

***Celebrating the Life
of
Azizi Jahi***

***Sunrise
December 24, 1952***

***Sunset
March 10, 2021***



Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

***From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746***

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary



Azizi Jahi, formerly known as Thomas Edward Jones, was born on December 24, 1952, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, to the late Lamont and Celestine Jones. He was the eighth of thirteen children.

Azizi was educated in the Atlantic City Public Schools. During his junior and senior years, he was an integral part of the basketball team that went to the New Jersey State Championship. He graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1971. Shortly thereafter, Azizi relocated to Washington, D.C., and began working for the United States Postal Service. He was employed there for several years prior to entering school for air conditioning and refrigeration. After obtaining his certification, he worked on the completion of the Van Ness metro station.

During the late 1970s and early 1980s, Azizi became involved in the Coalition Against Apartheid in South Africa, participating in marches against racial injustice in the American south. It was at that time he chose to change his name from Thomas Edward Jones to Azizi Jahi.

Azizi met Aisha Young in 1975 at Shabazz Bakery in Washington, D.C. The lovely couple was married on October 1, 1977. They were inseparable as she was the love of his life.

Azizi's entrepreneurial spirit emerged in the early 1980s, at which time he became a produce vendor. He sold fresh produce in downtown Washington, D.C., and at special events. While working as a vendor, he was employed as a security guard in the off-season at the World Bank. In 2004, he retired from vending and began working as a driver for McLean Bus Company. At the time of his transition, he had retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools.

During the early 1990s, Azizi gave his life to Christ and joined From the Heart Church Ministries. While at the church, he participated in the monthly Men's Fellowships. Moreover, he briefly served as assistant coach for their Boys Basketball Team during the Intramural Church League.

On Wednesday, March 10, 2021, after a prolonged illness, Azizi went home to be with the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Azizi is survived by his loving wife, Aisha Jahi; five brothers, Gerald O. Jones, and Lindsay E. Jones (Cynthia) of Atlantic City, New Jersey, Kevin B. Jones (Andrea) of Atlanta, Georgia, Kelly Seymore and Christopher Wells of Atlantic City, New Jersey; four sisters, Shirley J. Harris, Natalie L. Jones-Weaver, Florence K. Jones, and Monica Brock of Atlantic City, New Jersey; three sisters-in-law, Joise Mitchell (Alfred) of Atlanta, Georgia, Julia Smith of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and Frances R. Young of Washington, D.C.; two adopted daughters, Kolette Daniels (Joe) and Piper Holloway (Sammye); five grandchildren, Joseph Daniels (Takiya), Dakota Holloway, James Daniels, Skylar Holloway, and Capria J. Daniels; and a host of other relatives, and friends.

Azizi was preceded in death by his parents, Lamont and Celestine Jones; brothers: Lamont Jones, Jr., Clifton Jones and Walter Jones.

Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-17

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Joseph Carlos Daniels
Mr. Joseph Christopher Daniels
Mr. James Daniels

Poem *Mrs. Kolette Daniels*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Minister Steven Battle*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Recessional



His Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away

his journey's just begun,

life holds so many facets

this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting

from the sorrows and the tears

in a place of warmth and comfort

where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing

that we could know today

how nothing but our sadness

can really pass away.

And think of him as living

in the hearts of those he touched...

for nothing loved is ever lost

and he was loved so much.



Psalm 91: 1-11

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide
under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God;
in him will I trust.*

*Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
and from the noisome pestilence.*

*He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust:
his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night;
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;*

*Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness;
nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

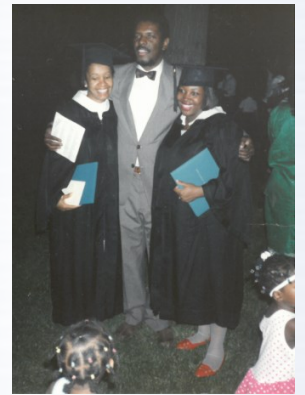
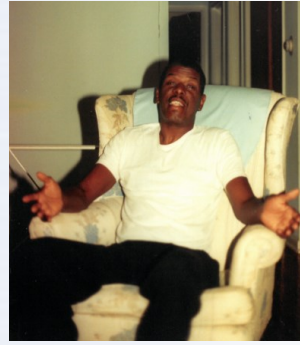
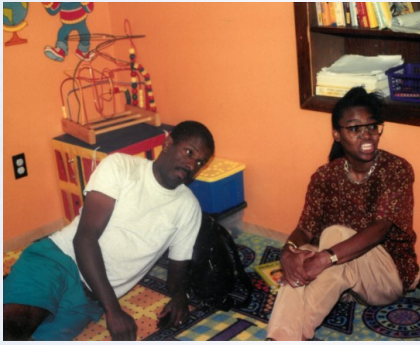
*A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand;
but it shall not come nigh thee.*

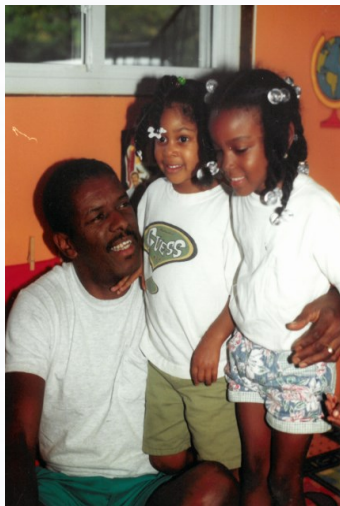
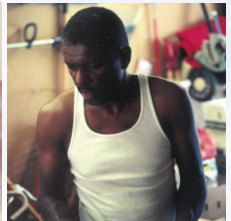
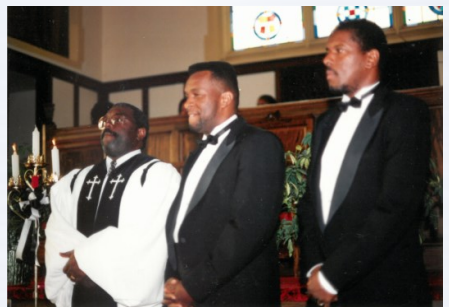
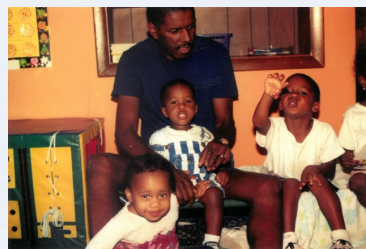
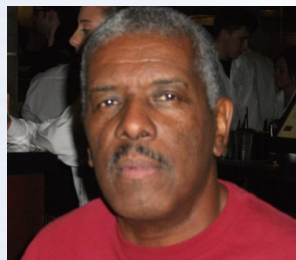
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

*Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge,
even the most High, thy habitation;*

*There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague
come nigh thy dwelling.*

*For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
to keep thee in all thy ways.*





Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We the family of Azizi Jahi sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!



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