

Celebrating the Life of

Lisha Evelyn Jones

Sunrise:
March 15, 1961



Sunset:
August 29 2023

Friday, September 15, 2023
Viewing: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Obituary

Lisha Evelyn Jones, affectionately known as “Lish” or “Aunt Shisha”, was born on March 15, 1961, to Robert Augustus Jones and Mary Evelyn Toye in La Plata, Maryland. Lisha went home to glory on August 29, 2023, at 9:11 p.m. at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland, after just five short months following a diagnosis uterine cancer. Lisha was an exceptionally joyous person whose life’s purpose evolved around bringing a bit of joy into each life she had the privilege of touching. Many, she did in fact touch, in that Lisha made it a purpose to speak to every person she encountered, and she routinely gifted each with her electrifying smile that would radiate beyond measure.

Lisha was the firstborn of six children and was known very early on for her leadership, strong character, and determination. Each of these gifts were in operation, and were routinely put to the test by her five siblings, as well as the additional “residence dwellers” known as cousin, uncle, aunt, or other guest whom her parents frequently permitted to stay within their already filled to the brim mobile home quarters. Lisha stood strong, her gifts expanded, and she took on her first in-residence role as a teacher/educator for her siblings. She modeled the position of a no-nonsense instructor who had no problem enforcing her position with a weighty ruler in tow. Or, at times, even requiring that “the guilty” go fetch their own switch for the fulfillment of the punishment.

Lisha’s development of ambition and determination motivated her, as a young child, to do something significant with her life. She therefore went forth and secured a job as a teenager and her gift of service and appreciation for work blossomed. Lisha graduated from Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, Maryland, in 1979 and was known for having a willingness to exceed expectations and routinely looked out for others. Understanding the value and importance of working for fulfillment and purpose rather than solely for money, she was able to focus on giving far more than receiving. Her gift of song and the joy of interacting with people facilitated Lisha’s lifelong purpose of encouraging others. She was known for unselfishly giving of herself to aid others even when she needed aid.

In 1985, Lisha joined From the Heart Church Ministries (FTHCM) and gave her life to Jesus the Christ. Nothing was more fulfilling for Lisha than ministering in song and praising the name of Jesus. She had a resounding message of hope... people need the Lord and the Lord Jesus Himself, is in this very room. For more than 38 years Lisha served the Lord with gladness. She was a longtime Praise and Worship Leader of the Woman of God Lifegivers Fellowship and served many years within the Music Ministry of From the Heart Church Ministries. She was loved and respected by her extended family within the body of Christ, her fellow co-workers and a host of friends and acquaintances. Lisha’s genuine love and care for people ministered greatly to a multitude. Her joy was exuded in her laughter to an extent that others would be invited to join in just from the sound of her laughing!

Lisha leaves to cherish her memory her parents, Robert Augustus and Mary Evelyn Jones, siblings: Robert Garry Jones, Tammy Machell Ramos (Sixto), Colleen Teresa Daniels, and Marcus Lionel Jones; a host of great-aunts, great-uncles, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews as well as a multitude of friends whom she loved and cherished.

Lisha was preceded in death by her brother, Bruce Alwin Jones.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “When We All Get To Heaven”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-14
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Ms. Krislyn Smithson, Niece

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Sixto Ramos, II, Nephew
Ms. Karen Wooten, Friend
Ms. Millicent (Millie) Lartney, Colleague
Mr. Marcus Jones, Family Representative
Reverend Diana P. Cherry, Founding Mother (FTHCM)

Poem

Obituary (Read Aloud) Mr. Ricky Washington, Cousin

Song of Preparation Reverend Jamila Woods
Maryland State Delegate

Message of Hope Reverend Porter Lawson, Jr.

Call to Christ

Recessional The From the Heart Choir

Interment:
Washington National Cemetery
4101 Suitland Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746





Congregational Hymn

When We All Get to Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.

Chorus

*When we all get to heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!*

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory, Will the toils of life repay.

Chorus

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

Chorus

Family Sentiments

In Our Hearts

*We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday, and days before that, too.*

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name.


Now all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part.

God has you in His keeping and we have you in our hearts.

Rose M. De Leon, Author

Your Family





Family Sentiments

I love you Lisha—our first teacher, our 'proxy' parent, and our protector. Thank you so much for always being our personal cheerleader, encourager, and vessel of correction. We will NEVER forget all your efforts to improve the lives of so many and we will do all we can to ensure your legacy continues.

Blessings always my sister.

Your siblings - Garry, Tammy, Coleen, and Marcus

Dear One

Love unending, tried to the end, Love unending, everlasting life begins

Love unending, my sister my friend,

Love unending, missing you now and always, to the end

Love unending, never requiring fame, Love unending, lifting Jesus' name

Love unending, the lost must be saved, Love unending, do escape the grave

Love unending, a bright and brilliant heart, so bold,

Love unending, giving far more than receiving, truth be told

Love unending, enjoying the Father, now face-to-face, Love unending, reminding all to finish your race

