

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.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

**We, the family of Mr. David Lawrence Jones, Sr.,
would like to thank each of you for your prayers,
love and support shown to us during the passing
of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord
blesses each of you in a very special way.**

*A Service of Victory
Celebrating the Life
of*

DEACON DAVID LAWRENCE JONES, SR.



**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
2521 RICHLAND STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. THURMOND BOWENS, JR.
-PASTOR-**


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Obituary of Deacon David Lawrence Jones, Sr.

Deacon David Lawrence Jones, Sr., entered eternal rest on February 28, 2026. He was born on April 11, 1942, in Bennettsville, South Carolina, to the late Walter and Ila Mae Jones.

Known as David Lawrence to his family, he grew up in Bennettsville, South Carolina. At an early age, he gave his life to Christ and became a member of Old Galilee United Methodist Church. He attended Eastside High School in Bennettsville, South Carolina, graduating in 1960. Following high school, he matriculated at Claflin College, where he graduated in 1964. While at Claflin, he became a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., forming lifelong bonds of brotherhood and service.

With a strong sense of duty and patriotism, David later joined the United States Air Force in 1968, proudly serving his country.

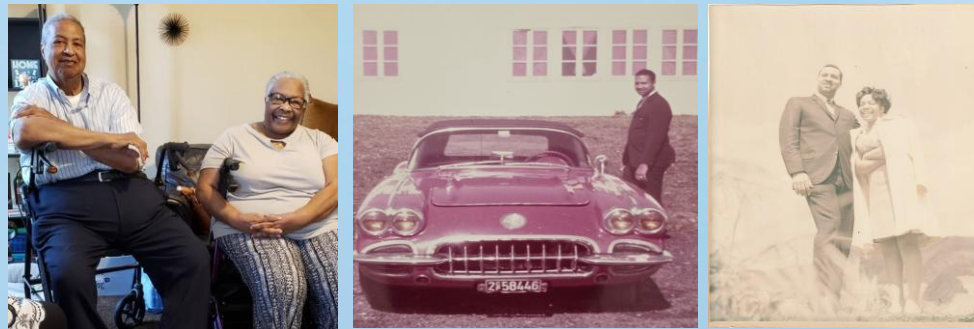
In 1968, he married the love of his life, Shirley Ratcliff. After his tour of service ended, he and Shirley settled in Brooklyn, New York, for a short time before returning to Bennettsville, South Carolina, to raise their family. His passion for education and mentoring young people led him to accept a position with the Marlboro County School District, where he served as a high school math teacher for 31 years, impacting the lives of countless students through his dedication and commitment to learning.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ila Mae Jones, and his beloved siblings: Ruby Jean Jones, Walter Mack Jones, Charles Henry Jones, and Marshall Jefferson.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Shirley R. Jones; his children, David L. Jones, Jr., Derrick L. (Sherrie) Jones, Deirdre L. Jones, Dawn L. Jones, and Deja L. Jones; his sister, Mattie Frances (Willis) McNeill; sister-in-law Joan (Walter) Jones; honorary son and daughter James and Wyvette Douglas; grandchildren, Spechelle, David III, Darius, Terrance, Christopher, Jalen, Zephaniah, Cle’Ron (Cam), and Carter; a host of extended family members, friends, former students, and loved ones who will forever treasure the memories they shared with him.

David will be remembered for his quiet strength, deep love for his family and people, and unwavering faith. His life was a testament to perseverance, dedication, and service. As a teacher and mentor, he helped shape generations of young minds, leaving a legacy that will continue to live on through the lives he touched.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional.....Restoration Life Ministries Praise Team
“Total Praise”
- Musical Selection.....Trinity Baptist Church Praise Team
“The Other Shore”
- Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Elder James Travis
- New Testament.....John 14:1-7.....Deacon Donald Sweeper
- Prayer.....Elder Peter Mardenborough
- Musical Selection.....Mrs. Rayette Allen-Jacobs
“The Lord’s Prayer”
- Remarks.....Deacon Alvin Hawkins, Restoration Life Ministries
Mr. David Jones, Jr., Son
Mrs. Mattie F. McNeill, Sister
Ms. Dawn L. Jones, Daughter
- Musical Selection.....Restoration Life Ministries Praise Team
“God Is”
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Theodore Pasley
Pastor, Restoration Life Ministries
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

10:00 a.m.
Monday, March 9, 2026
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina