

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



JAMES WELDON JONES

SUNRISE

SEPTEMBER 17, 1945

SUNSET

APRIL 23, 2026

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

Viewing—10:00 a.m. | Service—11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®

5055 Allentown Road | Suitland, MD 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



OBITUARY

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

James Weldon Jones was born on September 17, 1945, in Lenoir County, North Carolina, to the late George Willie Jones and the late Kathleen Powell-Jones. He was the oldest of five children.

James graduated from Adkin High School in Kinston, North Carolina, in 1964. Several years later, he was drafted into the United States Army and honorably served for two years. Upon leaving the military, he was employed with the United States Postal Service where he retired with more than 40 years of service.

On July 15, 1971, James and Kathleen Ashford were united in holy matrimony, and to their union two precious sons, Jamil Keri and Jomari Keefe were born. The couple was married 21 years before she became ill and passed away on January 10, 1992. James, being the father he was, knew he had a tough road ahead in raising his children alone; however, thanks be to God he was very successful. Years after his sons reached adulthood, he sought love once again, and God answered his prayers. On May 22, 2005, James wed Gene Romane Jones, and the two shared a life of love for 20 years before the Lord called her to eternal rest on January 20, 2025, after a brief illness.

In 1977, James joined First Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., and served on the Deacon Board and the Usher Ministry for more than 25 years. He joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 2007 where he remained a dedicated member until his passing. James faithfully served in the Health and Recovery and Usher Ministries until his health prevented him from doing so, and he was also active in Men's Fellowship.

One fond memory of James is watching him dance to his favorite song, "My Girl." Every time he heard it, his feet would move back and forth, his fingers would flicker, and his arms were raised in the air. Then there were times when he loved to share stories of his Army days when he had to trudge through snow up to his thighs. Two of his favorite sayings were "THAT'S RIGHT!" and "Pray and Keep Going!" Moreover, he had a passion for cars and speed. Many people fondly remember him riding around in his always shiny black 1970 Dodge Charger, which he affectionately called Blackraven, while wearing his black, leather, fingerless, mesh driving gloves. Simply put, he loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

James will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish and continue his legacy of love and life, his sons, Jamil Jones (Crystal) of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and Jomari Jones (Stephanie) of Manassas, Virginia; five grandchildren: A'Zari, Hailey, Logan, Jaden and Alaiya Jones; brother, Melvin Jones of Alexandria, Virginia; father-in-law, Raymond Jones, Sr.; sisters-in-law: Lonnie Cox, Veronica Jones, Marion Curry (John), Lottie Tyler (Paul), and Crystal Tilghman; brothers-in-law, Clarence Ashford (Peggy), Winfred Ashford, John Washington, Joshua Jones (Phyllis) and Raymond Jones, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

James was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Harrington, and brothers, Ira Lee, and Willie Alfred Jones.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "Love Lifted Me"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 16:8-11
New Testament: II Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... Mr. Paul Thompson

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Stevie Cox, Nephew
Mr. Bruce Bynum, Cousin
Mrs. Marion Curry, Sister-in-law
Mr. Jamil Jones and Mr. Jomari Jones, Sons

Obituary (*Read Aloud*) Mrs. Brittany Langley

Song of Preparation Mr. Russell Harrington

Message of Hope Minister Vance Page

Call to Christ

Recessional

Interment:
Fort Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg Road | Brentwood, MD 20722

