

## *Obituary*

**Leroy Jones Sr.** was born on January 9, 1923 in Charleston, South Carolina to the late William and Rosetta Jones. He was the youngest of four siblings: three brothers and a sister. Leroy affectionately known by his wife and a few close family members by Lorry attended school in South Carolina.

On November 19, 1945 he married his childhood sweetheart Adele Wigfall and they moved to New York City. Out of this union they raised nine children. As a young man and the first of his generation to move to the big city he demonstrated an adventurist spirit ready to take on the world with his young bride. His love for his wife and his sense of responsibility was a driving force. His work efforts and tenacity was evident at an early age and was an inspiration to others around him. As a result he worked in several occupations: he was a long distance truck driver, a New York City bus driver, a New York City transit conductor and he retired as a Watch Commander for Burns Security.

His strong sense of family was his greatest virtue. He felt that there was nothing greater than the love of family. He felt the family was like a rope each individual strand weak in its self but when intertwine forms a strong unbreakable bond. His answer to any dispute within the family was mediated with the three words that had become so familiar with us all "stop the foolishness". He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He served as a role model to us all he was an example of what it took not only to be a man but also a human being. His love for the family was demonstrated in action and deeds. He did not say love, he showed love. Lorry loved his family unconditionally; his greatest joy was to spend time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. So great was his love for his family even when his time was near his message was to reinforce the family unity.

On July 23, 2010 God sent one of his angels to bring his son home. Leroy Sr. was preceded in death by his mother Rosetta, father William, brothers (William, Samuel and Abraham), his sister (Lula May), two sons (Leroy Jr. and Darrell) and great grandson (Shabo). His last gesture as he left this earth was to grasp the hand of his wife; as she said I love you Lorry; he smiled, shed a tear and went home to God.

Lorry leaves to mourn his passing but cherish his memories: his loving wife, Adele Jones of sixty-five years; seven children, Barbara Neville, Abraham Jones, Kevin Jones, David Jones, Mark Jones, Darcell Guy and Alyssa Jones; two sons-in-law, Anthony Neville and Vaughn Guy; two daughters-in-law, Eva and Regina; one brother-in-law, Wesley Wigfall; sixteen grandchildren, Monique, Wakila (aka Giggles), Atia, Makeba, Shavette, Erica, Malika, Jamilla, Jadiah, Abraham III, Leroy III, Shadiya, Amar, Shanee', Delshay and Tataya; sixteen great grandchildren; a special nephew, Steve Fishburn; and a close friend of the family someone he loved like a daughter, Melba James; a host of nephews, nieces, extended family members and friends. Lorry we love you and you will be truly missed!

## Order of Service

Processional Selection Scripture Prayer Selection Acknowledgements Remarks Obituary Eulogy Selection Committal Viewing

Recessional

#### **Interment**

Mount Rest Cemetery Butler, New Jersey

# We Lost A Father

We lost a father with a heart of gold, How much we miss him can never be told He shared our troubles and helped us along. If we follow his footsteps we will never go wrong. We miss you from your fireside chair, Your loving smile and gentle air. Your vacant place no one can fill We miss you father and always will. He was a father so very rare Content in his home and always there. On earth he toiled, in Heaven he rests, God bless you father, you were one of the best. Each time we look at your picture You seem to smile and say, Don't be sad but courage take And love each other for my sake. O sweet Jesus, for the sake of Thy Bitter Passion and the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother Have mercy on his soul and let the light of Thy countenance shine upon him.

### Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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