

A Time to be Born

DEACON BOOKER T. JONES, SR. was born in Schley County, Georgia on February 21, 1932, to the parentage of the late Mrs. Essie Furlow Jones and the late Mr. Monroe Jones, Sr. He was the fifteenth child of sixteen children born into this union. He departed this life on November 6, 2021, at the Phoebe Sumter Hospital in Americus, Georgia. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Marie Burton Jones; eight sisters and six brothers.

A Time to Live

He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the St. Paul A. M. E. Church of Andersonville, Georgia under the leadership of the late Elder T. R. Wakefield. Later, he became a member of the Americus Pentecostal Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., under the leadership of the late Elder Osby Mosley, Sr. He attended the Springhill School in Schley County, Georgia. He later went to work on the farm to assist the family.

He was drafted into the United States Army in May 1953, where he served for two years during the Korean War. He left the Army in May of 1955. After leaving the army, he attended Albany Area Vocational School, where he studied brick masonry and carpentry. He completed vocational school in 1957. Also, in that same year, he married the loved of his life, Mildred Marie Burton; they were united in Holy Matrimony on October 12, 1957, in Americus, GA. To their union, five children were born. They shared their lives together for 64 years prior to Mildred's passing earlier this year.

He worked as a loyal and dedicated employee of Bob's Candy Company, Redman Mobile Homes, within VMF logging and other industries. Booker T. worked several years parttime in the construction industry. Later, he started the Jones and Sons Construction business, where he began to build houses and do other construction jobs in and around the Americus, GA area. He was well known for his honesty, trustworthiness, and willingness to volunteer his services to those in need. He retired from Jones and Sons Construction in 1994 and transferred the business to his youngest son, Clay. Upon retirement, he did what he enjoyed most— assist with the business under the leadership of Clay. He spent time visiting friends and family. He loved his church and attended three to four times per week. He always encouraged his family and relatives to become saved, sanctified, and filled with the holy ghost.

The Legacy

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, God in his infinite wisdom called our dad, grandfather, uncle, brother, partner and friend home. He leaves a legacy of love with his family and friends. He has set the blueprint for our family to follow through his life examples and spiritual beliefs.

He leaves many cherished memories to the children and family in his life. He is preceded in death by his wife of 64 wonderful years, Mrs. Mildred Marie Burton Jones. He leaves his children: Ms. Gloria Jones Baker of Albany, Georgia; Ms. Barbara Jones Conyers of Tallahassee, Florida; Mr. Booker T. (Devetta) Jones, Jr. of Albany, Georgia; Mr. Donald (Irene) Jones of Ellenwood, Georgia; Mr. Clay (Tammie) Jones, Sr. of Americus, Georgia; Ms. Ernestine Perkins of Jonesboro, Georgia, and Mr. Booker Jerome (Brenda) Asberry of Riverview, Florida; a devoted and loving granddaughter, Shanika Jones Crawford, "Sneak" as he would call her of Covington, Georgia; his loving and devoted sister, Ms. Florence Wright of Marlboro, Connecticut; he also leaves two sisters-in-law, Ms. Josie Burton Woodruff of Seaside, California and Ms. Mary Harvey Jones of Atlanta, GA; 20 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He honored and

respected his devoted caregivers: Ms. Tracy Sims, Ms. Elaine Smothers Jones and Ms. Kathy Jackson. He has a host of nieces, nephews, including two devoted nephews, Mr. David Harris, Sr. and Mr. H. T. Harris, Jr.; cousins, other relatives, and friends, including devoted friends: Mr. Dobbs Wiggins, Mr. Freddie Perry, Mr. Charlie Harvey, Ms. Loretta Mitchell and Kayla Mitchell, and Ms. Ella Payne also survive.