would often sponsor poetry workshops at Meljo's. One year, she sponsored a luau at Meljds. She co-sponsored Alumni Night at Meljo's. Funds which were raised were given to Saint Paul's College and Virginia State University. She also supported activities at First Baptist Church of Freeman and Mount Calvary Baptist Church of Freeman. She remained friends with Brunswickians such as, Barbara Hite Evans of Brodnax, Dale Rice Lewis and Sadie and Henry Rice of Dolphin. Giving back to the community enabled members of her family to be named as the National Black Family of the Year in 1994. The House of E of Richmond honored her and six of her siblings for serving more than 210 years (collectively) in the public schools of Virginia.

Eula and Dr. Valerie Foxx Harris, her former co-worker and friend co-authored Keep America Literate. She served as a facilitator for reading workshops throughout Virginia. During workshops, she would show participants how to make "manipulatives" to enhance the teaching of reading. She also tutored students in reading in private homes. One of the parents of a student whom she tutored says that he credits Eula with assisting his son in unloclong the "sounds" of reading. Eula said that one of the happiest moments in her life occurred when she was a teacher at Mosby Middle School. One of her students exclaimed, "Miss Jones, I can read!"

Members of Eula's family have always expressed how she was the "glue" in the family. She always prepared meals and invited her family and friends to "break bread" with her. She enjoyed cooking, collecting cookbooks, decorating, traveling, reading, writing, visiting historic sites and museums, scrapbooking, playing computer games, attending spectator sports events and "spoiling" her nieces and nephews. She always shared her resources with her family and she encouraged members of her family to live in harmony. In addition, she encouraged members of her family and all students whom she came in contact to be focused in school. Her favorite expression was, "If you play with your education, you play with your future. " She was a "mover and

shaker" in her family as well as the larger community. Her life was definitely purpose driven. Some people leave footprints in sand when they die which the rain will soon wash away; Eula left footprints in the cement. Thus, memories of her will last for many, many years.

Her sister, Ella J. Richardson, two brothers, Howard Jones, Jr. and Melvin Jones, Sr. preceded her in death. She is survived by six brothers, Earl Lee (Roberta) Jones, Milton Ray (Barbara) Jones and Dr. Stanley Poindexter Jones, all of Richmond; Dr. Lloyd Conway (Portia) of Glen Allen, Roy Parnell Jones of Sandston and Marvin Curtis (Justine) Jones, Sr. of Mechanicsville; sisters in law, Lorraine C. Jones of Richmond and Mary B. Jones of Teaneck, NJ; one aunt, Bessie J. Jones of Suffolk; eight nieces, Renita Richardson Kennedy (James), Wanda Parsons, Karen Rich (Keith), Tomiko Jones, Christie Jones, Katina Jones Moss, Jamia Jones Garrett (Vernon) and Erica Jones; six nephews, Melvin P. Jones, Jr., Kevin Jones, Leslie Jones, Marvin C. Jones, Jr., Cory Jones and Jason Jones; eight great-nieces; six great-nephews; one great-great-niece; three great-great-nephews; a cousin who was like a "sister"; Lucy Wyche (Cleo) Dillard of Greensboro, NC; three godsons, Calvin Gilliam, Jr. of Richmond, Darryl Coleman of Petersburg and Willie Trusty, III of Freeman as well as many other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Westhampton Memorial Park

10000 Patterson Ave.
Richmond, VA 23238

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

SEP **24**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Eula Virginia Jones, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - September 21, 2020 at 10:42 AM

KC

God Bless and Peaceful rest to our family member. Always in our memories and in our hearts. In Sympathy from Karen R. Claiborne / Family of the late Alvin and Laura Rice (Freeman VA)

Karen Claiborne - September 23, 2020 at 06:04 PM

QC

“ *This is Queen Callis that went to Scott Lewis with Eula. I now live in Baltimore Maryland My heartfelt sympathy to the family at this time for the loss of such a mighty warrior. EULA was also a good friend of mine before I moved to Baltimore
God bless you all
Her various works should be comforting memories and work for others speak for her great efforts.*

Queen Callis - December 03, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Eula Virginia Jones*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

MM

“ *I was so sad to hear of Eula's passing. She was a topnotch educator. Eula will always be in my thoughts, and the family will continue to be in my prayers. My deepest sympathy to each of you.*

Madieth Malone

Madieth Malone - September 26, 2020 at 12:17 PM

CT

“ To the Family of Ms. Eula Virginia Jones...



The family of the late Rosetter S. Thornton send prayers of consolation and love to each of you in the passing of your beloved “Aunt Boo.” Thank you for allowing us to share in your memorable tribute to this remarkable woman of God. We were blessed to meet Ms. Eula when she and our mother, Rosetter became room mates at their assisted living residence. We say “their assisted living place” because they were indeed Queen Bees.

We shared so many beautiful moments with her as she and our mother kept everyone who visited them full of laughter and joy. We were blessed by their wisdom and wit. At every visit, they would remind us that they were “best friends.” Ms. Eula looked forward to our visits as well because she knew that we loved her, and she was family.

