

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF**
Donald C. Jones, Sr.

Sunrise: February 2, 1954

Sunset: June 11, 2017



Service:

Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

VAILSBURG ASSEMBLY OF GOD
962 South Orange Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Jermel Mayo, Officiating

Obituary

Donald Conrad Jones Sr., age 63, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2017. He was born February 2, 1954 in Tallahassee, FL to Mabel Johnson.

He grew up in Fowlstown, GA and graduated from Mt. Moriah High School in Attatulgus, GA. He moved to Newark, NJ in 1972 and worked at Custom Decorator where he prepared labels and packaging for cosmetics and perfumes in Kearny. Later, he worked at Newark Academy as the Head Janitor for many years where he obtained his passion for furniture making.

Donald was very handy and often called to fix things around everyone's house. His 'southern' personality was very inviting and upon meeting people they felt comfortable with him. If you met Donald, you became a longtime friend. He met a lot of people through his favorite hobby and pastime - he enjoyed fixing cars.

He was the 'neighborhood mechanic'. He helped everyone in the neighborhood as well as their family and friends. His gift of fixing cars was affordable and often helped those who couldn't afford the high-end mechanics. He would even explain how the parts of a car worked in a way that even a child could understand. He was a great teacher and patient as he taught.

Donald was charismatic, easygoing and had the gift to make anyone chuckle. He often joked and took the edge off the most serious of situations by making you laugh. Even when he didn't feel his best he still managed to make those around him laugh. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Hazel E. Jones; two children, daughter Nicole and son-in-law Ismael Valmont; and son Donald Jr.; three stepchildren, Towanda McEachern, Natasha and Tony DeWitt; one brother, Raymond Nicholson Jr.; eight grandchildren, Ayana Mayers, Trinity and Donald Jones III, Rashan Jones, Kari Elmore, Ebony & Essence Carruthers, & Kayla McEachern; cousins Thomas Gaines (Camilla, GA), Milton Gaines, Patricia Gaines, Marion Tyler and Calvin Gaines (Bainbridge, GA), Lacey Gaines (Mableton, GA), Dorothy Rogers (Union, NJ), & Ray Gaines (Fort Worth, TX) and a host of nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded by his mother, Mabel Johnson; two brothers, Robert Johnson and Glen Johnson; niece, Tracey Johnson; and grandson, Marquise Carruthers.

Order of Service

Processional

Family

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture

Poem

Towanda McEachern

Obituary Reading

Ayana Mayers

Praise Dance

Mykalah Shackelford

Special Selection

I Need You Now - Pastor AJ

Eulogy

Make It Right

Pastor Jermel Mayo, Vailsburg Assembly God

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Celebrate Life

We don't always get it right
And just in case you didn't
You can always apologize
Because you don't have to agonize
You don't have to fret
forgiveness is free
You don't have to let it fester
or let it just be
Clean up while you can
and make amends if you will
The clock is always ticking
it never sits still
God has a plan for your life
It's called his will
Every life matters
every life leaves a mark
and impression or 2
has definitely been etched in my heart
Celebrate life,
It's not just a cliché
These words are true
we must obey
It doesn't matter what you do
Never forget to say I love you
Written by Towanda McEachern

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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