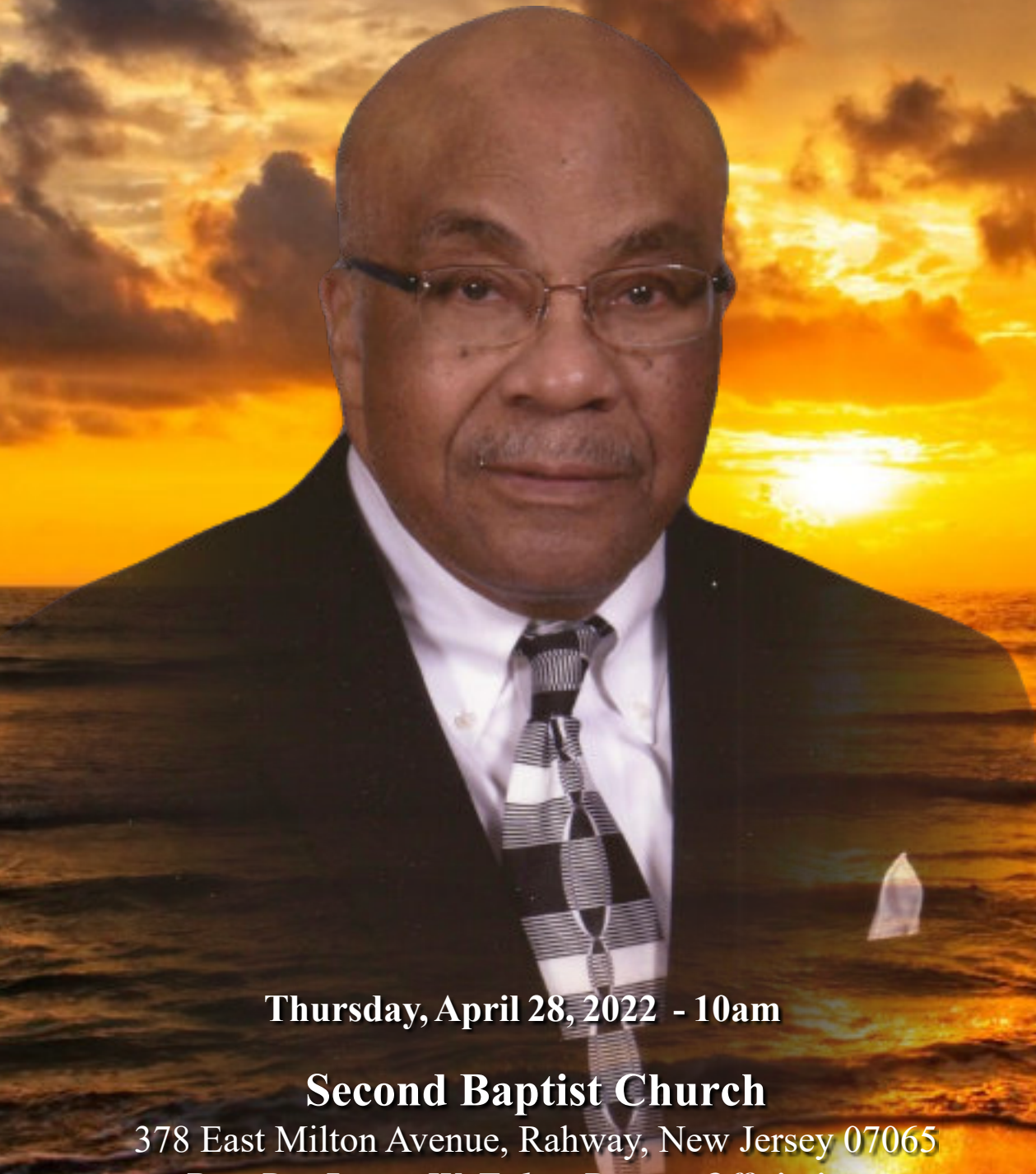


In Loving Memory of
James C. Jones Sr.

March 20, 1925 - April 20, 2022



Thursday, April 28, 2022 - 10am

Second Baptist Church

378 East Milton Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey, Pastor, Officiating

Mack Williams, Organist

OBITUARY

James C. Jones, Sr. was born in Rahway, N.J., to Boss H. and Mary E. Jones. He was the 5th of six children. He attended and graduated from the Rahway Public schools. At an early age he became a member of Second Baptist Church in Rahway and was a member for more than 80 years. Mr. Jones was also the first African-American Eagle Scout in the state of New Jersey, attaining that rank in 1938.

James entered Military service in 1943 and saw duty in England and France. After returning to civilian life, he trained at the N.Y. Technical Institute of N.J. for work in television and worked for a while for H and H Radio and Television in Rahway.

Not being completely satisfied with this field of work, James took aptitude tests to find out where he could best pursue a career. Mortuary Science seemed the best choice. He then attended the N.Y. School of Embalming and became a licensed N.Y. funeral director. Mr. Jones then apprenticed at Thomas F. Higgins & Sons Funeral Home in Rahway, in order to obtain his N.J. license. He worked part time at various funeral homes and sometimes in a factory before gaining his N.J. license.

It was a long bitter struggle during the turbulent 60's and early 70's to obtain the variance for the Jones Funeral Home at 247 Elm Ave., Rahway. The neighbors, including the owners of the funeral home next door as well as the majority of Rahway City Council, objected to a black business in the area, but he finally won over their objections.

James was a charter member of American Legion Post #499 of Rahway and a lifetime member of the local N.A.A.C.P. He served as Chairman of the Trustee Board of Second Baptist Church for many years and continued to be active in the church.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his brothers Frederick Jones, Harold Jones and Dr. Kenneth Jones and his sisters, Marion Halliburton and Gladys Pennyfeather.

He is survived by three children: Dr. Sharon Jones Warren and her husband Otis, Allen Jones and his wife Elaine, and James C. Jones, Jr., three granddaughters Shelby, Dana and her husband Roman, and Erin Jones, and 2 grandsons, Otis Warren III, and James Lawrence Jones.

Mr. Jones will be remembered for his infectious smile, his dedication to the community of Rahway, his dry sense of humor and his devotion to Christ.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn..... Come, We That Love The Lord

(Marching to Zion)

Scripture..... Old Testament – Psalm 27
New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Allen Thompson, Pastor
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Rahway

Hymn of Faith Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour

Remarks Reverend R. Lenton Buffalo, Pastor
Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth

Obituary

Eulogy Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey

Recessional I'll Fly Away

Pallbearers:

Theodore Brown • Marc McLendon • Greg Crudup
Robert Middleton • Thomas Shell • David Shell

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle
Veterans Memorial Cemetery



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank their many friends for their kindness shown them during the passing of their loved one. May God bless each of you.

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