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

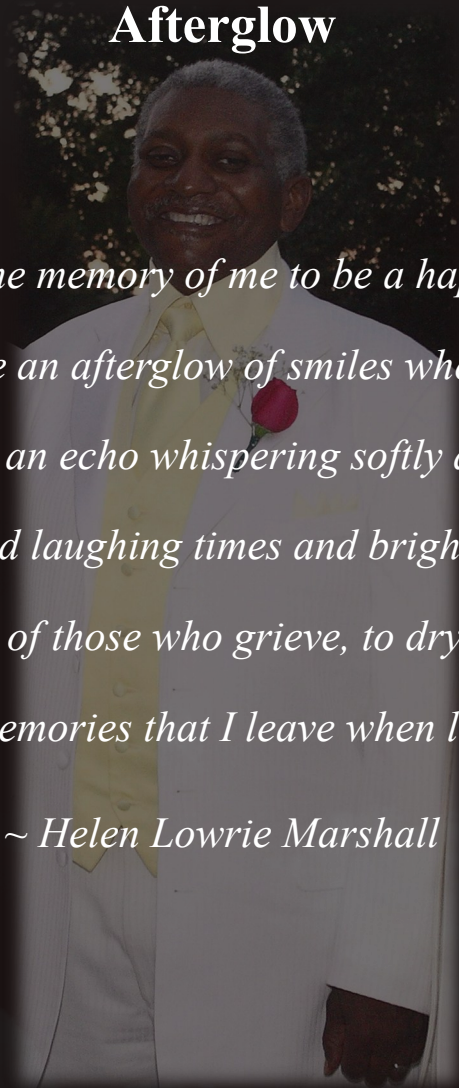
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

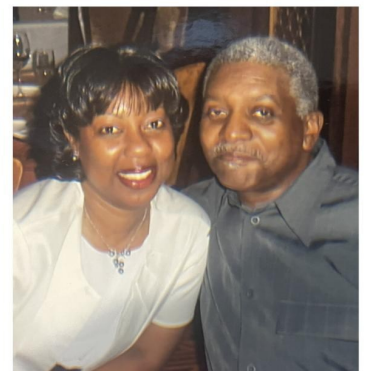
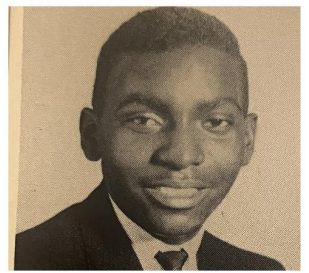
*I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.*

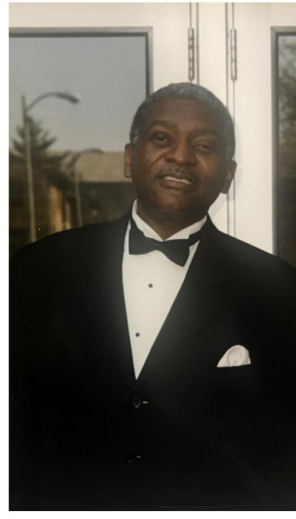
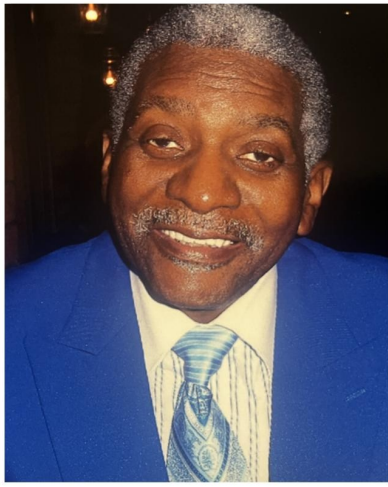
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

~ Helen Lowrie Marshall









CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

LOVE LIFTED ME

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Chorus

Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs,
Faithful, loving service too, to Him belongs.

Chorus

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves,
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Chorus

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The entire Jones family sincerely thanks 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.

Additionally, the Jones family would like to express their sincerest gratitude to Hebron Care Center (Upper Marlboro, MD) for the loving care provided to James. The team treated him with such dignity and kindness at a difficult time in his life, which gave our family immense peace of mind. We are so grateful for the warmth and professionalism you showed every day. It was a blessing to witness all of the ways you all made him smile.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you all in perfect peace!

PALLBEARERS

*Raphael Bynum, John Curl, Emmanuel Harrington,
Jordan Harrington, A'Zari Jones, and Montel Jones*

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

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