

*In Loving Memory of*

*Celia Jones*



*Sunrise*  
April 26, 1915

*Sunset*  
November 23, 2012

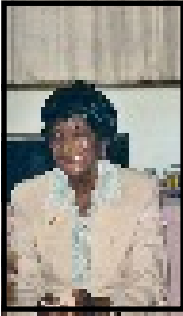
Service

Thursday, November 29, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

**ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST R.C. CHURCH**

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## Obituary



**Mrs. Celia Jones** (known as “Big Ma”) was born in Mt. Carmel, South Carolina; on April 26, 1915 to late James and Annie Debose. She was one of five siblings, all of whom preceded her in death. Celia loved her three brothers and two sisters; and was a dedicated caretaker to all of them. Celia accepted Christ at an early age and joined Rockford A.M.E. Church in Mount Carmel for many years.

She was joined in holy matrimony to Isaac Jones, and from that union came their loving nine children. Over sixty years ago, Celia moved to New York City with her six youngest children. She raised them as a single parent, working hard and providing them with the best catholic school education. Celia converted to the catholic faith when she moved to New York City. She became a devoted member of Saint Thomas Apostle Church for over fifty years. There she served as a cook, missionary, priest aide, and a helping hands member. Every week she would generously volunteer her time to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. She was a committed member of the Rosary Society among other committees. After the closing of St. Thomas she continued to serve the Lord at St. Mark the Evangelist R.C. Church; where she worked in the food pantry. For over thirty years, Celia worked as a cook for the New York City Board of Education. She after, retired and dedicated her skills to cooking for her friends and family. Everyone loved her cooking, especially her famous sweet potato pies.

Celia was a “Phenomenal Woman” to those close and far. As the matriarch, she was the rock of the family and a inspiration to all. It was truly remarkable how for five generations of children she remembered to send a card for every birthday and attended every holiday. Proudly sat front row for every graduation, dance recital or special occasion. Her ninety-seven years of wisdom were a true testament of her faithfulness and devotion in life; touching many lives throughout her lifetime. Celia lived independently in Harlem being a blessing to her neighbors and community, until she became ill on October 20, 2012. Celia loved the Lord and he was the center of her blessings and joy. She thanked him daily for her life and family; quoting that her name is located several times in Kings chapter 23. The name Celia of Latin origin meaning heaven.

On November 23, 2012, God said “Celia, job well done”, and called one of his angels home. She leaves to continue her legacy: her children, Eugene Jones (Anna) and Wilbert Jones (Yvette) who preceded there mothers death; Isaac Jones (Lola) of Buffalo, NY; Charles Jones (Rose) of Long Island, NY; Helen Jones of New York City, Alice Pridgen McCoy (Joseph) of Queens, NY, Richard Jones (Deborah) of Brooklyn, NY, Moses Jones (Sylvia) of Bronx, NY; Sharon Jones Bennett (Rodney) of Teaneck, NJ; four sister-in-laws; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and plenty of cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Placing of the Pall

Opening Song.....Organ & Piano

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the word

First Reading.....Wisdom 3:1-6

Psalm 91

Second Reading

Gospel.....John 14:27-28

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of The Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Eulogy

Tribute and Thank you

Final Commendation

Recessional

**Interment**

St. Raymond's Cemetery  
Bronx, New York

# Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures He gives me repose;  
Beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul.  
He guides me in right paths  
for His name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;  
for You are at my side, With Your rod and Your staff that give me  
courage. You spread a table before me In the sight of my foes; You  
anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and  
kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever.



## *Acknowledgement*

*We may not be able to greet you all personally, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank all, and say how much we appreciate your sympathy, generosity, and prayers during our time of bereavement. Your support has been a source of great comfort.*

May god continue to bless each of you.

THE FAMILY

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