

Ode to Mr. Husband

Here is an ode to a man
I call "Mr. Husband"

He was a true and devoted "house-band"
Holding me together with his big hand.

Joseph Samuel Jones, Jr. was his given name
Depending on where you were from,
Few would call him by the same.
Some Called him Joe, others called him "Sam."

At home, I just called him Mr. Husband,
and he called me, Wife.

No matter where you met him,
You could see his love of life.

He possessed a special essence,
He hardly ever was down.
His winning smile overpowered
Even the thought of a frown.

"Hey Wife!" was his usual opening line
Words that flowed from his lips,
but came straight from his heart to mine.

Mr. Husband was full of tenacity,
Full of life and determined to press.
All the pain and hurt he carried?
Well, we'll just have to guess.

After all he had been through
he happily greeted each day-
to put things in order, and do them-HIS way!

If he were still here today, he probably would say,
"I had no sorrow to die, so release me and let me go."

You must not tie yourself to me,
with too many tears.

Just thank the Lord, we had 38 years.

Grieve for me a little while, if grieve you must:
Then let your grief go, if God you still trust.
It's only for a little while, that we must be apart,
So treasure our memories down in your heart.

Though you can't see or touch me,
Know that I'm still so near,
Listen with your heart and hear,
My heart speaking soft and clear.

When his time came to leave me,
he didn't need his walker or his cane.
Nor his power chair to take that trip
He just smiled big and let everything rip.

Husband, I wasn't there to hold your hand
During the last moments of that night,
But one thing you must know,
In my heart, I held you tight.

So sleep well in peace my love,
Until we meet again,
And we WILL hold hands,
Over in that heavenly land!

Love You, Wife

Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

Floral Bearers

Friends of the Family

Acknowledgement

The Jones Family offers grateful thanks to all of you for your labor of love that you have shown towards His name as you have ministered to us, during this time and always. We beseech God's perpetual blessings upon each of you.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Celebration of Life for

DEACON TSGT (RET) JOSEPH SAMUEL JONES, JR.



FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022
12:00 P.M.

BIBLE WAY CHURCH OF ATLAS ROAD
2440 ATLAS ROAD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

ELDER DARRELL JACKSON
-PASTOR-

Obituary

REFLECTION OF EARLY LIFE

On January 27, 1936, Joseph Samuel Jones Jr. was born and began a beautiful journey of life that lasted more than 86 years. Staff Sergeant Joseph Samuel Jones, Jr. made his transition to his heavenly home on February 24, 2022.

"Joe," as most folk today called him, was born in South Carolina. In his early years everyone in the Eastover area called him "Sam." Joe was the only child born to the union of Martha Shiver Jones and Joseph Samuel Jones, Sr. "Joe"/"Sam" was a bright, precocious youngster and demonstrated outstanding academic abilities during his formative years, as he attended preparatory schools in Washington, D.C.

MARRIED LIFE

While married to Anne, his first wife, two sons, Michael Anthony and Brien Keith, and one daughter, Lisa Yvette, were born. Joseph entered into matrimony to Elaine Johnson in 1983. With his 38 years of loving marriage to Elaine, he gained two stepsons, Rondall René Williams and Donovan Bjorn Williams and two foster sons, Vesey Kamau Whitaker and Nat Sababu Whitaker.

THE CAREER PATH

Prepared for an academically and socially successful future after high school, Joe defied all of his father's army wishes and joined the United States Air Force instead of following in his father's meritorious Army career. As Joe's Air Force career expanded, he achieved many honors. To name a few, Joe was presented: *The Air Medal (Second and Third Oak Leaf Cluster) for Meritorious Achievement*, while participating in Aerial Flight from July 20, 1972 to October 8, 1972. This distinction was bestowed upon him by the Lieutenant General of the United States Army Force. Joe was also a member in good standing of the International Military Club Executives Association and the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

After retiring from his military career, Joe returned to his roots in South Carolina, and started to achieve new accolades with honors from his civilian positions at Fort Jackson Army Base - to his father's glee! Many knew Joseph Samuel Jones, but few knew of his many unique achievements and accomplishments until now. As much as he liked to talk, he would not talk about his accomplishments.

