

A portrait of Crystal LeManne Jones, a Black woman with glasses and a patterned scarf, smiling. She is holding a large bouquet of pink roses. The background is a soft purple and white gradient with sparkling light effects.

*Celebration of Life for*

*Crystal LeManne Jones*

*May 23, 1972 - July 3, 2020*

Friday, July 10, 2020

Viewing 10-12PM

Home Going Service – 12 Noon

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# Reflections of Life

A beautiful spirit I know, Crystal LeManne Jones, left her dwelling place here on earth, July 3, 2020, bound for her new celestial home, Heaven. She was greeted by family, friends and her father, Jackie Franklin. But the one who brought the biggest smile to her face, embracing her with loving arms, was her best friend and personal Savior, Jesus Christ. Crystal was always a spirited soul with an illuminous smile. If you knew her, she touched your life in a way you'd always remember. Crystal was born and raised in the Lafayette's section of Jersey City. She attended Assumption-All Saints School, St. Anthony's High School & College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, New Jersey. Crystal spent several years after college working on social change issues and non-profit organizational development in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area with organizations including: The National Political Congress of Black Woman; People for The American Way; EMILY's List; AIDS PAC; Democratic National Committee; National Woman's Health Network; Human Rights Campaign Fund and many others. Crystal lived in Minnesota for over a year working on the Statewide Clean Water Act and returned to Jersey City to pursue a professional career in Management and Executive Administration. Crystal made a full circle back to doing what she does best... Advocating for the Neighborhood she grew-up in and the people she loves so dearly!!! Although only 48 years old, she had many significant accomplishments. Her pride and joy was starting Urban Angels, a day care center and after school program that catered to children of all backgrounds, especially those from single-parent households. Her love of the arts allowed her students to be exposed to multifaceted genres of art and music. Her students were poised in the fine skills of karate and well-practiced in the analysis of chess moves. Crystal had the biggest heart and an abundance of love for her family, the Jones' and the Franklins'. However, there was no greater love than the love she shared with her children. Her son Christian is her first-born child and her second is her beautiful daughter Cantara, with whom together they balanced her life to completion. They were a family that played together, stayed together, and prayed together. Crystal knew she was blessed and thanked God for every mountain she'd overcome, every valley she rose from, and every bridge she crossed over because she knew she was never alone. It is with much sadness that we won't get to see her face, hear her sing or taste some of her delicious meals anymore, but thank God, we have something better than that: we know in our hearts where she is and who she is with and if she had a choice to return she'd quickly tell you, see ya when you get here!

Crystal was predeceased in death by her father, Jackie Franklin, sister, Artiste Franklin, son, Owen Jones. Crystal leaves on this earthly dwelling: two beautiful and God-filled children, Christian Jones and Cantara Jones, her mother, June Jones-Hawkins and Stepfather, Sammie Hawkins, godson, Nathaniel Person, (Step Sisters) Capricia Wallace, Jackie Isaroon, Lillian Whitted, Kizzie Franklin & Daniell Randall and Step Brother Shawn Hawkins. Her Aunts, Marlene Brown (Robert), Elaine Lawson, (Edward, deceased) Ethel Jones, Deborah Chandler, Sandra Brock (Leon), Sharon Williams (Tyrone), Blanche Jones, Reverend Dr. Bertha Reels, Lillian Longer (Johnny, deceased), Edwina Franklin (Steve, deceased), Velma O'Neil, Laura Davenport (Solomon, deceased), Inez Frye (Samuel), Grace Robertson (Willie, deceased), Velma Hawkins (Calvin, deceased), Maxine Royster (Steven). Her Uncles, Warren Jones (Katrina, deceased), Amos Hawkins, Larry and Darren Franklin, a multitude of cousins, a host of Nieces and Nephews Great Nieces and Great Nephews and special friends who will forever hold her deep in their hearts.

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