We want to express our sincere appreciation for allowing us to share time with Ms. Eula and many of you even when we did not realize the connection (Marvin and Justine). Her life and yours are living tributes of the importance of family to our Heavenly Father through Christ Jesus, our Lord. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that all is well with Ms. Eula for hers was a life well lived... lovingly, unselfishly and completed to the “last assignment.”

We love you.

The Thornton Family

Charles and Alvina Thornton - September 24, 2020 at 07:46 PM

SW

“ Dear Marvin, I was saddened to hear of the passing of your sister, Eula. She became the English department chair person at Mosby Middle School when I was there. She was the best -very caring and knowledgeable. She was an indispensable asset to the school. " There's promise and beauty in so many things if we are open to it. Even through the darkest moments, if we try and see the light, there is promise in this as well." -Natalie Bacho
God bless you and be safe! Sandra Williams

Sandra B. Williams - September 24, 2020 at 03:21 PM

ES

“ Elaine & Tamika Satchell lit a candle in memory of Eula Virginia Jones



Elaine & Tamika Satchell - September 24, 2020 at 02:14 PM

MM

“ This is truly sad and unimaginable. I'll always remember Aunt B as a giver and someone who never let grass grow under her feet. I don't know if I have the words to truly, truly honor her. She was so many things to so many people-hospitable, charitable and faithful. It's hard to believe that she's no longer with us, but her healing is total and complete. I'm proud to have known her and to now call her an Ancestor.

Love to the Jones Family,
Mike Moss

Michael Moss - September 24, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ We are going to miss you Auntie.

Marvin Jones Jr. - September 24, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ I remember Eula from School and I am so sorry to hear this sad news.

Sandra Walker Gasque

Sandra Gasque - September 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ My prayers are with the Jones family. The Jones were my neighbors when I lived in Freeman. Eula had a beautiful smile. May God continue to bless and keep you all. “Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning.” God bless.

Rev. Virginia Nicholson Cary

Virginia Cary - September 24, 2020 at 09:19 AM



My prayers are with you all. I first met Eula in the 1970s at Mosby and that friendship continued. I wish things could have been different in the world today, but please know my thoughts are with you all. I will forever miss her laugh.

Karen Weaver - September 24, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BB

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Eula Jones. I first met her when she visited my neighbor, Brenda Gordon, and later when I met her brother Stanley in Junior High. She would drop him off to visit. During later years, I sometimes worked with her at the family club (Meljos). Eula was a delightful person from a wonderful family. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara Brown - September 24, 2020 at 01:35 AM

ES

“ TO: Marvin and the entire Jones Family:

Please know that you are in my thoughts as you move forward to celebrate the Life and Legacy of your loving sister, aunt and cousin. Throughout Eula's career in Education, she was viewed by many as one who always projected a humble SPIRIT from the roots of Freeman, Virginia. She was a very fine educator, indeed and will be greatly missed by many of us who had the honor to know her.

*E. McKinley Spellman
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA*

E. McKinley Spellman - September 24, 2020 at 12:34 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.



September 23, 2020 at 11:28 PM

TL

“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the Jones family. Eula was a wonderful teacher,mentor and soror to me. She took me under her wings early in my teaching career and offered guidance both professionally and spiritually. I will never forget her kindness, sense of humor and her motherly advice. I am so grateful to have had such a sweet spirit in my life. I wish each member of her family and her circle of friends God's peace during this time.

Treena Leecost - September 23, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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Treena Leecost - September 23, 2020 at 10:16 PM

EG

“ Sincere condolences and prayers are extended to the family. May God provide you with the comfort and strength that you need during this challenging time. Fond memories of Eula will always be treasured! Rest in Heavenly Peace Eula!



Edward & Katrina B. Gill - September 23, 2020 at 09:03 PM

RG

Raymond and Rose Gaines are praying for the Jones family. You have our deepest sympathy.

Raymond & Rose Gaines - September 23, 2020 at 09:38 PM

DB

Eula was a very special lady a dear friend for many years. Much love, caring, and sympathy to the Jones family.

Diane Simon Beatty

Diane Simon Beatty - September 24, 2020 at 02:44 PM

RH

To the Jones Family, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Eula. She and I became close friends through Saint Paul's College Alumni Association. My prayers are with this beautiful family. Rick G. Hopkins

Rickie G. Hopkins - September 24, 2020 at 06:15 PM

RP

“ *I am sorry for the loss of a neighbor, a friend and an upstanding person in the town of Freeman. Eula will truly be missed. My prayers are with the Jones family at this time of bereavement. May you cherish the beautiful memories. May God bless the family now and forever. Thank you, Rocksy Pulley*

