

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF

Juanita Harris Jones

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding | Reverend Glenn Bryant

Processional.....led by Rev. Glenn Bryant
Greater New Lebanon Baptist Church

Scripture
Old Testament.....Rev. Norris Harris
Oglethorpe Circuit

New Testament.....Rev. Tommie Law
Welcome Baptist Church

Prayer.....Rev. Sherryl Harris Sneed
Peter Chapel A. M. E. Church | Columbus, GA

Solo.....Ms. Lakeia Taylor
“The Center of My Joy”

Reflections | *limit 3 minutes*
Mrs. Nathelma Maxwell
Mr. Marvin Harris
Dr. Oneida Ingram

Family Tribute.....Mrs. Bonnie Heath

Solo.....Ms. Lakeia Taylor
“Safe in His Arms”

Eulogy.....Rev. John F. Hurst
Lilly Hill Baptist Church | Decatur, GA

Acknowledgments and
Presentation of the
Heirloom Family Bible.....Barnum Staff

Recessional.....“Well Done”

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

AN ANGEL LIVED AMONG US

*An angel lived among us,
a gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
and shared with us her love.
She cherished every moment
with the family who were her life;
walking hand in hand together,
facing life with all its strife.
She loved her children dearly;
each one a different way.
Nestled close within her heart,
though, now, she’s far away.
She’s gone to live with Jesus,
but she’s here with us, today.
Smiling down on every one of us,
and telling us she’s okay.*

Juanita Harris Jones
1940 ~ 2022

Earthly Place of Rest
EASTVIEW CEMETERY
802 Ashby Street | Americus, GA 31709

Pallbearers

Eugene Woods Michael Harris
Gabriel Harris Chase Evans
James Biggins Johnny Fuller

Flower Attendants

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Order of Eastern Star

Acknowledgements

Jesus promised us they who mourned would be comforted.
During our hours of bereavement, this promise has been
fulfilled by you, our kind and loving “friends and neighbors”.
Thank you each for coming to help us bear our grief.
Your calls, visits, prayers, and kindness in acts and deeds during
the passing of our loved one shall never be forgotten.

~The Family

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IN LOVING
Memory of
Juanita Harris
JONES

Sunrise: November 19, 1940

Sunset: January 13, 2022

A Legacy of...

LOVE
FAMILY & FRIENDS
COMMUNITY SERVICE



*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.*
Proverbs 31: 10 & 31

SERVICE
Saturday
JANUARY 22, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
411 Cotton Avenue | Americus, Georgia 31709
Bishop Melvin McCluster

Officiant | Rev. John F. Hurst
Lilly Hill Baptist Church ~ Decatur, GA

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Juanita Jones was a native and lifelong resident of Sumter County, Georgia. She was born on November 19, 1940, in Americus, Georgia to the parentage of the late Joseph Harris, Sr. and the late Mrs. Lizzie Wallace Harris. She was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Mr. Paul Jones. She was a graduate of the Sumter County Public School System graduating from A.S. Staley High School at the age of 16. Juanita joined the Welcome Baptist Church, at an early age, and remained a faithful and dedicated member until she transitioned to her heavenly home.

“A Legacy of Education”

Juanita believed in training up a child in the way that they should go. As such, all five of her children graduated from high school with four holding college degrees. Juanita, herself, obtained a bachelor’s degree from Albany State College and a master’s and specialist degree—both in education—from Georgia Southwestern College. Mrs. Jones’ commitment to education extended beyond the walls of her home. She spent over 30 years as an educator teaching 4th grade students in the Americus Public School System. During her time as an educator, she also nurtured and encouraged other adults to further their education. In addition, Mrs. Jones frequently taught Sunday School classes and Vacation Bible School classes at her beloved Welcome Baptist Church teaching lots of children and adults about the love of Jesus.

“A Legacy of Community Service”

Beyond her home and school, Juanita Jones was a committed servant of others, both individually and through various organization. Through the Welcome Baptist Church, she organized a food bank through Second Harvest of South Georgia, which served the community for over 20 years. Mrs. Jones was a member of the Habakkuk Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star #70, and she was a charter member of the Americus Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she served in various capacities including chapter president. She worked tirelessly through both of these fine organizations. She served the community well. Additionally, Juanita volunteered with the Americus Sumter County Tourism Council where she met former President Jimmy Carter. She was also an advocate for many disabled children who did not have a voice. She worked as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer for many years visiting the homes of disabled children to make sure that the children were receiving adequate care and supervision.



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“A Legacy of Family & Friends”

Juanita’s home was always open to everyone: family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. Her home was often the family gathering spot for her family after church on Sundays. People really enjoyed her cooking and she enjoyed sharing her culinary skills with others. You could always get something good to eat at her house. When relatives could no longer live alone, they were welcomed into the Jones’ home for as long as they needed care. Upon the death of her parents, Mrs. Jones became the matriarch of her family. Her in-laws loved her dearly as did members of the community at large. She was affectionately known as “Mrs. Jones” or “Neet” or “Aunt Neet” throughout her family and community.

“A Legacy of Love”

Mrs. Jones leaves five loving and adoring children to cherish her memory:

Bonnie (Donald) Heath of Conyers, GA; Kelvin (Antondria) Jones of Fayetteville, GA; Vincent Jones of Atlanta, GA; Kia (John) Hurst of Atlanta, GA and Christi Jones of Fairburn, GA; her loving grandchildren: Jatanna Hurst, Kristen Callahan, Seaman Joshua Hurst, Caleb Hurst, Donald Heath, Jr. (DJ), Kelvin Jones, Jr. (JR), Leilah Jones, and William Paul Jones; her loving and devoted siblings— sisters: Ella Harris, Bernice Harris, Betty Harris, Constance Hollis, and Lillie Ann Evans; brothers: Otis (Ethel) Harris, Joseph Harris, Jr., Charles (Archie) Harris, and stepbrother, Benjamin Ison. In addition, she is survived by a loving and devoted sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Walker, of Pompano Beach, FL. Additionally, she is survived by a goddaughter, Mrs. Nathelma Maxwell and her family; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, devoted friends, neighbors, sorority sisters, and her Welcome Baptist Church Family.

“A Virtuous Woman”

Mrs. Juanita Harris Jones was the epitome of a virtuous woman. In her servitude to others, often ahead of herself, Juanita understood the significance of “what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, if he loses his soul.” She wanted to live for the Lord, and she wanted to help others. Now, she has received her eternal reward safe in the arms of Jesus.

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