



Celebration of Life Service For



LeRoy Joseph Jones, Sr.

Sunrise
April 6, 1935

Sunset
July 17, 2015



Friday, July 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW VISION FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

100 Warrington Place
East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Bishop André L. Jackson, Officiating

Obituary

Born in the city of Orange Township on April 6, 1935 to the late Joseph Henry Jones, Jr. and Dorothy Bond, **LeRoy Joseph Jones, Sr.** began his journey through life.

In September of 1956, LeRoy met and married the apple of his eye Rosan Gordon. Together they nurtured and raised their children.

LeRoy attended the Orange Public Schools joining the graduating class of 1953 and then joined the U.S. Navy to proudly serve his country until his honorable discharge in 1966.

In 1971, LeRoy earned an Associates Degree in Urban Studies from Essex County College and in 1972, attended the Community Action Training Institute at Rutgers University. He later continued his academic studies at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies.

LeRoy's educational background and service to his country easily prepared him for the many career choices he would make in his various efforts to serve others. In his commitment to public service, he generously served on numerous boards and was a member of local and state organizations committed to confronting the challenges of poverty, discrimination and serving youth in disadvantaged communities. Some of these organizations included:

*Trustee for the Youth Institutional Complex
of Bordentown, Yardville*

*and Annandale; Trustee of the East Orange Neighborhood
Development Corporation; member of the BAN-WYS, YMCA of*

East Orange; member of the YMCA Board Management of Orange; appointed member by Governor Thomas H. Kean to the New Jersey State Law Enforcement Planning Agency; Senior Hearing Officer and member of the State Parole Board; American Legion Post 308 Commander; Boy Scouts of America Scout Master Troup 4 in East Orange; and a lifetime member of the NAACP.

LeRoy's commitment to public service has changed the lives of many and as such, his contributions were recognized by numerous organizations such as the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National District Attorneys Association, NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association and the American Correctional Association.

We would be remiss not to mention that aside from his family, LeRoy loved all sports. It was only natural that as an avid athlete he would devote his time to supporting youth in sports and became known for his elite basketball referee style. He was also, a true diehard fan of the Dallas Cowboys. He followed them wholeheartedly, win or lose! If you wanted to know facts and stats on the Cowboys, LeRoy Joseph Jones was your man. He knew stats about every player no matter when they played.

He was a devoted man that showed his love for his family and his community in his every action. LeRoy's unconditional love and fatherly guidance that he gave to his family is evident through his children and future generations to come. He was a gentle giant whose dedication and unselfish service will never be forgotten.

LeRoy Joseph Jones, Sr. departed this earthly life on Friday, July 17, 2015, after living a long, productive and family-oriented life. Heaven has gained another angel. Rest well, we love you, however God loves you best!!!

LeRoy is preceded in death by his father, Joseph Henry Jones, Jr., mother, Dorothy Bond, stepmother, Adelaide Jones, and sister, Adelaide JoAnn Cook. Leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Rosan Jones; one son, LeRoy Joseph Jones, Jr. (Jacqueline); three daughters, LeAnne Jackson, Hope Mills, NC, Leisa Tyne-Merriweather (Dennis) and Lisa Jones, Fayetteville, NC; two brothers, Robert (Kippy) Jones, William (Buster) Jones (Pat); two sisters, Jennifer Bailey (Otis) and Alvenia Jones; eleven grandchildren, five great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, cousins and nephews; life long friend, Hester Tynes; and those who made a great impact in his journey.

Order of Service
Rev. Idida Rodriquez - Officiating

Music Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Idida Rodriquez

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Job 19:25-2.....Deacon Martrovitz Molette
New Beginning Ministries C.O.G.I.C.

New Testament: John 5:25-29.....William Jones
Church of Christ

Selection.....Gwen Hunter

A Poem From The Daughters.....Leisa Tynes Marriweather

Resolutions and

Acknowledgements.....Congressman Donald Payne, Jr.
Governor Richard Codey
Senator Teresa Ruiz
Assemblywoman Shelia Oliver
Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr.
Freeholder President Britnee Timberlake
East Orange Mayor Lester E. Taylor III
East Orange City Council, Ted Green

Reading of Obituary.....Rita Butts

Selection.....Mark Beckett

Eulogy.....LeRoy J. Jones, Jr.

Recessional.....Clergy and Family



I Said A Prayer For You Today

*And know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.*

*I asked that He be near you
At the start of each new day:
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.*

*I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small,
But it was for His loving care
I prayer the most of all.*

*I said a prayer for you today
That God would
touch you with His
Healing hand and give you
The comfort and peace you need
to get through.*

A Prayer for my DAD

Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me my dad.

You must really love me.

Cause you gave the best you had
Watch over him and bless him Lord,

And keep him in your care

And may he feel

MY LOVE

For him is my humble, heartfelt prayer.

Acknowledgement

*The family of **LeRoy Joseph Jones, Sr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep you.*

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