

A portrait of a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue top, a necklace, and hoop earrings. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

Celebration of Life For

Lawanda Michelle Jones

Sunrise: December 31, 1974

Sunset: June 2, 2017

Service

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

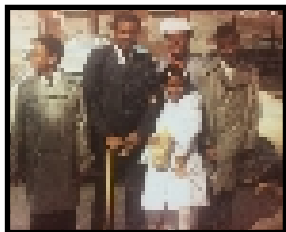
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Elder Carolyn Robinson, Eulogist

Obituary

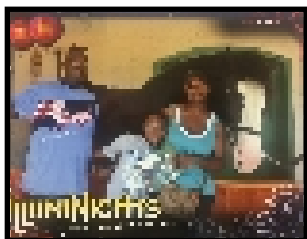


God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me." Your golden heart stopped beating. Your tired hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Lawanda Michelle Jones (affectionately known as "Punkin"), daughter of the late George Edward Jones and Gloria Paulette Jones, who preceded her in death parted this life early Friday morning, June 2, 2017 following a lengthy illness. Lawanda was born in Harlem Hospital on December 31, 1974. She was the youngest of her siblings and very protected by her two older brothers, Mark and George.

She received her early education in the New York City public school system, and in 1992 she graduated from Martin Luther King, Jr. High School. After graduating from high school she enrolled into Oswego University, in Oswego, NY where she began her education in Political Science. Lawanda enjoyed campus life, but she missed her family dearly. Her family was extremely proud of her when she graduated from Oswego University in 1995 with a BA in Political Science. She attended New York University in pursuit of her Graduate degree in Law. However, when her parents became ill she put her pursuit of her Graduate degree on hold and became a loyal care giver to her parents. Some years later, Lawanda entered into the police academy; graduated and served faithfully at the 52nd Precinct for sixteen years.

Lawanda accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior, and was baptized at a young age. She attended "Little Mt. Calvary Baptist Church" and enjoyed singing with the "Voices of Angels" choir. Lawanda, loved to laugh and her laugh was quite contagious. It was rare that you did not catch her with a smile on her face. She was athletic and enjoyed running track. Her favorite television shows were "Law and Order" and "Blue Bloods."



She loved to travel with her son and her brothers, and spending time home relaxing with her family. She enjoyed her brother Mark's cooking and would often boast about his famous macaroni and cheese.

Lawanda will truly be missed by all who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Joseph (Jojo); two brothers, George Jones and Mark Jones; two godchildren, Khorey Brown and Ashlyn Pointer; aunts; uncles; and a host of cousins, friends and co-workers/family from the 52nd Precinct.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Officiating.....Elder Susan Davis
Morning Star Full Gospel Assembly • Bronx, NY

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Jimmie Robinson III
Salem Baptist Church • Rosedale, MD

Scripture Readings.....Deacon Benita Stembridge
Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church • New York, NY
Old Testament - Psalms 23
New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Selection.....Rev. Dr. Barbara Williams-Harris
NYPD Chaplin
Onward Ministries, Inc

Reflections.....(2 minutes per person)

Obituary.....Tracy Lowery
New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church • Lynchburg, SC

Sermonic Selection.....Rev. Dr. Barbara Williams-Harris

Eulogy.....Elder Carolyn A. Robinson
Morning Star Full Gospel Assembly • Bronx, NY

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Barbara Williams-Harris

Recessional

NYPD Honorary Salute

Final Disposition

*Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York*

Her Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of her as gone away her journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much.*

Forever in our hearts,

The Family

John 14:1-6

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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