



Joseph Johnson Jones, Jr.

February 21, 1938 - May 26, 2016

A Life Well Lived

Joseph Johnson Jones, Jr., affectionately known as Papa Joe, was born February 21, 1938 in King and Queen County to the late Joseph Johnson Jones, Sr. and Clara Dean Jones. He was called home to be with our Lord early Thursday morning, May 26, 2016.

Joseph accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age, was baptized and joined New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Walkerton, VA. He joined the Good Shepherd Church in Richmond, VA in 1982. As a member of Good Shepherd, Joseph served God through the Deacon Board, Men's Choir, Men's Fellowship and Wednesday's Night Prayer Meeting.

Joseph was educated in the King and Queen County school system. Because of his love for baseball and skill as a third-baseman, he traveled north settling down in Philadelphia, pursuing his passion to become a professional baseball player. Joseph had the privilege of playing minor league baseball with the late great Satchel Paige. Philadelphia is where he met and married his loving and devoted wife, Rosie Estelle Ware, on May 27, 1960; 56 years of marital bliss. Their union was blessed with two sons and two daughters. During those years, he was the proprietor of the Fruit King Comer Grocer at 56th & Market Streets.

Joseph's passion was for his family. He enjoyed the gathering of family and friends for food, fun and fellowship. His pastime was sports, camping, hunting, fishing, bowling, and playing cards. Joseph fought against his declining health, not letting his battle with cancer stop him from reaching out to family and friends nor pass up a good game of Phase 10 (even in the hospital).

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Clara D. and Joseph J. Jones, Sr., his sister, Queen Jackson and his brother, Robert D. Jones. He was loved by many, and leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Rosie Estelle; two sons, Ronald V. Jones, Sr. (Betty) and Gregory D. Jones; two daughters, Avis R. Jones (Anthony) and Angela R. Haskell (Marlon); four grandchildren, Ronald V. Jones, Jr., Andre D. Jones (Shayla), Marcus D. Jones and Akia J. Jones; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred A. Mikell (George) and one brother, David L. Jones (Elsie); great aunt Elsie Gibson; one sister-in-law, Florence H. Jones; three devoted friends, Dea. Harold Swales, Ernest (Tiny) Hodge and Dea. Jessie Hawthorne, his prayer partner; god-children, and many loving relatives and friends.

O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in forgiving that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Cemetery Details

New Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery

Walkerton, VA

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 31. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Baptist Church
1127 N. 28th Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Johnson Jones, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Jones, & Family, I am so sorry to learn of Joe's passing; as I spoke with you by phone today. Joe was a very good friend of mine from the Showplace. We became good friends there. I moved away in 2013;& had just recently known about Joe's illness. Joe was a good man, & always had a wonderful personality. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. I offer my heartfelt, & sincere sympathy to you, & all family ,& friends. May God Bless You all now, & in the coming days as you begin to accept this loss; & begin to heal. Love, & Prayers, Dallas Moore Hurt, Va.*



Dallas Moore - June 06, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ *A hero job is completed and now claiming his mansion and his had done what we all want to do. And that is seeing JESUS face to face. Family may God continue to bless you and give you his peace to help you to endure! I love you. Rev. Sharon H. Broaddus*

Rev. Sharon H. Broaddus - May 31, 2016 at 10:20 PM



“ *Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Johnson Jones, Jr..*



May 31, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Johnson Jones, Jr..*



May 31, 2016 at 09:49 AM



“ *Gregory and Angela, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Toastmasters family and St. Paul's family as well as your family stand with you during this difficult time. Know that we love you.*

Daphne - May 31, 2016 at 08:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Johnson Jones, Jr..*



May 31, 2016 at 08:29 AM

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“Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of Brother Joseph Jones. He always carried himself as a pleasant gentleman. He will be missed by all and may he rest in peace. Our love to the family". Percy & Annie Pollard

Percy E. Pollard - May 30, 2016 at 10:10 AM

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“My heartfelt condolence to the family. May the MOST HIGH GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.(PSALMS 55:22) The Almighty GOD has promised & given an assured hope concerning death.(Isaiah25:8)

T.Parker - May 29, 2016 at 09:54 AM

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“I am very sorry for your loss . Losing a loved one in death is such a difficult thing to experience . Please be comforted by the promises in the Bible . Jesus tells us at John 5 : 28 , 29 that all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out . What a loving provision put in place by the God of all comfort so we can have the assured hope of seeing our dead loved ones live again one day . Meanwhile as I pray for that day to come I ask God to bless your family and give each of you the strength to endure this most trying time .

Michelle Nelson - May 27, 2016 at 07:01 PM

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“Please accept our condolences along with comfort from Ps.55:22

Harris family - May 27, 2016 at 06:02 PM

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“ Please accept our condolences along with assurance that Jesus gave at John 11:25 where he promises a resurrection.

Harris family - May 27, 2016 at 04:56 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 - May 27, 2016 at 12:20 PM