



Lionel A. Jones Sr.

July 29, 1936 - April 30, 2013

A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our hearts, which never can be filled; God knew that he was tiring, and the hills were hard to climb; So He closed Lionel's weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine."

Our family circle has been broken with the homegoing of our loved one, who departed this life on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. RET. SERGEANT MAJOR (SGM) LIONEL A. JONES SR., who was known lovingly by his family and friends as "Screwball" or "Sweet LA", was born on July 29, 1936 in Lancaster, Virginia to the late Raleigh Doorman and Hannah Palmer Jones. Lionel received his education in the public schools of Baltimore, Maryland, where he moved at the age of three to be raised by his guardian, Mary Florence Smith.

Lionel graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in January, 1955.

Later he matriculated at Morgan State College.

"Screwball" met the love of his life, Mary affectionately called "Bunny", at the age of eleven attending Fulton Baptist Church and the same public school in Baltimore, Maryland. The two love birds began dating in the ninth grade.

Lionel and Mary were united in holy matrimony for fifty-four years. Five children were born from this union, Melineé, Lionel Jr., Raleigh, Wiley and Monique.

Lionel enlisted in the United States Army in 1956, where it became his life for twenty-five years. The family enjoyed many military tours to include: France,

Washington, Hawaii, New Mexico, Virginia and Alaska. During the years the children were heavily involved in recreational sports. They always knew when Dad was in the stands because of his loud cheers. Lionel set the bar high for his children by achieving the rank of Sergeant Major before retiring in 1981. During his twenty-five years of military service, Lionel received numerous decorations. To name a few: National Defense Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary; Good Conduct Medal Silver Clasp with 3 Loops; Marksman Badge with Rifle M-14 Bar; and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

While on duty in White Sands, New Mexico, Lionel joined the Mystic Shrine. He was last affiliated with ORO Temple No. 9.

Lionel accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at Fulton Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Benjamin F. Jackson. He was a devoted member of the Jr. Usher Board and the Adult Usher Board. Lionel was known for his marching style during anniversary celebrations throughout the State of Maryland. Upon his return to civilian life, he accepted the position of church Treasurer, where he served this office for more than twenty years until his illness.

Lionel leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Mary Elizabeth Jones; five children, Melineé (Emery) Cody of Newport News, Virginia, Lionel (Laguanda) Jones Jr. of Fayetteville, Georgia, Raleigh (Mary) Jones of Severn, Maryland, Wiley (Kim) Jones of Gaithersburg, Maryland and Monique Cephas of Baltimore, Maryland; eight grandchildren, William Jones, Jasmine Cody, Matthew Cody, Charles Hawkins, Nathaniel Cody, Chikiera Cephas, Lionel Jones III and Aaron Jones; one great-grandson, Jeremiah Cody; loving cousin, Lee M. Stokes; close friends, Walter and Barbara Laws; brother-in-law, Elvin Hinton; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Hinton (Flora), Cynthia McCowan and Arnetta Campbell; his goddaughter, Rachel Gibson; devoted aunt, Elizabeth Bunn; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 9. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAY 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Fulton Baptist Church
1630 W. North Ave.
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lionel A. Jones Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My condolences go out to you and your family. It is times like these that we need comfort from the Bible. The Bible promises that our dear loved ones have the hope of the resurrection hear on earth in the near future we find this promise at (John 5:28, 29) Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. The resurrection is possible because God sent his Son to give his life for us. So it is an expression of Jehovah's love and undeserved kindness.—Read John 3:16; Romans 6:23.*

Nita - May 28, 2013 at 09:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Time*



Monique - May 08, 2013 at 08:51 AM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album Service Years



Monique Cephas - May 06, 2013 at 08:14 PM

MB

“ I am sorrow about the lost of your love one. Please remember the avenue of prayer (Psalms 55:22). I will keep your family in my thoughts & prayers. Sincerely,

Mamie Andrews Boyd - May 04, 2013 at 06:54 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - May 01, 2013 at 07:25 AM

MB

“ To the family of Mr. Jones: May the memories of him help to ease your pain of sorrow. The Bible speaks of a resurrection at Acts 24:15. We all are looking forward to being reunited with our dead loved ones. I will keep your family in my thoughts & prayers. Love,

Mamie A. Boyd - April 30, 2013 at 09:10 PM

PR

“ Dear Jones Family and Friends: I just read about the recent death of your loved one. As a Christian, I am sadden about the sorrow and distress that you must be experiencing. Did you know that the Bible promises us that we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again? Yes, the wonderful promise of a resurrection is held out to all of those who have fallen asleep in death. (Acts 24:15) In addition, ALMIGHTY GOD has promised obedient mankind at Revelation 21:4 that very soon pain, sickness and yes even death will be no more. Why? Because according to 1John 4:8, 'GOD IS LOVE'. With warmest regards, may you be comforted in your time of sorrow.

Princess - April 30, 2013 at 06:42 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 - April 30, 2013 at 02:54 PM