



*Homegoing
Celebration
For
Crettie Lou Burns Jones*

Sunrise: November 16, 1931 ~ Sunset: March 26, 2021

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021
11:00 AM**

Cherry Grove Cemetery
660 Vinson Boulevard
Whiteville, North Carolina

**Reverend Robert Shaw, Officiate
Reverend Dannie Livingston, Eulogist**



Order of Service

Invocation.....Reverend Robert Shaw

Opening Selection.....*"God is a Good God"*The Jones Family

Scriptures:

Old Testament..... *Psalms 23*.....Pastor Barbara Powell

New Testament.....*2 Timothy 4:7-8*.....Prophetess Margaret Frink Britt

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Nathaniel Scott

Acknowledgments

Reflections (Two minutes)

Deacon Timothy Collier.....Diamond Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina

Elder Nathaniel Scott.....Special Son/Pastor of Pentecostal Rescue Mission COGIC
New London, Connecticut

Tribute to a Matriarch.....Joseph J. Elps

Musical Selection.....The Jones Family

Eulogy.....Reverend Dannie Livingston, Pastor
*Stone Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Lumberton, North Carolina*

Selection.....*"Going on the Other Side"*The Jones Family

Service of Committal and Interment
Reverend Robert Shaw

~ Obituary ~
The Life and Legacy
of
Crettie Lou Burns Jones
"A Life Well Lived"

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ~ II Timothy 4:7

Crettie Lou Burns Jones humbly submitted to the call of our Lord and Savior on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Angel House, Whiteville, North Carolina, at 4:00 AM. God saw the load was getting heavy and Crettie received her wings to leave this earthly tabernacle to be with the Lord. She was born November 16, 1931 to Willie Burns and Ethel Shaw Burns in Whiteville, North Carolina.

Crettie received her education from Columbus County School District in Whiteville, North Carolina. At an early age, Crettie received Christ and joined the Diamond Branch Missionary Baptist Church Whiteville, North Carolina. She was a dedicated and faithful disciple who served in various capacities over the years. Crettie served on the Pastor Aid Committee, Missionary Board, Usher Board, and loved singing on the choir. She enjoyed making people's days brighter when visiting rest homes, and visiting the sick and shut-in. Crettie served as a deaconess for many years, while sharing the good news about Jesus Christ and all that He'd done for her. She always would say, "If he done it for me, he will do the same for you." Crettie would always say, "In order to have a relationship with God, you must first receive Christ into your life." She stood on a strong foundation of faith and never lost her praise. Crettie praised God until the very end. She always had a kind word to give to everyone, and she treated people with kindness and compassion. She always had a forgiving heart. Crettie was a woman of faith and always held to God's unchanging hand. She always had a favorite saying when she talked to people. She would always say, "I love you."

She leaves to cherish the loves of her heart, Calvin Jones, Jr. (Minnie), Robert Jones (Trumilla), Willie Jones (Jennifer) and Johnny Jones (Debra) of Whiteville, North Carolina, Curtis Jones (Velda) of New London, Connecticut, Essie Walker and Peggy Horne of Matthews, North Carolina, Linda Williams of Charlotte, North Carolina, Sylvia Jones of Columbia, South Carolina, Grace George of Whiteville, North Carolina, Sandra George (Titus) of Chadbourn, North Carolina, and Jennifer Livingston (Dannie) of Fairmont, North Carolina; special daughter, Tonya Jones of the home; sister, Mary Jamison (Jamie) of Greenville, South Carolina; brothers, Claude Burns of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Willie Burns (Juanita) of Whiteville, North Carolina, and Joseph (Gisela) of Mint Hill, North Carolina. She leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins; special friends, Alease Randall and Ollie Hawkins; church sons, Timothy Collier, Brian Lennon, Elder Nathaniel Scott and wife.

Preceded Crettie in death were her husband, Calvin Jones; parents, Willie and Ethel Burns; stepfather, Jodie Elps; siblings, Rosanna Gore, Annie Lee Young, Eloise Robinson and Herman Burns.

