

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF



JOHN E. JONES

FEBRUARY 5, 1958 – JUNE 3, 2020

Saturday, June 20, 2020 - 12pm

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# OBITUARY

**John E. Jones** entered this world on February 5, 1958 in Rochester, NY to the late Robert Jones Sr. and Annie Nell Thornton Monroe. John was the third of eight children born. John was preceded in death by his son Carl E. Brown, one brother Kevin Jones and one sister Frances Rose.

John grew up in Bronx, NY and attended Alfred E. Smith high school. John later moved to Staten Island, NY, where he began a 30 year career at New York City Housing Authority as a caretaker and worked his way up to a heating plant technician advanced.

John also affectionately known as “Mr. John” to his friends and “Johnny” to his family was an extremely hard worker who worked all the time despite his many ailments. His strong will and determination to get the job done is what kept him going. He loved his family wholeheartedly and would do whatever he could for them. Aside from his biological family John developed long standing relationships with friends and co-workers, some of whom who would become his extended family of “brothers” and “sisters”. A true testament of how much he was loved. He was very generous, helped those in need, mentored others, but he could also be very stubborn and wanted to do things “his way.” John demanded his respect, but in turn he gave respect; he had a tough exterior but was very sensitive and caring with his family and friends.

If you knew Johnny, you knew of his love for cars and a vast collection of tools. He was very talented and displayed skill in automotive, heating and carpentry just to name a few.

John’s unwillingness to slow down and take it easy began to take a toll on his body. He was dealing with multiple injuries that reduced him physically, yet, mentally he was strong and powerful and preparing for the future. He endured his aches and pains, he knew that the road to recovery would be tough but he was well on his way. John was spending time with his family, recovering and in good spirits prior to his passing. I’m sure that many of you were aware of this the last time that you spoke to or saw him. Sadly, our beloved Johnny was called home to be with the lord on Wednesday June 3, 2020.

Johnny will be remembered for his beautiful smile and He will forever remain in our hearts.

To cherish his memory, Johnny leaves: Grandchildren: Dequan Brown, Amani Brown, Nasir Bridges-King, Octavian Bridges-King, Great grandson: Lincoln Brown, Aunt: Lurlean Bedgood; Siblings: Robert Jones, Mary Alice Jones Holmes, Marvin Jones, James E. Monroe, Patricia Monroe (Derek) Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and co-workers.

# *Order of Service*

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Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Committal

Viewing

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## **FINAL DISPOSITION**

: Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# ASLEEP

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.

I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.

But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.

You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...

You always told me, "get some rest,"

Let me sleep now, I've done my best.

So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.

You'll soon realize this was meant to be,

I thank God because He came for me.

-Emily Dickinson

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