

*Celebrating the Life  
and Honoring the Memory of  
Paul Jones*



Sunrise: April 18, 1932 - Sunset: May 1, 2020

Monday, May 11, 2020 – 9:00am

**Charles A. West Funeral & Cremation Service LLC**  
34 East 25th Street, Bayonne NJ 07002

# *Order of Service*

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Musical Prelude

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings  
Old & New Testaments

Reflections  
Please limit to 2 minutes

Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Benediction & Recessional

*Interment*  

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Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey

# Obituary



On May 1, 2020, after 88 years of bringing us joy, love, and laughter, our beloved Paul departed this earth and ascended into heaven to be with the Lord as one of his most astute angels.

**Paul Jones** was born in Union, SC on April 18, 1932 to the late Edna Mae Jones and the late Edmond “Jack” Browning. Between the two, he was the eldest of at least fifteen siblings. As the eldest child, he took on the responsibility of caring for his younger siblings and his maternal grandparents, Aaron and Amelia Jones, who raised him. As a child, Paul was a quiet and gentle soul who mostly kept to himself. Paul had a curious mind that allowed him to be receptive to all experiences.

After graduating from Sims High School in Union, SC, Paul and his high school sweetheart, Mary Elizabeth Jeter were married and moved to Jersey City, NJ. This union bore four children: Jacqueline, Edward Lee, Dennis, and Ericca LaShawn.

Paul took great pride and enjoyment in spoiling his children. Because he spent most of his time working in New York, his favorite places for school shopping were along 34th Street, which included Macys in Herald Square and Gimbels. Sears and Roebuck was also a favorite. He would never say Sears without Roebuck, but I think we know why. A pet peeve of his was improper fitting shoes that ruined your feet. His children’s shoes were always purchased from Imperial, a shoe store in Jersey City that specialized in shoes that were properly fitted. The store had a podiatrist on staff and kept a record of their patrons on index cards to review on every visit. His children rejoiced in the day they could make their own shoe decisions and purchases. As they have gotten older, I’m sure they wish Imperial was still in business. Father knows best.

Paul always stressed the importance of education and hard work. He attended classes at a fashion school in New York City, which landed him a career as a fur nailer for almost 40 years at several fur manufacturers (Frederick Gelb, Jonathan Bari, Armand Fried and Sol Seifer) in Manhattan’s garment district. You ask... what does a fur nailer do? A fur nailer stretches the pelt (animal hide and fur) to predetermined patterns for trimming, marks sewing guidelines for assembly, and restores the nap and luster to furs. He enjoyed the intricate details associated with producing a luxury item. It required a sharp eye for needling and a steady and precise hand for trimming and sewing. He could determine the type (rabbit, mink, sable) and authenticity of a garment by the fur’s touch, feel, and texture. He would also make fur accessories as a hobby such as hand muffs and headbands. He also designed a rabbit coat for his youngest daughter when she was a child. She wore that fur coat proudly, feeling like a million bucks as she pranced into church with her mom on Sunday mornings. She would let you know, “my daddy made this coat.”

After retirement from the fur industry, Paul remained active. He enjoyed working so he

kept his resume up-to-date and worked different jobs to stay busy. He worked for the Urban League, Easter Seals, Dress for Success and the local A&P. His grandson would always joke that young people couldn't find a job because grandpa was taking them all.

In an attempt to teach his grandchildren and great-grandchildren life lessons, "Pop Pop" Paul, as his great-grandson called him, would often tell stories of the olden days and encourage them to be their best and do well in school. He would tell them if you have a 10 cent head then you'll have a 10 cent job. Not sure where that phrase came from, but they understood the point. He enjoyed attending their graduation ceremonies, school plays, sporting events, and having conversations with them just to ask how he was doing. His grandsons (lovingly known as meatheads) will never forget the haircuts they received as a child from grandpa. They would always laugh at how he would sit them in a chair, drape them in a homemade cape from a trash bags or an oversized t-shirt, and when he was done, they all had the same hairline. His granddaughters were also precious to him. He doted on them and they reciprocated.