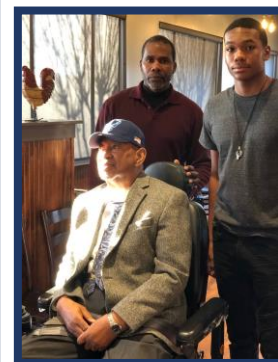
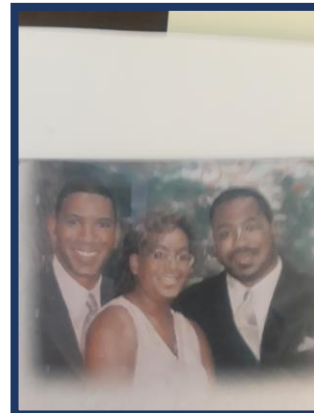
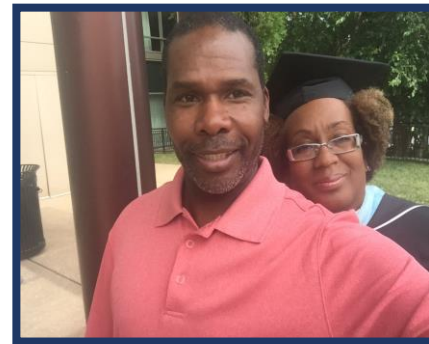
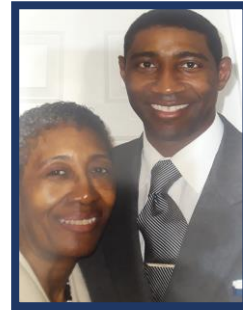
As a civilian, Joe was awarded: *Certificate of Commendation by the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command/Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm*, in recognition of his hard work and support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; *The Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Army Training Center*, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for exceptional meritorious service while assigned as a Program Coordinator for the Directorate of Resource Management; *The Certificate in Recognition of Thirty-Five Years of Service in the Government of the United States of America* by Charles T. Barnett, Installation Accounting and Pay Officer, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; *Department of the Army Achievement Medal For Civilian Service*, presented by Colonel, AG Garrison Commander; another commendation by Keith M. Joseph in 1994, another in 1997 presented by Scott E. Nahrwold, Colonel, FA Garrison Commander, and another in 1998 presented by John A. Van Alstyne, Major General, US. Army Commanding.

During his years as a member of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road, Columbia, SC, Joe was presented several certificates of appreciation for his work in the men's ministry. After joining his wife in membership at Living Word Church and Fellowship, he continued his service there as an honorary deacon.

CELEBRATING JOE'S LIFE

"Mr. Husband," as his wife called him, leaves to celebrate a life of many cherished and unforgettable memories with his caring, faithful and loving "Wife," Elaine J. Jones of Elgin, SC. His other family includes: his sons, Brien Keith Jones and Michael Jones; a daughter, Lisa Yvette (Avery) Jones Harwell; a grandson, Jelan; stepsons Rondall René Williams and Donovan Bjorn Williams; his extended family, Vesey and Nat Whitaker; and too many other caring and loving heart-attached children to call by names. His legacy will live forever in the minds and hearts of everyone he encountered.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Pastor Randall Mack Jackson, Associate Pastor Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional.....The Jones Family and Friends
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....Living Word Church and Fellowship
- Old Testament.....Pastor Gerald Seals
Living Word Church and Fellowship
- New Testament.....Pastor Perry A. Williams
White Oak Baptist Church
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Gerald Seals
- Musical Medley.....Living Word Church and Fellowship
- Statement From Living Word Church.....Pastor Gerald Seals
- Reflections (Three Minutes).....Mr. Lee Fluker
Ms. Denise Williams
Mr. Rondall R. Williams, *Son*
Mrs. Lisa Harwell, *Daughter*
- Reflections.....Pastor Randall Mack Jackson
- Instrumental Selection.....Mr. Jelan Harwell, *Grandson*
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Alvah Lawson, Sr.
Senior Associate Pastor, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
- Benediction.....Pastor Randall Mack Jackson
- Recessional
- Postlude



Interment

Monday, March 7, 2022
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina