



Vondalette S. Jones

January 3, 1964 - March 6, 2026

VONDALETTE PLAYER-JONES, a beloved daughter, mother and cherished member of the Baltimore community, passed away on March 6, 2026, at the age of 62. Born on January 3, 1964, in Baltimore, Maryland. Vondalette spent her life surrounded by family, friends, and a community that she touched deeply with her kindness and warmth.

Born to Isabella Shanks and Thomas Chalk, Vondalette was raised in East Baltimore, where she built a life rooted in love, compassion, and dedication to others. She completed her education, graduating from Baltimore City Public Schools at Lake Clifton High School. She was known for her generous spirit and genuine care she showed to everyone she met. Those who knew her will always remember her as loving, caring and giving -someone who never hesitated to open her heart or home to others.

Vondalette was a proud and devoted mother to her three children Anthony Player, Monae Nichols and Keirstan Barnes. Her children were the center of her world, and she took great pride in supporting and guiding them throughout their lives.

She dedicated more than 30 years of service to Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she began and ended her career. Her commitment, hard work and compassion for others made a lasting impact on colleagues and many people

whose lives she touched through her work. Outside of her career, Vondalette found great joy in cooking, dancing and bringing family together, she loved hosting gatherings filled with laughter, food and music - moments that created lasting memories for everyone around her. Her home was always a place of comfort, celebration and love. She also had a special love for children and was known for the gentle, nurturing way she cared for them.

Vondalette Player-Jones will be remembered for her beautiful spirit, her warm smile and the unconditional love she shared with family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed, but her legacy of love, kindness and generosity will live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure and she will forever be loved beyond words.

Vondalette leaves to cherish her memory: her parents, mother Isabella Shanks and stepfather who raised her and who she knew as “Daddy” Horace Shanks; son, Anthony Player; daughters, Monae Nichols and Keirstan Barnes; son-in-law, Tavian Nichols; seven grandchildren, Savannah Gant, Reginald Jones, Ranaysia Jones, Raquella Jones, Jayce Johnson, Payton Thompson and Malia Gorham; three great-grandchildren, A’cyri Gant-Pleasant, A’carion Gant-Pleasant and Honesty Jones; three brothers, Kevin Shanks, Horace Shanks and Lannie Shanks; four sisters, Amy Davis, Stacey Chalk, Kelley Chalk-Jones, Tania Shanks; amazing sister-in-law, Mellissa Shanks; eight nieces whom she loved as daughters, Jasmin Daniels, Alyssa McCullough, Kazzmen Shanks, Anyia Shanks, Kayla Shanks, Kaylyn Shanks, Destinee Daniels-Fields and Tae’lor Shanks; nephew, Kenneth Hyman Jr.; four great-nieces and -nephews, Kalie Walker, Karsyn Hyman, Sy’Aye McCullough and Elias McCullough; a beloved first cousin, best friend and sister, Marcella Rush; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces,

nephews, friends and her Johns Hopkins Hospital family.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

MAR 19. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

MAR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast For Funeral On Vondalette S. Player-Jones in memory of Vondalette S. Jones*



March Funeral Homes - March 18 at 04:14 PM

SC

“ *Dear Cuz, it will be strange not being able to have you here to share The Word of God with at 5am in the Morning but I know your rejoicing now cause you are home With The Lord. I will miss you and your smile. So I will say " Until we meet in The Clouds on that Glorious Day. In which our King will be riding on The Clouds and call us up to meet with each other in The Kingdom Of God." Love Always Samuel & Monica Carroll*

Samuel Lawrence Carroll - March 19 at 11:54 AM

AJ

“ Vondalette had a warm smile and funny personality. My family and I want to send our prayers and condolences to the family at this time. To the family... may faith, great memories, love and support surround you and keep you warm.



Rest in Peace Vondalette,

Angela Jones and family

Angela Jones - March 19 at 10:59 AM

MW

“ Michele & Mingo Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Vondalette S. Jones



Michele & Mingo Washington - March 19 at 09:17 AM

MW

May GOD continue to keep and lift you up through your time of bereavement. Love and Blessings 🙏

Michele Washington - March 19 at 09:20 AM

CT

“ Rip vondalette praying for your family 🙏🙏🙏

Chanell Thompson - March 18 at 03:24 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Vondalette S. Jones.*



March 17 at 11:59 AM



“ *My beautiful sis-in-law. You were beautiful inside and outside with a heart of gold. My heart is so heavy right now and I'm going to miss you more than words can express. You meant so much to so many people, I don't even think you knew how you touched so many hearts. R.I.P. Love you so much your Yank Yank.*

Love always Missy

melissa - March 17 at 10:15 AM



“ *Taz Stewart lit a candle in memory of Vondalette S. Jones*



Taz Stewart - March 16 at 11:25 AM



“ *Pastor Teresa Wright and the church purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Vondalette S. Jones.*



Pastor Teresa Wright and the church - March 14 at 08:48 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Webb lit a candle in memory of Vondalette S. Jones



Carolyn Webb - March 14 at 05:57 PM

CW

“ ❤️ felt condolences to the Jones family 💕🙏💕 Vondalette will truly be missed by her Jhh family but her memories are everlasting 😊

Carolyn Webb - March 14 at 05:22 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 - March 11 at 01:36 PM