

The House by the Side of the Road

by Sam Walter Foss

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;—
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorners' seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears—
Both parts of an infinite plan;—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.
I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on through the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are
strong,
Wise, foolish— so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorners' seat
Or hurl the cynic's ban?—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Linda Joyce Cooper Jones, would like to thank each of you for the many expressions of love and concern shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Your prayers have strengthened us as a family. Just as you have prayed for us, it is our prayer for each of you that the Lord blesses you in a very special way.

A special thank you to the Benedict College Gospel Choir for honoring our loved one through the gift of your uplifting voices.

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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Linda Joyce Cooper Jones



Thursday, November 9, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Saint John Baptist Church
3404 West Beltline Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
-Pastor-

Obituary of Mrs. Linda Joyce Cooper Jones

Mrs. Linda Joyce Cooper Jones was a true light and loving spirit. She was born on July 23, 1951, in Pineville, South Carolina as the eldest child and only daughter of the late Essie Mae Green. She was raised by her loving grandmother, the late Josephine Cooper whom she affectionately called *Ma-Ma*. Linda Joyce peacefully departed this earthly life surrounded by loved ones on the morning of Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Linda Joyce was baptized at Redeemer Reformed Episcopal Church, in Pineville, SC at an early age. She walked in her faith and lived it through her actions and the way she treated others. For that reason, she built lasting relationships throughout her life.

Linda Joyce was known for her intelligence and being a well-rounded person. She received her education in the public schools of Berkeley County, where she gained many lifelong friendships. She graduated from Russellville High School, in 1969 and continued her education at Durham Business College.

In 1972, she moved to Columbia, SC to continue her education at Benedict College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Education in 1973. Columbia proved to be more than a place to enhance her education; it is also where she began her lifelong career in state government, where she served as a leader in a variety of agencies and advanced to Program Manager of the ABC Quality Program. In this role, she worked tirelessly to improve the quality of Early Childhood Education across the state, until she retired in 2006. Linda Joyce's work didn't end there as she continued to work and support the ABC Early Childhood Program for several years after that.

It was also in Columbia, SC that she found her endless love, John David Roger Jones, Sr. Within six months of meeting they were engaged and then married on November 29, 1981. To this union were born three beautiful daughters, Ashley, Whitney, and Morgan. In addition, she gained a wonderful stepson, John David Roger Jones, Jr. She was a proud mother, who made sure her children had the very best and there were no limits to her support, love, and kindness. Linda was the kind of mother who ensured her children were enriched with multiple opportunities in the arts and sports. Family vacations were a yearly must and she always took the lead on making everlasting memories. Always the life of the party, humorous and upbeat, Linda was adored by her family and friends. Known to everyone as a loving and selfless individual who always brought people together, she instilled in her children the golden rule, and the need to enhance each other's lives and the lives of others.

Linda Joyce was preceded in death by her grandfather, Elijah Cooper; special aunt, Hattie Belle Cooper Rembert; brother, Kirk Green; and sister, Kathy Belton.

The legacy of Linda Joyce's life is left to many who loved, adored, and cherished her. She leaves to mourn her loving: her devoted husband, John David Roger Jones, Sr.; three daughters, Ashley Renee Cooper Jones, Whitney Leigh (Tavorice) Prowell, and Morgan Rae (Karl) Massenburg; stepson, John David Roger (Kim) Jones, Jr.; two brothers, Caroll Cooper and Donnie (Sharon) Cooper. She was also blessed with six beautiful grandchildren, Carter, Harper, Nigel, Devyn, Jelani, and Nia; a host of loving cousins, other family, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Musical Prelude.....	Organist
Processional	
Musical Selection.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”.....	Choir
Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....	Minister
New Testament.....Romans 8:33-39.....	Minister
Prayer.....	Minister
Musical Selection.....	Ms. Regina E. Williams
Reflections.....	Mr. Herman Jenkins, Friend Mrs. Loretta Price, Friend Mrs. Sherry Thomas, Friend
Musical Selection.....	Choir
Reflections.....	Mrs. Rita Stanley, Friend Mrs. Jannetta “Jan” McIntyre, Friend Mrs. Morgan Massenburg, Daughter
Musical Selection.....	Ms. Rashida Beach
Words of Comfort.....	Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Juan F. Scott
Committal	
Benediction	
Recessional.....	Choir
Postlude	

