



Junetta Jones

March 12, 1936 - February 17, 2015

Junetta Jones was born in Baltimore, Maryland on March 12, 1936, the youngest child of the late Luther and Charity Jones. She departed this life on the morning of February 17, 2015.

Junetta began taking voice lessons at an early age when her gift of singing was discovered by a neighbor. She was a lifelong member of St. John A.M.E. where she attended faithfully and sang on the choir. At fifteen years old, Junetta Jones stood, one Sunday morning, up in the choir loft. She was dressed in a white blouse, navy blue skirt, white anklets, and black and white oxford shoes. She sang, "Holy City." St. John members gazed with delight and amazement at the voice that exuded from the tiny person. Such beauty, such richness!

Junetta continued to develop her gift at Frederick Douglas High School in Baltimore, where she majored in music and was the lead soloist for the A Cappella Choir under the direction of Georgeanna Chester. Junetta graduated from Douglass in June of 1954. She continued her education at what was then Morgan State College. After studying one year at Morgan, Junetta received a full four year scholarship to the Peabody Conservatory. At Peabody, she was one of the first full time African American students. She studied with Canadian tenor Joseph Victor Laderoute, a well-known French Canadian tenor. At Peabody, Junetta won many awards including an opportunity to sing the main

solo in the concert version of Porgy & Bess with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, a rare opportunity at that time for a student.

Completing her studies at Peabody with an Artist Diploma, a teacher's certificate, and a Bachelor of Music degree, she won another full scholarship to study at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts. While earning her Master of Music (Voice) degree, Junetta won first place in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. Her prize was a two year contract to sing at the famous Metropolitan Opera House. Junetta was the first African American native of Baltimore to sing at the Met and the second African American female to sing there, after Leontyne Price. She sang roles in the Magic Flute, The Marriage of Figaro, Don Carlos, and Rigoletto.

Junetta's career took her to Europe for four years, where she sang major roles in opera houses in Dusseldorf, Wuppertal, Regensburg, Munster, and Trier Germany, Lucerne Switzerland.

Junetta returned to the states and served as a voice instructor at the University of Florida, Bowie State College, Oldfield School and the Baltimore City Schools in the Adult Education Division,.

She also served as the Director of Gallery 409 Urban Services Cultural Arts Center, supervising and coordinating the center's activities from 1978 through 1981. For the next 10 years. Junetta served as the Performing Arts Coordinator for the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Arts and Culture. She planned and organized the musical talent for ARTSCAPE, the annual 3 day celebration of visual and performing arts for Baltimore City. She retired from the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Art and Culture and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts in 1991.

Later in life, Junetta remained very active planning and organizing, events and

activities in her Park Heights Community organization and she loved to sing for special occasions.

Junetta was personable and fun loving, she loved to sing and laugh. Her beautiful voice, contagious laughter, and kind heart will be sorely missed.

Surviving and cherishing her memory are her brother, Luther L. Jones, Sr. and his wife Annie Frances, nephews, Charles Chase (Alice), Luther Jones, Jr. (Teresea), nieces, Pamela Stockton (Gregory), Junetta Johnson (Frank), Darlene Williams, Patricia Jackson (Joseph), grandnieces and grandnephews, Renee', Jerome III, Sheltina, Kiesha, Tamika, Dominick, Skaakira, Jordan, Crystal, Kaija, Jalen, Brittany, Lyonna, Tony, Jerrelle, Dominick and Aaron; dear friend, Judith Kitz, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 27. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John A.M.E Church
810 Carrollton Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21218

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Junetta Jones*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Reggie Bonnin*

Junetta and I were very good friends at the New England Conservatory. She was there my last two undergrad years. She possessed a glorious voice and personality to match. I've thought of her often over the years and was so saddened to hear of her passing. Sending deep regrets to the family.

Reggie Bonnin - March 24, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ *Milton West lit a candle in memory of Junetta Jones*



milton west - February 27, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ *Grief can be so hard but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your love one today and always.*

E. HUskey - February 26, 2015 at 09:31 PM



“ *I worked with Junetta at BOPA. She was a wonderful colleague. My deepest sympathies to her family. Randi Vega*

Randi Vega - February 26, 2015 at 03:46 PM

CG

“ *My condolences and deep sympathy to the Jones family for your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Corita Gervais

Corita Gervais - February 26, 2015 at 03:32 PM

JR

“ *Our condolences and deep felt sympathy to the Jones family for your loss.*

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it."

-Isaiah 25: 8

John E. Riley Family

John E Riley - February 26, 2015 at 11:42 AM

SB

“ *I am extremely sorry for your loss. I can not imagine the pain you have had to endure. May the God of comfort be with you now and in times to come. God's Word the bible promises the hope of seeing our dead loved ones again. That promise is at John 28,29 and also at Revelations 21: 3,4*

Shane Briscoe - February 26, 2015 at 08:58 AM

MJ

Beautiful voice; beautiful person... I believe we celebrated her as one of our Booker T. Washington Junior High School special people in 1997!!!

Milton A Dugger Jr - March 02, 2015 at 11:11 AM

DW

“ *Lovely Lady with a beautiful Voice. Much Respect. Classmate, Worked in the Model Cities Cultural Arts Program with her.*



Donald Welling - February 23, 2015 at 09:09 PM

WF

“ *We wish to extend our condolences on the recent loss of your dear loved one. We know that death leaves a void. But please take comfort in the Bible promise found at Daniel 12:2 which reads, "many of those asleep in the dust of the ground will wake up".*

Warren Family - February 20, 2015 at 11:56 AM

AF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family. We all can look forward to the words of comfort at 1Cor. 15:26 where mankinds last enemy , death, will be brought to nothing. We hope this promise will sustsin your family now.*

Armstrong Family - February 20, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *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 - February 19, 2015 at 03:41 PM