~ Mama We Remember ~

MAMA WE REMEMBER YOU SAYING HOW MUCH YOU LOVED US.

MAMA WE REMEMBER YOUR SMILES, YOUR GENTLE TOUCH AND YOUR CARING HEART.

MAMA WE REMEMBER YOU TEACHING US THE WORD OF GOD AND LETTING US KNOW
HOW MUCH GOD TRULY LOVES US.

MAMA WE REMEMBER YOUR LETTING US KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP A
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND PUTTING OUR TRUST IN HIM.

MAMA WE REMEMBER HOW YOU ALWAYS TOLD US TO LOVE OTHERS AND ALWAYS BE
WILLING TO FORGIVE.

MAMA WE REMEMBER HOW YOU BELIEVED IN US EVEN WHEN WE DIDN'T.
YOU TOLD US TO KEEP THE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOD AND HE WILL SEE US THROUGH.
WE REMEMBER HOW YOU TOOK CARE OF US EVEN WHEN WE WAS CHILDREN AND MADE
SURE WE NEVER WENT LACKING FOR ANYTHING.

MAMA WE REMEMBER HOW YOU SHOWED SO MUCH COMPASSION FOR OTHERS.

MAMA WE REMEMBER YOUR PAIN AND SUFFERING.

MAMA WE REMEMBER HOW YOU KEPT PRAISING GOD EVEN IN YOUR SICKNESS.

MAMA WE REMEMBER HOW YOU TOLD US TO LOVE EACH OTHER AND TAKE CARE OF
OUR SPOUSES, CHILDREN AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN.

MAMA WE WILL REMEMBER, WE WILL NEVER FORGET IN TEARS WE SAW YOU SINKING.
WE WATCHED YOU FADE AWAY.

MAMA OUR HEARTS WERE ALMOST BROKEN, YOU FOUGHT SO HARD TO STAY.

BUT WHEN WE SAW YOU SLEEP, SO PEACEFUL, FREE FROM PAIN,
WE COULD NEVER ASK YOU TO COME BACK TO SUFFER ONCE AGAIN!

MAMA WE REMEMBER.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED,
YOUR CHILDREN

~ Tribute ~

THERE WAS MAGIC IN YOUR TOUCH AND SUNSHINE IN YOUR SMILE.
THERE WAS LOVE IN EVERYTHING YOU DID TO MAKE MY LIFE WORTHWHILE.
I FOUND BOTH HOPE AND COURAGE JUST BY LOOKING IN YOUR EYES.
YOUR LAUGHTER WAS A SOURCE OF JOY, YOUR WORDS WARM AND WISE.
THERE WAS KINDNESS AND COMPASSION FOUND IN YOUR EMBRACE.
SHINNING DOWN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE, THE GLOW OF YOUR FACE
I WILL MISS YOU DEARLY BUT I KNOW IT WOULD BE SELFISH OF ME
TO WANT YOU TO STAY HERE SUFFERING.
I WILL CHERISH THE FORTY-SIX YEARS OF MEMORIES THAT WE MADE TOGETHER.
I PROMISE TO BE GOOD AS YOU DIRECTED ME TO BE.
NO MATTER IF I WAS RIGHT OR WRONG, YOU ALWAYS STOOD BY ME.
JUST KNOW THAT I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU WITH THE PORTION OF MY HEART
THAT YOU DID NOT TAKE WITH YOU.

LOVE,
LATONYA JONES

~ Our Grandma ~

WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT WAS TO GO TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE, GRANDMA CRETTIE.
A WOMAN LIKE NO OTHER-SHE WAS KIND AND GENTLE-A BUNDLE OF JOY, BUT ALSO A
BALL OF FIRE.

WE WILL SURELY MISS THE DAYS, WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO GO TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE
TO FIND HER EITHER SITTING IN HER RECLINER OR OUT ON THE PORCH.

AT ONE TIME YOU COULD ALSO FIND HER TENDING TO HER FLOWERS THAT ALWAYS
APPEARED TO BE IN FULL BLOOM.

