

Homegoing Services For **James Louis Jones**

Sunrise

November 6, 1925

Sunset

January 23, 2015



Friday, January 30, 2015

Viewing 4-6 pm

Service 6pm

Maranatha Baptist Church

112-42 Springfield Boulevard • Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Sunday, February 1, 2015

Service 3pm

Salem Baptist Church

306 Axtell Road • Howardsville, Virginia 24562

Obituary



James Louis Jones departed this life on January 23, 2015, with his daughter Pamela by his bedside at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

James was born November 6, 1925 in Howardsville, Virginia. He was the second of twelve children from the union of William Henry and Ruth Amos Jones. He attended the Buckingham Training School.

James left home to join the United States Navy in 1941, where he realized his culinary skills and became a cook. After he completed his four year tour with the Navy, he married the late Fannie Courtney Lee.

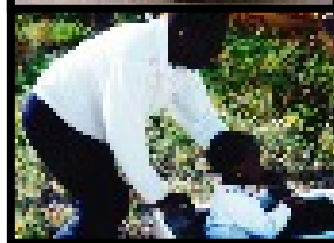
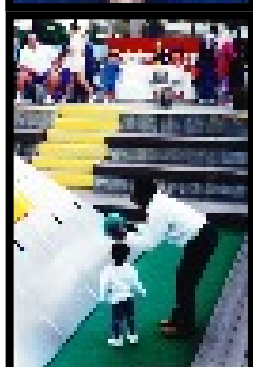
His love of travel and the sea, led him to join the Merchant Marines, where he continued his culinary career. One of his favorite ports of call was Mombasa, Kenya, because he loved the people and swimming in the ocean.

In the mid 1950's, James moved first to Washington, D.C. and then to Brooklyn, New York. While living in Brooklyn, James met Emma Haynes through a very close friend. From this union their daughter, Pamela was born. James moved to St. Albans, Queens in its heyday, along with noted musicians such as James Brown and John Coltrane. He remained in his beloved St. Albans for the remainder of his life.

After successfully completing his career in the Merchant Marines, James retired in the early 1970's. Unwilling to be idle, James became a Bus Operator for the Carey Transportation System, a subsidiary of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. James discovered he had a love of driving and began working simultaneously for Carey, Greyhound and Gray Lines Bus Services. He concluded his career as a bus driver for the New York City Public School System.

James enjoyed driving so much that while on vacation with his family, he drove throughout the United States and his beloved Virginia. James also found great enjoyment in cooking and gardening, which he took great pride in. James was also a Mason and belonged to the Grand Chapter Lodge #34.

James leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Emma L. Haynes Jones and their daughter, his only child, Pamela Nanette Jones – Anderson; his adored granddaughter Dawnn Ariana Anderson (lovingly known as "little Dawnn"); brother Herbert Jones (Addie); sisters Alease Harris, Ruth Harris, Kathleen Johnson, Olivia Cheeks-Hedgeman, Katie Davidson (Arthur) and Mary Ayers (Lawrence); brother-in-law Willie Lee Haynes; sisters-in-law Vertelle H. Simmons, Willie Mae Haynes-Holmes and Louise Haynes-Matthew; a very special nephew Vernon Randolph and cousin Matthew Amos. James also has a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who also mourn his loss.



Order of Service

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| Processional..... | Clergy and Family |
| Opening Prayer..... | Minister Pamela L. Harmon |
| Selection..... | “Goin’ Up Yonder” |
| Scripture Reading..... | Vernon Randolph |
| Old Testament - Genesis Chapter 1 | |
| New Testament - The Gospel of John Chapter 1 | |
| Poem | I’m Free - Wanda Y. Mathew |
| Obituary..... | Gia Cheeks |
| Cards and Acknowledgements..... | Lucinda Matthew |
| Personal Reflections | |
| Selection..... | “I’m Free” |
| Eulogy..... | Minister Pamela L. Harmon |
| Recessional..... | Clergy and Family |

Interment

Jones Family Cemetery
Howardsville, Virginia

*Please join the Family for the repast in the Church dining hall,
immediately following the services.*



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgements

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May God Bless and Keep You!*

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