

*Celebration of Life for*  
***Eva Mae Jones***



Sunrise:  
December 27, 1934

Sunset:  
August 22, 2024



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 - 11:00 AM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Pastor Lewis M. Collier, Officiating*



# *Her Story*

Eva Mae Jones, or 'EJ' as she was affectionately known by many, was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, who passed away at home on August 22, 2024, in Newark, New Jersey, at the age of 89. Eva was born on December 27, 1934, in Little Plymouth, Virginia, to her loving parents, Clarine Johnson and Spencer Jones. She was the cherished wife of the late Silas "Duke" Jones Jr., and the devoted mother of Samad Wadir, Karima Abdul-Haqq, and Derrick Jones.

As a teenager, Eva migrated from Virginia to New Jersey, where she met the love of her life, Silas "Duke" Jones Jr. They were married in the summer of 1953 and were blessed with 67 years of marriage until his passing. Together, they raised their three children and built a beautiful family legacy.

Eva Jones was a sweet church lady but she wasn't afraid to drop a colorful curse word or five when she felt the need. She loved talking on the phone and knew everything that was going on in the neighborhood without even leaving the house. You would oftentimes pull up to her house and see her looking out the window. She was truly the Wendy Williams of her time.

Eva was known for her vibrant personality and love for life. She was an avid shopaholic and fashionista, a connoisseur of soap operas, and a legal expert based on her frequent viewing of Judges Mathis and Judge Judy. She found comfort and solace in her church home at Fellowship Baptist Church, where she was a devoted member for many years.

Eva was a generous and caring member of her community. Her door was always open to those in need, and she was known for her kindness and willingness to help others. She was a beloved member of the FDR/Terrell Homes community, where she lived and raised her family for over 40 years. Eva's warm and giving spirit touched the lives of many, and her memory will continue to inspire acts of kindness and compassion.

In her younger years, Eva enjoyed spending time at the 852 Bar, where she made cherished memories and lifelong friendships. She was a beloved member of the "Old Lady Gang," joining her dear friends Ms. Delores, Ms. Elenor, Ms. Vivian, Ms. Diane, Ms. Maxine, Ms. Lorraine, and Ms. Doris in eternal rest.

Eva's family was her pride and joy and she loved them in her own way. She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, survived by her daughter Karima Abdul-Haqq, son Derrick Jones, grandchildren Malikata Pullin, Bayinna Abdul-Haqq (Samad Patton Jr.), Humza Abdul-Haqq, Haminah Johnson, great-grandchildren Quari Pullin, Kitana Pullin, Zuri Pullin, Nasir Abdul-Haqq, Leila Abdul-Haqq, and great-great-grandchild Amina Pullin. She was also a loving godmother to Alextrae McClendon, Zena Gurley, Christina Cunningham, and godson Ramarr Robinson.

Eva's passing has left a void in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. Her memory will be forever cherished and her legacy will live on through the generations she leaves behind. The funeral service to honor Eva's life will be held at Cotton Funeral Home on September 3, 2024. Following the service, the family will gather at Kings Family Restaurant on Clinton Ave in Newark, NJ, to celebrate Eva's life and share cherished memories.

Eva M. Jones will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her love, laughter, and unwavering kindness will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends. May she rest in eternal peace, reunited with her loved ones who have gone before her.

# *Order of Celebration*

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Selection

Poem

Acknowledgment & Obituary

Reflections

Selection

Poem

Recessional & Benediction

***Interment***

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, NJ

# A Life Well Lived



A life well lived, a soul at peace,  
In memories, your love will never cease.  
The gentle whisper of your name,  
In hearts you touched, remains the same.

Through laughter, tears, and silent days,  
Your spirit walks in different ways.  
Though parted now, we're never far,  
Your light remains, a guiding star.



Rest in grace, in endless skies,  
In every sunset, your legacy lies.  
Though time may pass and seasons shift,  
Your memory is a timeless gift.



## *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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