

A portrait of Gladys Jones, an elderly Black woman, smiling. She is wearing a white hat with a large blue bow, glasses, a green jacket, and a white lace collar. The background features large white lilies.

In Loving Memory of

Sunrise

March 22, 1941

Sunset

February 18, 2013

Gladys Jones

Service

Friday, February 22, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

931 Dumont Avenue • Brooklyn, New York

Obituary

Gladys Ruth Lee Jones departed this life early morning Monday, February 18, 2013. Gladys entered this world on March 22, 1941 as the 9th child to the late Townsend Ladson Jones and Esther Jones Jacobs in Florence, South Carolina.

Gladys graduated high school, and then left South Carolina with her sights on New York City. In New York City Gladys raised four daughters and one grandson as she worked with disabled children and as an in-home health aide. She dedicated her life to helping others. She made sure her daughters and grandchildren had the same values her mother instilled in her of faith and compassion. Andre accompanied her to church every Sunday. She was selfless in her actions and often stepped up to complete tasks others found challenging or too minuscule. Gladys' passion revolved around spreading God's Word through kind acts and offering her beautiful smile and soft chuckle as she stared through her framed shades.

Gladys began her Christian experience at an early age, joining Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pamplico, South Carolina. Later she joined Antioch Baptist Church in Harlem. Afterwards, she moved to Brooklyn and began attending Sunday Worship Services with her mother at New Life Baptist Church. At New Life Baptist Church she became a faithful and devout member, serving as the assistant president of the trustee board, missionary, assistant Sunday School superintendent, treasurer of the NLBC Choir, member of the gospel chorus, secretary of the usher board, church pianist, and worked on every other committee she was needed. Gladys had no problem leading but understood strength rest in a strong follower and team effort.

Gladys was known for her pleasant greeting, sense of humor, and radiant smile. She loved to cook for her children, filling their stomachs with food from the heart. Her love to cook spewed into her church life where members of NLBC enjoyed her string beans and cornbread. Every word she said was memorable, partly because her words came quickly and if you did not listen closely you missed valuable wisdom. Once you understood and knew Gladys well you appreciated her joy and infectious energy. In church, Sister Jones was known for her ability to get everyone moving their feet to GODS glorious beat. When Sister Jones took the MIC it was something everyone liked.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, two brothers, and one granddaughter. She leaves to mourn: her daughters, Eivette (Washington D.C.), Adriane, Angelique and Thomasianna (NYC); one grandson, Andre; one granddaughter, Shantal; three sisters, Romella Pickett (Washington D.C), Alma Gregg (NYC) and Edith Mae Davis (South Carolina); one brother, Clarence (Essie) Jones (NYC); and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends who will always love and cherish her.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn NLBC Choir

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Solo Sister Pernell Walker

Reflections Deacon Clarence Jones

Resolutions NLBC

Selection NLBC Choir

Acknowledgement/Obituary Sister Vanessa Ballard

Solo Brother Michael Underwood

Tribute Angelique Jones

Selection NLBC Choir - "Going Up Yonder"

Eulogy Rev. Dr. John H. Marshall

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

I Am Resting

*I've parted this life my loved one,
But worry not for I am not gone,
I am merely resting.
Don't cry or mourn
For God is with you and in your hearts.
Carry on.
We will miss each other,
But remember God is with us all.
Be strong my loved one,
For I am not gone,
but merely resting.*

-Author unknown

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