



Family Dedication

TO MY LIL MOMA,
MOMA AND GRANNY,

We will miss you so much, your great smile and laughter; and you being so proud of us. You were always willing to help and to help us with whatever we needed. When you agreed to come to live with us, it was the best decision for all of us. You helped your grandchildren to understand life and expressed interest and excitement in their sports, grades and school and would always give them a little more hope when they excelled with "Granny has this for you". The enjoyment of days when we would watch our favorite shows, take family vacations and reminisce about the past will always be with me. Yardy, myself and Tre' and Aria love you so much and will miss you deeply. I know that you and your Son-In-law had a very special bond which was very beautiful. I know that you know that I tried to be the best daughter that I could and I hope that you know that I knew that you tried to be the best Mother you could be. The Lord carried you home and I knew that you were ready but I wasn't ready, so please forgive me for not being ready as I know the Lord will take care of you and you will be our Guardian Angel and always in our memories.

Love Raquel, Yardy, Aria and Tre' Yardy

God is so extremely awesome. He creates things specially for particular situation and people. We are glad that we were blessed to have you enter our life. From day one you became a guardian to us. You were always full of love, compassion and patience. God made you a beautiful woman with a beautiful spirit. You made such a great impression on our lives, you made us better. Your smiling face and look of approval encouraged me to study more because I wanted you to be proud of me. Many times first lady and I would talk and I would let her know you gave me the signal. We want you to always know we loved you so much. We have gathered boldness in our walk just by hearing your famous phrase, "I know that's right" followed by your beautiful laugh whenever we would talk to you. We truly love you beyond measure.

Pastor Anthony and First Lady Lisa

TO AUNT IRENE

Life is full of pain and sorrow, You're here today, Gone tomorrow. Aunt Irene Only if we knew you were going to receive your wings we would all been prepared to say goodbye. Our heart aches to see you leave us. You'll never know how much we love you so. We wish for you to come back to us. For there's no place you'd rather be. It's hard to accept that you've gone too soon. Our life without you is so empty. You'll forever be in our heart. Our memories will never be torn apart.

From Your Nieces and Nephew:
Yushina/Aaron, Sierra, Zhane/Randy, Peyton, Zane

Pall Bearers

Judge C. Jackson, III Ruben C. Johnson
Joseph Jefferson Ronnie Smith
Patrick Jones Marcus Dwayne Gabriel
Danyeal Jones Edwin Jefferson
Joseph Jefferson

Honorary Pall Bearers

Herman Whitney, III (Tre) Randy Newman
Herman Whitney, Jr. Charles Jefferson
Charles Lee Farris, Jr. Christren Jerrel Buzek
Ezell Eugene Minton Le'Treveen Farris

Family Song (River) - Artist Leon Bridges

The Jones/Whitney family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful, heartfelt expressions of love, kindness and patience to all who showed their support in our time of bereavement and ask that you continue to pray for our family.

Burial

Powell Point Cemetery
Kendleton, Texas

Final Arrangements Entrusted to
Gipson Pendergrass-People's Mortuary, LLC
109 Northwest First Street
Smithville, Texas 78957



A Homecoming Celebration FOR Mrs. Irene Jones



Sunrise
September 24, 1949

Sunset
April 1, 2017

PLEASE JOIN OUR FAMILY IN
CELEBRATING A FAITHFUL SERVANT, MOTHER,
GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, AUNT AND FRIEND

FUNERAL SERVICES

Saturday, April 8, 2017 At 1:00 pm
Little Zion Baptist Church
13230 Battle Road, Kendleton, Texas

The Life of Irene Jones

On September 24, 1949, a beautiful baby girl named Irene Jones was born to Mildred Thomas (Jones) and A.V. Jones in Moody, Texas. As a child, Irene later moved to Kendleton, Texas with her mother, stepfather Cleveland Neal, and siblings. She gave her life to Christ early in life while attending Little Zion Baptist. Irene graduated from Powell Point High School in 1969 and later received her health care training through Austin Community College and Houston Community College.

Sister Irene Jones worked for the Richmond State School and WKM plant for more than a decade, and later moved to Smithville, Texas where she worked as a Juvenile Detention Officer for the Giddings States School and a Health Care Medical Assistant with the Bastrop Nursing Center. Sister Jones received various awards in health care service. She was also a member of the Easter Star.

She would later move to Houston, Texas and continued in healthcare with the West Oaks Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. She joined Faith Manger Ministries under Pastor Brown, and Golden Gate Ministries under the pastoring of Pastor Anthony.

Sister Jones loved her family and always enjoyed family gatherings, cooking and vacations with her family and friends. She also loved to plan social gatherings and parties and enjoyed inviting everyone to celebrate. She was always willing to help anyone and never asked why do you need help. She was always filled with joy and laughter and treated everyone as though they were family. She was very fond of animal prints, crossword puzzles, game shows, evening soap operas and talking to her sister DD on the phone about the latest movies and television shows.

She loved her daughter, Son-in-Law, grandchildren and little dog, "Teddy", and would later move to Austin, Texas to be closer to her daughter and her family where she resided until the Lord carried her home on April 1, 2017. Sister Jones was especially close to her youngest sister, (DD), and they were inseparable.

Sister Jones is preceded in death by her Mother, Mildred Neal, Father, AV Jones, Stepfather, Cleveland Neal, Maternal and Paternal Grandparents, Sisters Christelle Parker, and Jeanette Jones.

Sister Irene Jones leaves to cherish her memories and celebrate life: her daughter Raquel and husband, Herman Whitney, Jr; two grandchildren, Aria Whitney and Herman (Tre') Whitney, III. Sisters Lillie Parker (DD), of Katy, Texas, and Lorrain Tatum, Brenda Jones, Dorene Scott (Perry), all of Fort Worth, Texas. Brothers, Jimmy Jones of Smithville, Texas, Norman Jones of Bastrop, Texas, Ruffus Jones and wife Troy of Fort Worth, Texas, Willie Ewing, Austin, Texas, Patrick Jones (Denise) of Alvarado, Texas, Willie Ewing of Austin, Texas; Aunts Ms. Lillie Harris (Austin, Texas), Ms. Peggy Jones (Smithville, Texas), and Tomel Thomas (Smithville, Texas); and a multitude of nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Footprints in the Sand

Last night I had a dream. I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonged to me, the other to the Lord. After the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you the most, you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My daughter, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of suffering, when you could see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

A Homecoming Service for Sister Irene Jones

Pastor Richard Booker, *Officiating Pastor*

- Processional Clergy, Bearers, & Family
- Prelude..... Soft Music
- Scripture and Prayer
 - Old Testament*Asst. Pastor Kenneth Gipson
 - New Testament*.....Pastor Ruffus Jones (*Brother*)
- Obituary *Read Silently*
- Song of Dedication and comfort (Jesus).....Ms. Paula Boyd
- Dedication Poem Lillie Parker (*Sister*)
- Family Song Dedication (River)..... Herman (Tre') Whitney, III (*Grandson*)
- Brief Expressions – 2 Minutes Please
- Family..... 3 Representatives
- Friends..... 3 Representatives
- Family Song Dedication (Take Me To the King) Ms. Evelyn Tillman
- Somebody Bigger.....*Soft Music*
- EulogyAnthony Washington
- Closing Prayer/Benediction
- Postlude.....*Soft Music*