

Pallbearers

James Hook Jim Hunter Don Murphy
Sean McGriff Sean Williams Skylar Jones

Floral Bearers

Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Committal, Benediction, and Interment

4:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 19, 2023
Gethsemane Cemetery & Memorial Gardens
1504 West Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly on a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that anyone could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We, Thank You So much, whatever the part. The family of Mr. James Raymond Jones would like to express our appreciation to our loyal friends for your kindness, condolences, and consideration shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. May God continue to bless each one 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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*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of
MR. JAMES RAYMOND JONES*



FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023
11:00 A.M.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
819 WOODROW STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. CAESAR RICHBURG
-PASTOR-

*Reflections of the Life
of
Mr. James Raymond Jones*

Mr. James Raymond Jones was born on October 7, 1947, in Roanoke, Virginia. He was the son of the late George Rogers Jones, Sr. and the late Lillie Mae Jones Frierson. He departed this journey of life on Thursday, August 10, 2023.

James attended Roanoke City Schools and graduated from Lucy Addison High School, in 1965. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at Mount Zion A.M.E Church, in Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. James Raymond Jones graduated from Tennessee State University, in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. His affiliation with Omega Psi Phi fraternity underscored his dedication to lasting friendships and shared principles.

Upon graduating from Tennessee State University, Mr. Jones embarked on his professional career at Purdue University. In West Lafayette, he found a lifelong partner, Menee Anita Jones. He met his beloved wife of 50 years, and their journey together began with their union on September 15, 1973, in Quincy, Florida.

Mr. Jones, affectionately known as "Ray," served as a dedicated Business Manager to the Department of Theater and Dance at the University of South Carolina until his passing. Prior to his years of service to the university, he worked in various positions including: Budget and Policy Analyst for the SC Dept. of Social Services, Business Marketing Staff Manager at Indiana Bell, Accountant and Financial Analyst, Indiana Commission for Higher Education, and Business Administrator at Purdue University.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, "Ray" Jones was enthusiastic about fellowship. He had a great love for sports, coaching, volunteering, and serving as Board Chair for Bethel A.M.E Learning Center. Whether engaged in mentoring university students, coaching young athletes, or working with church leadership to enhance the development of Bethel Learning Center for the children, he actively displayed his dedication to the community.

In addition to his parents George Rogers Jones Sr. and Lillie May Frierson, James was preceded in death by his brother, George R. Jones, Jr.; and his sister, Beverly Anne Jones.

A loving family man, James Raymond Jones leaves to mourn his passing: his devoted wife, Menee Anita Jones; daughters, Elaina (Sean) Williams, of Charlotte, North Carolina and Andrea (Jesus) Marasigan, of Santa Rosa, California; grandchildren, Sydney Williams, Morgan Williams, James Williams, and Miracle Marasigan. Mr. James "Ray" Jones also leaves behind many devoted relatives and caring friends, who loved him dearly.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me from His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

The Processional.....Clergy and Family

The Hymn of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”.....Bethel A.M.E Church Choir

The Invocation

Assistant Minister, Bethel A.M.E. Church.....Rev. Cole Weathers

Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament: Psalm 23

Congregational Life Care Minister, Bethel A.M.E. Church.....Rev. Betty L. Wannamaker

The Epistle: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Assistant Minister, Bethel A.M.E. Church.....Rev. Norman Duckett

The Gospel: John 14: 1-6

Bethel A.M.E. Church.....Brother Isaac Spain

Ministry of Music

“Something About the Name of Jesus”.....Bethel A.M.E. Church Choir

Reflections and Witness of Life

Representing the Church

Class Leader.....Sister Patricia Outlaw

The Bethel Learning Center.....Mrs. Vergie Chamber

Representing the Family

Daughter.....Elaina Anita Jones Williams

Daughter.....Andrea Jones Marasigan

Ministry of Music

“Melodies From Heaven”.....Bethel A.M.E Church Choir

The Eulogy

Senior Pastor Bethel A.M.E. Church.....Dr. Caesar R. Richburg

Hymn of Celebration

“It is Well”.....The Community

The Recessional

Clergy, Family, and Community



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