

In Loving Memory Of

Sunrise
October 1, 1958

Sunset
May 4, 2011

A portrait of Deborah Joyce Jones, a woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a white lace top and a pearl necklace. The background is a soft, ethereal blue and white with a sunburst effect behind her head.

Deborah Joyce Jones

Service

Saturday, May 14, 2011
10:00 a.m.

ZION TEMPLE

31 E. 18th Street
Linden, New Jersey

Rev. Robert James, Officiating

Obituary

Deborah Joyce Jones was born in Elizabeth, NJ on October 1, 1958 and traded this life on Earth for eternity in Paradise on May 4, 2011 at home with family.

Deborah got most of her schooling in the Elizabeth/Roselle area and graduated from Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, NJ in 1976. She married in December 1978 to Samuel E. Jones and they had one son, Eric L. Jones who was born in September of the following year. Deborah worked for many years in the St. Barnabas Healthcare System as a Dietary Clerk, performing stints at both Clara Maass Medical Center and St. Barnabas Medical Center.

“Debbie” or “Deb” as she was known to most people, was one of the most caring, helpful, warm-hearted, loving, generous, selfless, and joy filled people you’d ever come across in life. Whenever someone needed anything that she could provide or even get someone else to provide, she did all she could to help that person. She would provide food for the hungry, clothing for the unclothed, shelter for the homeless, advice for the troubled and laughter for the sad. She did not pass judgment on people who were going through a rough patch in their lives and was willing to help whenever tragedy arose and spent countless hour offering comfort to those who needed it. She was everyone’s favorite “Auntie”, a dedicated and beloved mother to her son and his friends, a godmother to a lot of family members and their children which she helped raised, a best friend to numerous colleagues, and someone who had a very large heart that she shared with everyone who crossed paths with her in life. She enjoyed cooking, keeping a clean house, babysitting and spoiling numerous family and friends’ children, doing hair whether it was a niece, cousin, sister-in-law and others and bragging about her “baby”. She liked going to Foxwoods Casino, many countless daytime shopping trips and dining out at Olive Garden and Charlie Brown’s Steakhouse with her godmother. She also enjoyed watching her favorite television shows, “All My Children”, “Law and Order”, “CSI”, “Wheel of Fortune”, NBA basketball and countless others. She enjoyed playing Spades, 500, Monopoly and many other games with her family and friends. Overall, she was a great person to many people and leaves many cherished memories with everyone she came across. She is greatly loved and will be truly missed by everyone who was blessed with the chance to get to know her.

On October 17, 2010, she rededicated her life and committed and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior when she joined the Holy City Christian Church of God and Christ in Bloomfield, NJ. There she was a dedicated member and pastor’s aide. She helped contribute to the church’s foundation with her duties and loyal spirit. She was a true joy in God’s spirit to behold and with that joy she blessed everyone she encountered in church services whenever she was able to attend. Everyone in the congregation got a chance to witness her warm heart and beautiful smile and was loved by everyone there. No matter who she came across in life, whether it was doctors, nurses, lawyers and all others, she inspired them with the joy she had in God and did not let her illness hinder her joy. Her love, generosity, and devotion to her church will always be a beacon of bright shining light that will forever be sustained and never forgotten. She was truly received and glorified by the Holy Spirit and its anointing.

Debbie was preceded in death by her mother, Gloria Copeland-Benton, three sisters, Vivian Jones, Patricia Jones, Gail Benton and one brother, Tally Benton, Jr.

She leaves the following to cherish her memories: her son, Eric L. Jones; husband, Samuel E. Jones; seven sisters, Mary Alice Delk and Katherine Benton of Easton, PA, Joan Sweeney-Rogers, Alice Jones of Newark, NJ, Jennifer Jones of Matawan, NJ, Evelyn Jones of Carteret, NJ and Daretta Benton of Linden, NJ; five brothers, Leavie Donnell Jones Jr. and wife, Gloria Jones of Carteret, NJ, Tally Benton and wife, LaTanya Benton, Curtis Benton, Jeffrey Benton and Timothy Benton all of Elizabeth, NJ; and a host of stepchildren, step grandchildren, uncles, aunts, great uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, both loved and acknowledged but too numerous to mention. She also leaves to mourn many former coworkers and close acquaintances including godmother, Delois Fleming, sister-in-law, Mother Judy Faye James; great aunt, Hattie Baldwin and close friends, Denise Boyce, Barbara Stokes and Alma Perez.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn “This Is The Day”

Prayer Reverend Robert James

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 122 Kent Stokes

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Franklyn Williams, Jr.

Selection Reverend Robert James

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Remarks

Family Tribute Eric L. Jones

Selection Willie Brown, Jr.

Eulogy Reverend Robert James

Recessional



Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey



*Following the interment friends are invited to join
the family for a repast back at the church.*

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me & I'm Not There To See



If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.



But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for and so much yet to do, it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for awhile, I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be, for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When

God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne.



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