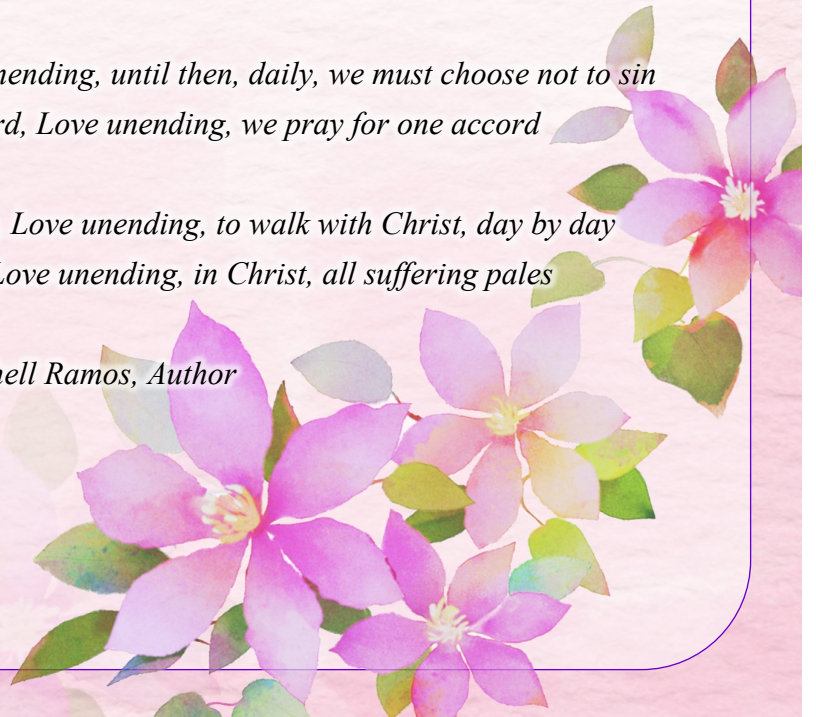
Love unending, we will see you again, Love unending, until then, daily, we must choose not to sin

Love unending, rest now with the Lord, Love unending, we pray for one accord

Love unending, many will choose, we pray, Love unending, to walk with Christ, day by day

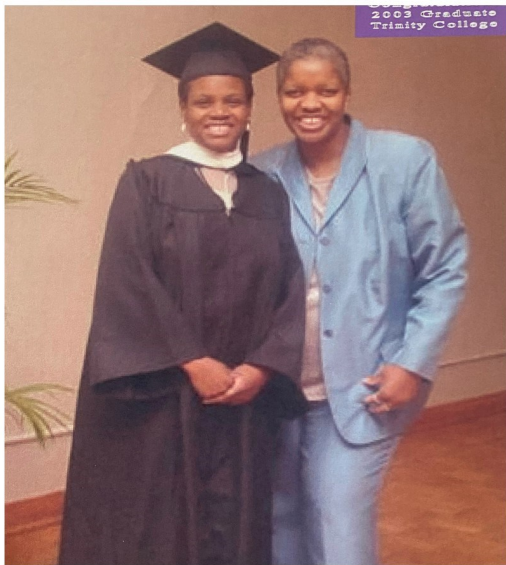
Love unending, true love never fails, Love unending, in Christ, all suffering pales

Tammy Machell Ramos, Author





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Trinity College







Acknowledgment

We, the family of Lisha Evelyn Jones acknowledge with sincere appreciation and humility every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. Your bountiful acts of compassion, expressions of love, sympathy, giving and numerous other means of support have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace and may his grace ever be upon your life.

We would like to give a special thanks to those who, during the final few months of Lisha's life, demonstrated a great care and love for her by the constant willingness to support her and show up for her even at times when she didn't know she needed to be helped. Thank you so much to: Dr. Gerri Davis, Sister Tammey Rice, Minister Vance and Sister Monica Paige, Sister Frances Thomas, Sister Karen Wooten, Sister Dara Johnson, Sister Dana Gaskins, Sister Carol Banks, Sister Rhonda Daniels, Sister Karen Wilbanks, Brother Earl Dessau, and Brother Glenn English. Your care, labor of love, hospital visits and phone calls were so very important to Lisha's comfort and reassurance during her time of need. May God bless you, keep you, and make his face to shine upon you as you have shown and demonstrated your love toward our sister, Lisha.

Our thanks go out as well to the faculty and staff of the MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, and Holy Cross Hospital. A special thank you to the oncology and ICU departments and staff. Naturally above all a very special thanks to the From the Heart Church Ministries family and leadership for your loving kindness and support extended not only to Lisha but to our entire family during this very challenging time of life. Thank you, Bishop John A. and Reverend Lawanda Cherry, II. Your oversight of a multitude yet insight into our precious cares, is invaluable. Thank you, Reverend Diana P. Cherry, your love and care for Lisha and for our family is precious and words alone do not seem to measure the gratitude we have. Thank you FTHCM Music Ministry for your support, dedication, and kindness shown and extended to Lisha and extended to our family. Lisha loved to sing, and she had a heart for all generations.

Thank you all for sharing and participating in the ministry of giving and receiving. Additional donations may be made in honor of Lisha Jones to: From the Heart Church Ministries Joseph H. Cherry Scholarship Fund. Visit - www.fthcm.org/give.

Pallbearers

Ashten Brown, Jaylyn Bullock, Lloyd Daniels, Paul Ramos, Sixto Ramos, II, and Ricky Washington

Flower Bearers

Leah Daniels, Jalil Edwards, Chemica Jones, Dovon Jones, Krislyn Smithson and Ashley Ulrich

Services Entrusted to:

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home

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