

*A
Service of
Praise
and
Thanksgiving
for
the Life
of*



Sandra Diane Jones

Sunrise
January 13, 1943

Sunset
September 24, 2016

Services

Friday, September 30, 2016 - 1:00 p.m.

WILSON & ASSOCIATES FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.

5008 Nine Mile Road • Richmond, Virginia 23223

Pastor Alvin Armstead, Officiating

Obituary

Sandra Diane Jones (Sissie) was born to the late Mary and Herbert Bagwell on January 13, 1943 in Newark, New Jersey.

Sissie attended Newark Public Schools and graduated from Weequahic High School. Shortly thereafter, Sissie met and married Ivory Jones on June 4, 1961. From their union two handsome sons were born. During their 55 year marriage, they faced numerous challenges, but their strong foundation of love helped them face and overcome the obstacles proving that true love conquers all.

Sissie was passionate about assisting the elderly with their basic needs and decided to start a career in the nursing field. In 1997, Sissie and Ivory relocated to Richmond, VA, to be with their two sons who now had families of their own. She worked at Masonic Homes for several years before opening her own nursing home in 2000. Sissie opened Loving Arms Assisted Living where she was able to do what she loved, caring for people who were no longer able to care for themselves. Sissie built a very successful business and provided a loving home environment for countless people.

Sissie returned to New Jersey in August 2000, to care for her Mother-in-Law who she always called her best friend. A few years later, she became the caregiver for her Mother and remained by both of their sides until they were called home. Sissie treated all of those entrusted to her care with dignity and respect during their most difficult times.

Sissie loved her family and friends without reservation. She was a peacemaker, comforter, and the true life of the party. She loved to dance and have a good time. Her phenomenal personality was magnetizing and she offered words of encouragement to everyone she encountered. Her favorite pastime was reading and throughout her life, she read countless books from every genre.

Sissie leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband Ivory Jones, Jr., two sons, Anthony Jones (Tamberlyn Russell) and Terrance Jones (Tawanna); two sisters, Charlotte Koonce and Marcella Bagwell; one brother, Herbie Bagwell Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Calliean Lewis (Maurice) and Leila Jones; three brothers-in-law, Jonathan Jones, James Jones, and William Jones; five grandchildren, Chante' Jones Hunt, Ivory Martin (Eric), Terrell Jones (Janis) and Marquis Harris (Ashley Thorne); four great grandchildren, Malachi Hunt, Kylie Jones, Kalen Martin, and Krisette Harris; one niece, Katia Bagwell; five nephews, Kenny Koonce (Shelly), Kevin Koonce (Pam), Sadat Koonce, Derrick Bagwell and Herbie Bagwell III; and a host of other devoted family. She also leaves to treasure her memories the life-long friends she adored; Hollis and Ellen Langford, Stanley and Peggy Livingston, Irene Hall, Joan Johnson, Barbara Attles-Deans and Gerri Moore, just to name a few.

She was preceded in death by her grandchild the late Shahied Jones, and brother-in-law, the late Robert Jones.

Order of Service

The Organ Prelude

The ProcessionalClergy, Family & Friends

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Alvin Armstead

Scripture Reading.....Ivory Martin

Scripture Reading - John 13:34-35 Malachi Hunt

Musical Selection.....Florence Williams

Espressions.....2 minutes

Obituary.....Herbie Bagwell

Musical Selection.....Marvin Tiller

PoemAnthony Jones

Poem Kevin Koonce

Verse.....Terrance Jones

Scripture Reading.....Pastor Alvin Armstead

The Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Roselawn Memory Gardens Cemetery 13389 Mountain Road Glen Allen, Virginia 23059</p>
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Belmont Recreation Center
1600 Hilliard Road,
Henrico, VA 23228

We Know Better

People on the outside looking in would say
“The laws of the land made you our sister”

But we know better

Your unwavering love and support of us made you our sister
A love we could rely on in the good times and more importantly
in those times when life, as it often does, knocked us to our knees
You never fed us candy-coated lines with a side of fluff and half-truths
when things were rough you stayed true to your integrity

Because of that, we know better

People on the outside looking in would say,
“In-laws could never love their spouse’s family
as much as they love their own”,

but we know better

We felt your love flow like blood throughout the veins of our family
and we could depend on you being there,
even before we knew we needed you

You never offered a cold shoulder or a deaf ear;
Instead you showered us with tender loving care at every turn

You embraced us as your own
and loved us more than any “Big Sister” could

Your selflessness when we needed you most will forever speak volumes
and for that you will always be our treasure

Sandra Jones came into our lives and because you were here.... we know
better.

Our hearts are heavy now but we know you are in hands of the Master who
knows best

He gave us you to teach us better
and to honor you we will strive to be better.

Thank you Sissie, for giving us the best of yourself,
You will live forever in the hearts of your

Your Sisters and Brothers-in-Love

If Only You Could Of Stayed

Constantly thinking,
never to be the same,
the tears fall quickly
just hearing your name.

Silence is golden
yet not anymore
silence brings thoughts
I just can't ignore.

The nights are sleepless,
dreams out of reach.
Crying in my pillow
to you I beseech.

