



In Loving Memory of

Benzena Williams Jones

Sunrise

February 17, 1940
Darlington, SC

Sunset

August 20, 2013
Bronx, NY

Service

Saturday, August 24, 2013 - 11:45 a.m.
Viewing 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Greater File Chapel Baptist Church

505-7 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10031

Pastor Geraldine Harris, Officiating

*To Those I Love
And
Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears;
Be thankful for our beautiful years.

I gave you my love, you can only guess
how much you gave in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I travel alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home."
Absent from the body, present with the Lord.

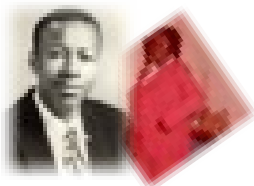
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Reflections of Life



Benzena Williams Jones was born February 17, 1940 in Darlington, SC to the late Benny and Allean Williams. She was preceded in death by her two

siblings, Katie Williams (Katie Mae) and Allan Williams (Lucky).



At the age of twelve years old, Benzena gave her life to the Lord at Round-O Baptist Church in Society Hill, SC. Benzena attended Mayo High School, where she was active in music, band, and home economics. She received several awards for her participation in school activities.



In 1958, Benzena moved to New York to pursue a nursing career, instead she went into the field of nutrition. Benzena

graduated from the New York Institute of Dietetics and attended Herbert H. Lehman College. Shortly after, she met and married Kermit A. Jones in 1960 and three children were conceived of this union: Vanessa Adele (preceded her in death), Delise Mishele, and Anissa.



Looking for a new start, the Jones family moved to Houston, Texas. After the untimely death of their fourteen year old daughter Vanessa Adele, they moved back to New York in 1977. They immediately joined Greater File Chapel Baptist Church, where Benzena has been an active member for thirty-six years. Benzena known to her church family as Deacon Jones or Deacon Bennie was a member of the Gospel Chorus, Nurses Ministry, Loraine Simmons Memorial Choir, and

she was the second female to be ordained deacon at Greater File Chapel Baptist Church.

In 1980, two great things occurred..... At the age of 40, Benzena and Kermit had another child, Anissa Jones and Benzena began working at Albert Einstein Hospital College of Medicine. There she was known as “Momma Jones.” Benzena was highly regarded for her work ethics, drive and her loving and nurturing spirit. Benzena retired as Cafeteria Manager in 2003 but continued to work part-time, until April 2013.

Benzena hated to be idle; she balanced her time between volunteering at Montefiore Children’s Hospital, taking care of her grandchildren, attending bible class and participating with the Grandmother’s Association Program (GAP). She loved helping others especially the elderly. God Blessed Benzena’s hands to do many things during her lifetime and she found great pride in doing all things to His glory. Whenever and whatever she did she always put God first and used that as an opportunity to witness to someone about God’s goodness.

Benzena leaves to cherish fond memories: her dear daughters, Delise and Anissa; her grandchildren, Kayla (Princess), Kyle (Preacher-man), Kai (Lala) and Anaja (Noona); her adopted sister, Rosalyn Peterson; her nieces, Faith Williams, Karen Williams, Yvette Williams, Nicolette Jackson and Patrice Jackson; Nephews Herbert Aikens, Ivan Peterson, Jason Ebanks, Benjamin Carter and her adopted nephew, Thomas (Skeeter) Henderson; her cousins Thelma Williams, John-Morris Williams, Gina Williams and Blair Wright; close friends Anita Mariano, Gloria Jenkins, Shirley Jones, Minister Francine Moore, Marian Sanders, and a host of family and friends from North and South.



Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Prof. Vaughn Branch
Processional	Clergy and Family
Hymn	“I Surrender All”
Scripture Reading	Min. Tina Young Sis. Lousia Whitten
Poem	Min. Marie Mike
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Thomas Cooper
Resolution	Greater File Chapel Greater File Chapel Nurses Ministry UMBA President Almerita Pelotte-Byrd
Selection	“Never Would Have Made It” LSM of Greater File Chapel
Acknowledgement of Cards	Dec. Thomasene Conelly
Reflection	Min. Francine Moore Sis. Marion Saunders Sis. Curtis Philips Ms. Gloria McMillan
Praise Team	The Lord’s Church Family Worship Center
Obituary	Kayla Nelson
Reflection	Rosalyn Peterson Yvette Williams Faith Williams Delise M. Jones (daughter)
Solo	“Don’t Cry For Me” Ayana George
Eulogy	Pastor Sabrina McDaniel
Invitations to Christ	Bishop Eric McDaniel
Final Viewing	
Benediction	Pastor Geraldine Harris
Recessional	
<i>Monday, August 26, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Departing from Funeral Home</i>	
Committal	Greater File Chapel Baptist Church
Interment	Mt. Hope Cemetery Hastings-on-Hudson, NY



If Tears Could Build A Stairway

If Tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane
We would walk right up to Heaven
And bring you back again

No farewell words were spoken
No time to say good bye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God Knows why

Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you
No one can ever know

But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store

Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Benzena Williams Jones** extend our gratitude and love for the many acts of kindness, support and prayers during this time. Your presence here today is an encouragement to our hearts. Thank you and may the blessing of the Lord be upon you all.*

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