Rocksy Pulley - September 23, 2020 at 07:41 PM

AH

“ *Alethia Holmes lit a candle in memory of Eula Virginia Jones*



Alethia Holmes - September 23, 2020 at 06:48 PM

KC

“ *Karen Claiborne lit a candle in memory of Eula Virginia Jones*



Karen Claiborne - September 23, 2020 at 06:06 PM

AS

“ *To the Jones' brothers, you and your family have our deepest sympathy.*
Ralph and Audrey Shannon

Audrey Shannon - September 23, 2020 at 12:39 PM

VW

“ *Deeply saddened by your loss. Will keep the family in prayer. Vashti and Ted Wilson*

Vashti and Ted Wilson - September 23, 2020 at 11:59 AM

PN

“ *We would like to express our condolences to the entire Jones Family in the loss of your loved one, Mrs. Eula Jones. Eula was a kind and thoughtful friend of ours for many years. She will be deeply missed by many whose lives she has touched; May God comfort and keep you in His care. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family today and the days ahead. Pastor James T. and Missionary Loretta R. Nicholson*



Pastpr J.T. and Loretta Nicholson - September 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



September 22, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *To The Jones Family my prayers and thoughts are with you all. May God Bless and keep you not only now, but through all yours days.*

*Bernard Green
Lithonia, Georgia*

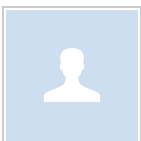
Bernard Green - September 22, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ *Gwendolyn Tunstall lit a candle in memory of Eula Virginia Jones*



Gwendolyn Tunstall - September 22, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



September 22, 2020 at 02:45 PM

PW

“ *Phyllis M. Weaver lit a candle in memory of Eula Virginia Jones*



Phyllis M. Weaver - September 22, 2020 at 11:32 AM

PW

“ *My heart and prayers go out to family and friends. With deep felt sympathy, I send my condolences. Phyllis M Weaver and family.*

Phyllis M. Weaver - September 22, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



September 22, 2020 at 10:44 AM

PP

“ *To Marvin & Justine, So sorry to hear of the passing of your sister. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Priscilla Pearson-Vincent - September 22, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



September 21, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *ANDERSON, DELORIS & ROBERT LEWIS purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



ANDERSON, DELORIS & ROBERT LEWIS - September 21, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the way God laid for me..*

I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all...

RIP Eula..... Save a seat for us

My Sincere Condolences extended gratefully to the entire Jones family..Thanks for allowing me To borrow a seat of attendants with the Jones family for years.....

Love and Grace shall cover all

Liz Taylor

Wilsey B Taylor - September 21, 2020 at 02:53 PM

PT

“ *Sincere condolences to the Jones family.*

Patricia Q. Taylor

Patricia Q. Taylor - September 21, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



September 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Eula Virginia Jones.*



September 20, 2020 at 12:24 AM

GL

“ *To Marvin and the Jones family. Although no words can really help the loss you bear, just know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Gwendolyn Bell Long

Gwendolyn Bell Long - September 19, 2020 at 07:42 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 - September 18, 2020 at 04:08 PM

PP

Percy n Annie Pollard send love to Family. Eula will be missed. Her laughter was delightful.

Percy n Annie Pollard - September 19, 2020 at 12:10 PM

LP

May the Lord be with you all as you go through this difficult time. Eula's perseverance, strength, sincerity and kindness caused us to admire her. May the family memories you share bring you comfort. Love, Lawrence & Rachel Penn

Lawrence & Rachel Penn - September 19, 2020 at 05:44 PM

RP

Marvin, Justine, Mother Ida and the Jones Family. Our hearts were saddened by hearing the loss of your phenomenal sister Eula. We pray that the God of all Comfort will strengthen your faith and bring healing to your broken hearts. You have our deepest sympathy. Your Sisters Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps & Rev. Annette Powell.

Rev. Jeanette DeLoatche Phelps - September 21, 2020 at 12:20 AM

DB

*Deaconess Dr. Sandra Farmer Baugh
Chester/Gooch, VA*

Dearest Dr. Lloyd(W&M/Smiles), "Dr. Portia"(Asst/Smiles), Relatives, Family, Friends, Coworkers, Educators,, etc....Promenading down Boushall Middle & Woodville Elem Schools' Memory Boulevards w/Flashbacks in Living Color...Remember, Our Loving God granted precious memories to embrace fond floral bouquets suspended in crystal forever & ever of our "Peacock Strutting" Eula (before Retirement/'00 or so) greeting & chanting in/out the door "Sooon & Very Sooon" & Mrs. ABC('90 or so) "Tapping & B'Bopping w/Her Designer Cane "HELP IS ON THE WAY"...CRACKED ME uP "then" & CRACKS me up "now". LuvYa, Deaconess Dr. Sannie & Deacon Haywie(D); D'Vetrio/Stacie & D'Mitri; Angel, D'Vetrio Jr., Danae, Davi & SBCS-S(VP/P '98-02). Bravo & "Provo" to Laughs, Fruits, Gifts, Medics, etc. of the Spirit (Proverbs 17:22 & Galatians 5:22).

Deaconess Dr. Sandra Farmer Baugh - September 25, 2020 at 02:53 AM