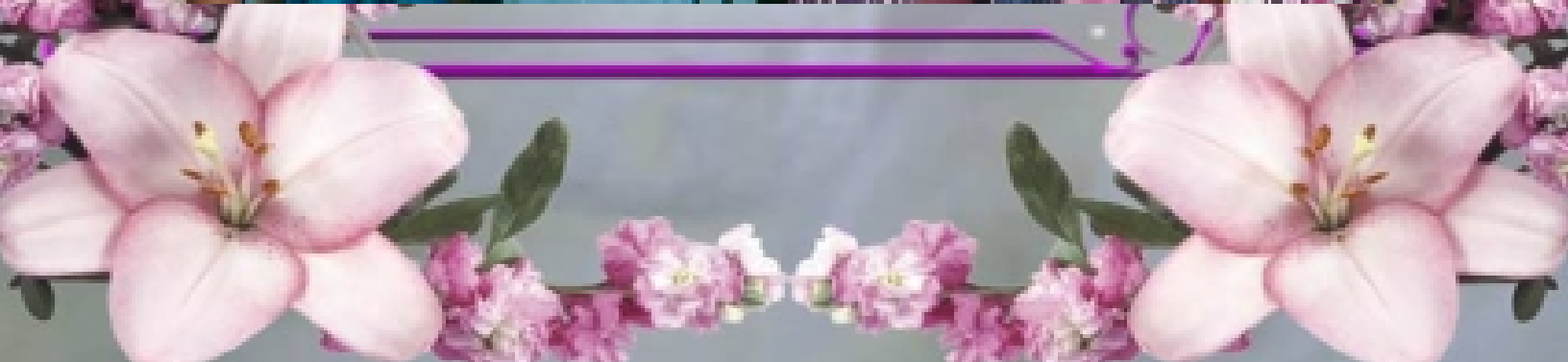
Surrounded by family,
I still feel alone.
My heart is so empty,
this pain I must own.

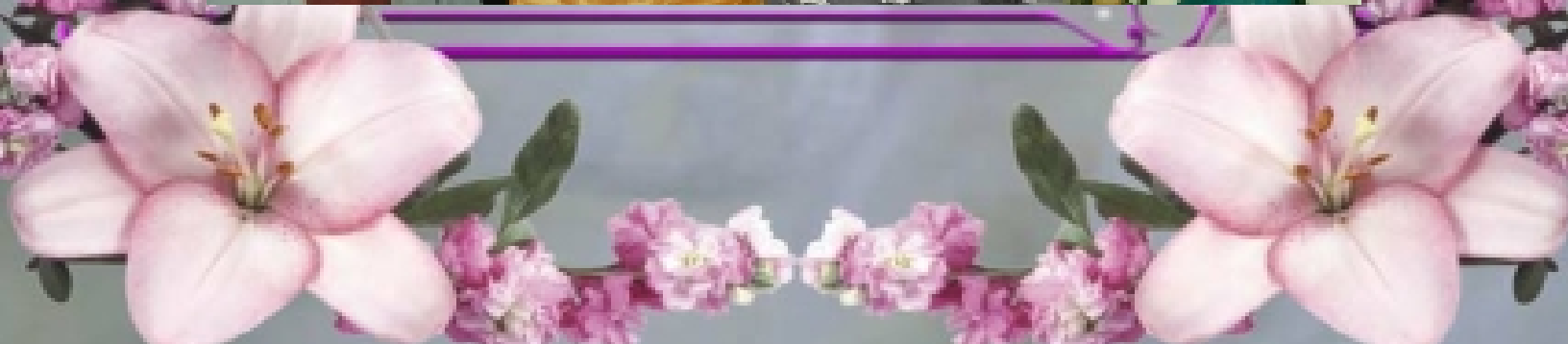
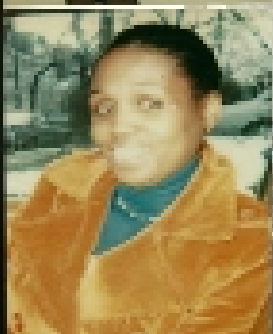
I wish I could hug you
and just see your face.
But now I have memories
to stand in your place.

Gone but not forgotten,
that's what they say.
Of course that is true...
but if only you could of stayed.

I extend my sympathy wishes and condolences for the death of my sister. My sister was a superb friend and loving person. I pray to God to bless her departed soul with external peace.

From Your Loving Sister, Lottie





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 too many tears, but be thankful we had so many good years. I gave you my love and you can only guess how much you've given me in happiness. I thank you for the love that you have shown. But now it is time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me awhile if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust that it is only for a while that we must part, so treasure 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 will be near and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home"

*Farewell My Family
I'll be seeing you!*

Pall Bearers

Anthony Jones
Herbie Bagwell Jr.
William Jones

Kevin Koonce
Kenny Koonce
Terrance Jones

Floral Bearers

Ivory Jones Martin
Tamberlyn Russell

Chante' Jones Hunt
Ashley Thorne

Acknowledgements

There are just no words to express how truly thankful we are for all of the prayers and many acts of kindness. We are grateful that God has blessed us with special people who have helped us through this most difficult time. We pray God's blessings upon each and every one of you.
The Jones Family

"Thank You My Daughter Tawanna For Comforting Me"

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