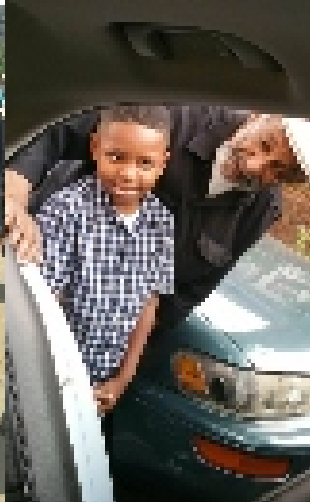
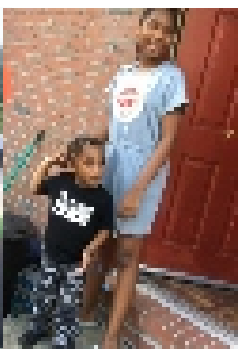
Paul was loved and adored by all who encountered him due to his mild mannered demeanor, quick wit, and zest for life. He always greeted you with a smile, a polite hello or "howdy" and a quick wave. He never hesitated to offer a helping hand to those in need but would ask "do you need one hand or two?" He showcased his zest for life by keeping his mind and body active with daily readings of the Bible, newspaper crossword puzzles, watching wrestling, daily walks in the neighborhood, short drives around town, conversations with friends, family, and his longtime companion, and an occasional "taste" at a local establishment. His passing is of great sorrow to his family and friends, but he has left behind many fond memories to cherish.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, sisters: Jessie Browning, Geraldine Smith, Carolyn Smith, Sandra Means, Dorothy Akins and Edith Bailey, and brother Willie Eddie Glenn.

Paul is survived by his: Children: Jacqueline (Earnest) Davis of Jersey City, NJ; Edward Lee (Angela) Jones of Sterling Heights, MI; Dennis (Wadette) Jones of Jersey City, NJ; and Ericca (Timothy) Greene of Union, NJ; Longtime companion: Delores Lockett; Sisters: Amelia Glenn and Lily (J.C.) Hardy of Union, SC; Emma (Charles) Meadors of Spartanburg, SC; Clemmie (Elijah) Ward of Jersey City, NJ; Louvenia Gory of Jonesville, SC; and step sister Agnes Brice of Silver Spring, MD; Brothers: Aaron Glenn of Union, SC; Edward Browning of Union City, NJ; George Browning of ; Paul Means of Washington, DC; Elbert Means of ; and stepbrother Rev. Latta R. Thomas of Jacksonville, FL. Grandchildren: Sadrud-Din Shannon, Mecca Shabazz, Paul Ford, Jazmai Powell, Anthony Bell, Okwante Bragg, Kareem Martin, Edward Burrus, Enasia Smart, Edan Jones, Jermaine Wiggins-Jones, Dennis (DJ) Jones, Jada Jones; Great-Grandchildren: Wasiim Shannon, Samauhjj White, Honesty Bowers, Steniya Townsend, Jayden Powell, Cameron Alexander, Amira Burgess, Aila Bell, Aoki Bragg, Johnny Cruz, Kareem Martin Jr., Kayla Martin, Qumair Martin, Cimyla Witherspoon, Haiden Burrus, Elisa Wiggins-Jones, Jermaine Wiggins-Jones Jr., Dennis (Scoot) Jones, Pharaoh Jones; Great-great-grandchild: Isabel Cruz. Also a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.









# *In Honor of Dad*

I will take this special moment  
To turn my thoughts to Dad  
Thank him for the home he gave  
For all the things we had.  
A time when Dad was always there,  
No matter what the weather.  
Always strong when things went wrong  
He held our lives together.  
He strived so hard from day to day  
And never once complained.  
With steady hands, he worked so hard  
And kept the family sane.  
He taught us that hard work pays off,  
You reap just what you sow.  
He said that if you do what's right,  
Your field will overflow.  
Our lives have been so bountiful  
He taught us how to give  
In his firm and steadfast way  
He taught us how to live.  
Dad dwells among the angels now  
He rides upon the wind  
And when our path is beaten down  
He picks us up again  
Don't think of him as gone away  
his journey's just begun,  
life holds so many facets  
this earth is only one.  
And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched  
for nothing loved is ever lost  
and he was loved so much.

## *Acknowledgement*

*We would like to thank all for their sincere condolences during  
this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers most importantly.  
The Family of Paul Jones*

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