



Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory Of

Mrs. Ida L. Jones

November 12, 1936 - December 15, 2019

Services

Saturday, December 21, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.

St. Luke AME Church

146-156 Clinton Avenue Newark, NJ 07114

Reverend Joseph A. Hooper, Pastor

Obituary

Ida Lillian [Downing] Jones was born on November 12, 1936 in Roper, North Carolina to the late Theodore Downing and Lillian Liverman. She was the 3rd oldest child of 6. She departed this life suddenly on December 15, 2019 at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, VA. She attended school in the Roper public school district. She graduated from Washington County Union High School where she played basketball. At an early age, she attended Macedonia AME Church where She accepted Christ. She was a member of the children's choir.

In 1955 upon graduation, she relocated to New Jersey where she stayed with Her Uncle Tom and Aunt Elizabeth in Newark. Upon relocating to New Jersey, she had many jobs opportunities and also attended Girls Vocational School where she obtained her license in Cosmetology, attended trade school where she took up data entry. Her various job opportunities were at Woolworths Department Store, Garylin Togs, Remco's Toy Factory, Emlords, A Coat Factory, South Side High School (Secretary), Science High School (Security). She became a member of St. Luke AME Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Herring. She was a devoted Servant, served in many organizations, Advisor of YPD, Missionary, Stewardess and President of North Carolina Club, which was the joy of her life.

She met the love of her life Robert Jones in 1966 while working at a cleaners on Main Street in Orange. Robert took on the responsibility by adopting her daughter Wanda and in January of 1970 they were blessed with a son Rodney. In August of 1972 they were joined in holy matrimony.

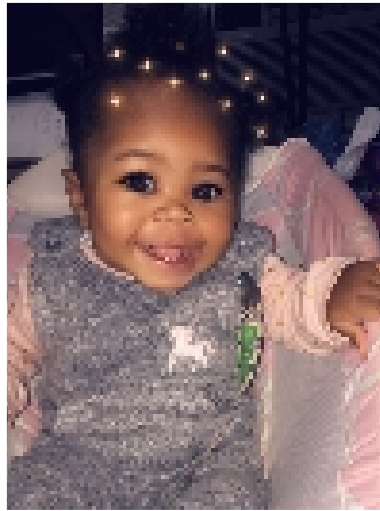
Ida started her career with the Newark Marriott Hotel at the Airport in 1984, where she worked in the PBX Department. She later became Supervisor of that Department. She then went into Human Resources from where she retired in 2002. Upon retirement, She relocated to Norfolk, VA. She joined Greater Metropolitan AME Zion Church, which is currently under the leadership of Rev. Sharon Hall. She served as a Deaconess and was an active member of the Sunday school.

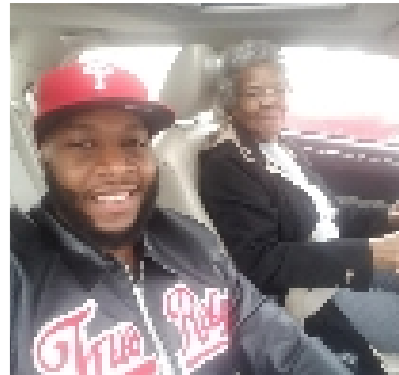
Ida took joy in participating in the Peoples prayer line from St. Luke AME Church daily.

She was preceded in death by her Father- Theodore Downing, Mother- Lillian Liverman, Sisters Stella Wright, Ada McQueen (Howard), Martha Watson, Mary Wilkins. Brothers Harold and Frank Downing (Geneva). She leaves to cherish her devoted husband Robert Jones of Norfolk, VA, Daughter Wanda Hargrove of Newark, NJ, Son Rodney Jones South Orange NJ. One devoted Grandson, Damian T. Langley of Norfolk, VA. Four Granddaughters, Danielle T. Langley of Newark NJ, Brianna R. Jones of Rocky Mount, NC, Rajani J.Jones of Jackson, NJ Dyanna McMullens, Alexandria, VA. Two Great-Granddaughters Destinee N. Tolbert and DeZiyah N. Langley of Newark, NJ. Brother William Henry Downing (Patricia) of Riverhead, NY. One Godson Terrance O. Greggs of Fort Lauderdale, Fl. One Goddaughter Felecia Kinsler of Newark, NJ. She also leaves a host of Brothers and Sisters in laws. When she visited Maryland, her home was with her Brother in Law Lambertine Jones (Mabel). She also leaves a host of Nieces and Nephews including Sharonda McQueen whom she spoke with daily as well as many loving cousins. She leaves two Sister/Friends Edith Cohen (Thomas), Dorothy Greggs .

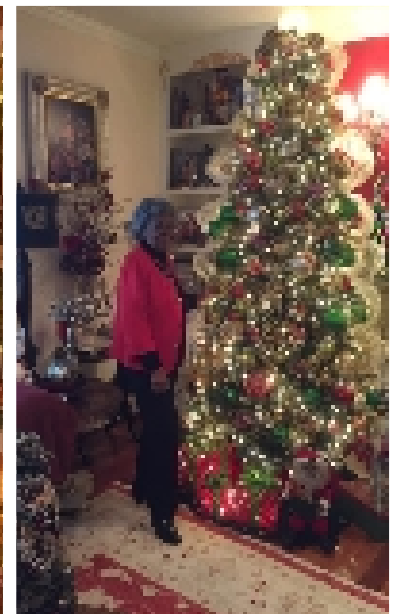
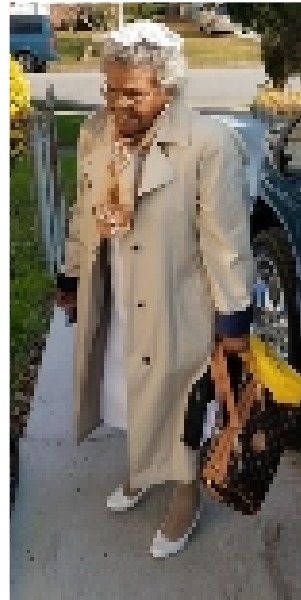
Ida had several individuals who clung to her as a Mother figure. Charles Oxford, Devin Heath, Kevin Morse, Rev. Adrian Wyrick, Marlene Smith, Lynn Blissett, Bonita Clark and Jacqueline Gayles.

WE LOVED IDA, BUT GOD LOVED HER BEST.









Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn..... "I'll Fly Away"

Prayer.....Minister Ellis Jones

Scripture Readings.....Rev. Shamaj Ragin

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament.....Matthew 11:28-30

Musical Selection.....“Order My Steps”

Reflections (2 mins).....Grandchildren
Sharon Fisher
Dyanna McMullen

Solo.....Constance Downing China

Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....Sheila Thompson

Musical Selection.....“Precious Lord”

Eulogy.....Rev. Joseph A. Hooper, Pastor
St. Luke AME Church

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

I'm Free

Do not grieve for me, for now I'm free I am 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 live, to work or play Things left undone must stay that way I have found peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void Then fill it with a remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss Oh, yes, these things, I too will Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full I've savored much Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all to brief Do not lengthen it now with undue grief Lift your heart and share with me God wanted me NOW. HE SET ME FREE!

Pallbearers

*Terry Fisher • DeWayne Hazel • Iby Aquill Langley
William Langley, Sr. • Kenjuan Macklin • Chris Simpson*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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