

Homegoing Service for



William E.B. Jones

Sunrise
March 11, 1927

“Basie”

Sunset
April 5, 2016

Service
Saturday, April 16, 2016 – 11:00 am

Cotton-Parker Funeral Home
37 Clinton Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey
Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating

Obituary

William Emerson Blair Jones was born in Newark, New Jersey, on March 11, 1927. Shortly after this birth, William was brought home with his mother, Dorothy Ella Jones.

William attended Public School 14 and then left to attend Snyder High School. He was a good student and was interested in sports such as football, he and his friends played in the neighborhood and after school William had chores at home. During his young school years, he gained two half sisters of which one is now deceased.

He attended Salem Baptist Church Sunday School, as well as regular church services on Sundays.

He had a close bond with his grandparents, Sam and Mary Nelson. He lost his grandfather when he was quite young. His grandmother survived until William reached his teen years. During William's teen years, it was at this time, he left high school to join the Merchant Marines. He was part of the unit for many years of which he traveled all around the globe working on the boats and seeing the world - a true education. Upon ending his career with the Merchant Marines, he returned to Jersey City and acquired different jobs until a friend of his told him of an opening at Western Union Telegraph of New York. In the early 1960's, he worked at Western Union as a wireman/filing of the tele-type machines and other duties for twenty-five years.

During the 1960's, he met and married a lady from Harlem-originally from Selma, Alabama, and her name was Jewell Martin. They married in 1962. William and Jewell (Penny) had a good life. William was a step-father to Penny's daughter, Rosalind. William worked Mondays - Fridays at Western Union and had an interesting time playing the Bass Fiddle in his spare time. He played the Bass Fiddle at many Jazz venues and in the Metropolitan areas. He retired from his job at Western Union in 1984 and then devoted his life to playing the music he loved - Jazz.

In the late 1980's, he lost his wife, Jewell (Penny) and then in the early 1990's he lost his step-daughter. But he picked himself up and continued playing until the end of 2013.

William was in and out of the hospital from 2014-2015. On January 3, 2016, he entered the VA Hospital. He was there for 20 days. On January 28, 2016, his doctor suggested that he be put in a Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center to help him get stronger. William passed away April 5, 2016.

His family: Isabelle Lewis of Newark, NJ, Arthur Young of Pittsburgh, PA, Mrs. Jean Cook of Bronx, NY, Charles Cook, Sr. of Jersey City, NJ and Hallie Lightfoot-Felton of DE.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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