



## India Madagline Jones-Williams

December 11, 1927 - September 19, 2008

India Madagliene Jones-Williams was born on December 11, 1927, the only child of the late Gilbert and her beloved mother, Standola (Walker) Jones. A native Baltimorean, she attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Douglass High School in 1945. In the early 1950's she married Rufus Williams, who died in 1959. As a young woman, she worked at the Social Security Administration until she obtained her degree to pursue her love of education. In 1950, she graduated from Morgan State University, where she also became a member the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA). She attended Coppin State College, subsequently earned a Master's in Education from Loyola College in 1972 and furthered her education at Johns Hopkins University for post-graduate studies in 1974.

India sought to become an active member of her community as demonstrated by her devoted membership of several organizations, including the National Reading Teacher's Association, Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion /Federal Unit #9, the National Association for the Advancement for Colored People (NAACP) and Frederick Douglass High School Class of 1945.

She became a member of (Whatcoat) Union Memorial United Methodist as a child, where she eventually taught Sunday school and remained an active member for the majority of her life. A passionate educator, she served as a Reading Specialist, working 11 years in the classroom and spending the remaining 19 years as Supervisor for Public School Reading Teachers. Her career in the Baltimore City School System spanned thirty years, until her

retirement in 1984. She continued to encourage youth and always spoke with pride about her opportunity to touch the lives of so many young people, including one of her first students, Congressman Elijah Cummings. She was a consistent and strong foundation for her nieces and nephews and was instrumental in their nurturing and development.

After her retirement, India spent a lot of her time with a myriad of friends and family. She was blessed with opportunities to travel the world with her friends and always looked forward to attending the annual AKA regional conference. She tutored at Sojourner Douglass College and PS #150, volunteered at the Park Heights Mayor's Station, continued servicing the community with her sorority and participated in numerous committees and activities at Union Memorial. Throughout her life she received many awards, including numerous plaques and certificates of merit and appreciation for her services in education, primarily from Baltimore City Schools, Union Memorial and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Epsilon Omega Chapter.

She donated her time and resources to the all of the educational institutions that she attended, as well as to youth-based organizations and many local charities. She continued this activity until the physical limitations of illness made it difficult for her to do so.

After a lengthy illness, India peacefully passed away at Heritage Harbor Nursing Home on September 19, 2008. She leaves to mourn one brother-in-law, special nieces and nephews, other relatives, extended family and numerous friends in the Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington D.C. areas. India Jones-Williams was extraordinarily kind, social, funny, stylish and full of love. She truly treasured the friendships that she shared with her classmates, sorors and fellow church members and was very committed to her family and friends. She will be remembered as a very thoughtful woman, a passionate educator, consummate professional, an awesome aunt and a great friend. She understood that she was a child of God and she used her faith in Christ to help her shine her light while on earth. She lived an exemplary life of excellence.



# Tribute Wall



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“ *To the family and friends of Ms. Williams, I offer my sincere sympathy. The sorrow you are experiencing now will soon be alleviated. God promises at John 5:28,29 that all those in the memorial tombs will soon hear his voice and come out. He also lets us know, at John 3:16 and John 17:3 what we must do to witness this grand event. May this wonderful promise give you comfort now and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##*

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“ *I would like to extend a few words of comfort to you all in your circle being broken after almost 81 years. Truly as the bible say at Ps. 90:10, " Some person will live to be 70 years and others 80 years because of speical mightiness". I am looking forward to the future with great joy and happiness of better times.May all the many accomplishments and shared memories of Ms. India help on the journey of life as time keep moving on.##imported-begin##lillian Crosby##imported-end##*

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