SOMETIMES SHE WOULD EVEN BE LISTENING TO SOULFUL, HEART-WARMING GOSPEL
MUSIC ON HER RADIO.

WHEN YOU SAW HER SHE WOULD GREET YOU WITH A WARM HUG AND SOMETIMES
MIGHT EVEN SLIP SOMETHING IN YOUR HAND OR IN YOUR POCKET.

WELL WE BELIEVE THE THING WE MAY MISS THE MOST ABOUT GRANDMA, IS HER LOVE
FOR THE LORD.

SHE WILL REMIND YOU TO KEEP YOUR HANDS IN THE LORD'S HAND AND SAY "I'M
TELLING YOU SOMETHING I KNOW FOR MYSELF, BECAUSE I'VE TRIED HIM."
THE WORDS FROM HER WOULD BE ENOUGH TO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOU ONLY TRUST
IN THE LORD, YOU COULD HOLD ON A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

IF GRANDMA TAUGHT US NOTHING ELSE, SHE TAUGHT US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, DO
WHAT'S RIGHT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO LOVE AND TRUST IN THE LORD.

WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT WAS TO BE BLESSED WITH A GRANDMOTHER AS SPECIAL AS
GRANDMA CRETTIE.

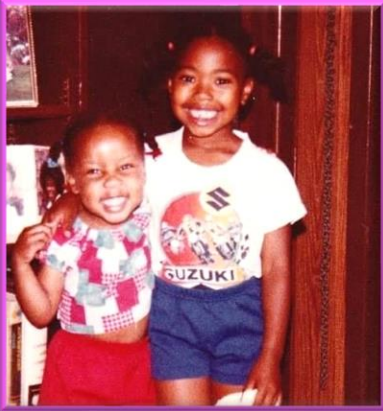
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GRANDCHILDREN

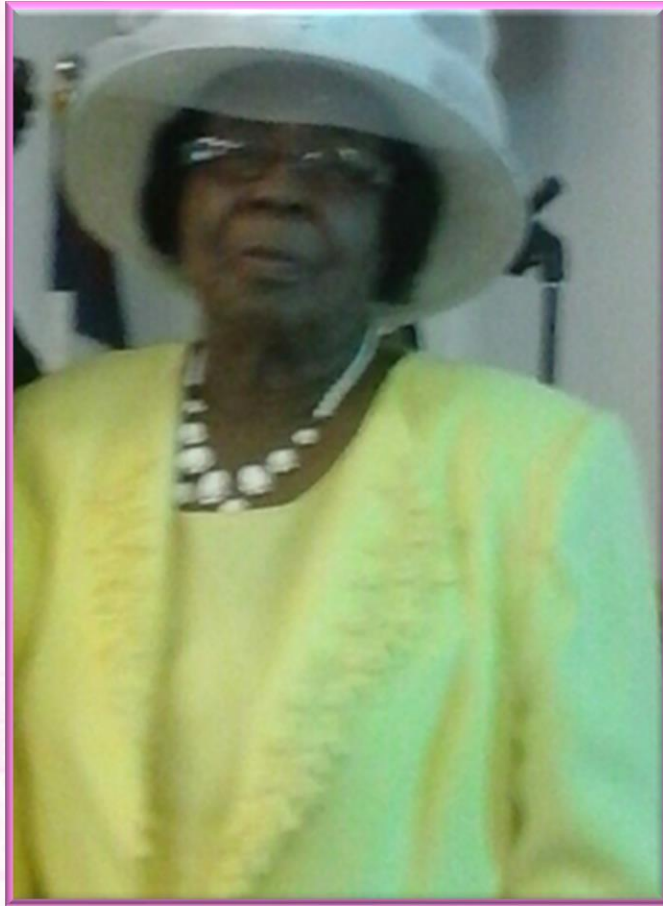
*Moments We Will Always Remember and
Cherish Forever*











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We shall remain forever grateful.

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