



Joan Lafrieda Jones

July 22, 1935 - April 15, 2020

Mrs. Jones passed in her daughter's home on April 15, 2020. Please encourage the family with an everlasting note of condolence on our Tribute page.

Joan L. Jones was born on July 22, 1935 in Detroit, MI to Lapeer and Willie Lee North. She enjoyed her childhood with her sisters Joyce and Sybil and brother Charles, all who preceded her in death. In 1955 she married William Paul Jones, Jr. They enjoyed 44 years of marriage together until William's death in 2000. To this union three children were born Michael, Paula, and Kenneth.

Joan gave her life to Christ as a child and joined her family at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. She spent her life in Detroit graduating from the renowned Cass Technical High School in 1953. She was a music major and played the organ, piano, viola and harp. She played the organ at several churches as well as being instrumental in establishing the Henry Ford Hospital choir during her employment. She retired after 25 years because of health challenges. In the 1970s she was asked to come back home to direct the Seraphs Choir as the historic Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. William Crews which she did for 17 years. She was a member for over 60 years and continued directing until her health prevented her from serving.

Joan travelled with the choir to several states singing at National Baptist

Conventions. She was known for her dynamic directing style and her ability to take the convention and especially the church to higher heights.

Over the years God has brought her through many health trials and she remained faithful until the very end.

She leaves to celebrate her life and legacy her sister-in-laws Helen North and Arene Jones; sons Michael Jones (JoAnn) and Kenneth Jones (Jane); daughter and caregiver Paula Hightower; grandchildren Michael, Joe II (Jasmine), William (Amber), Keymari, Faith, Cyrus, and Elijah. Her great-grandchildren Michael, Isaiah and Kennedy Hightower; Nephews Keith, Charles Jr. Allen, Charles and Edward. Her nieces Jennifer, Meredith (caregiver) and Monica; great nieces, great nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Thank you to Mary Harris for your friendship and love throughout the years. A special acknowledgement to Henry Ford Hospice Oakland (nurses Carrie and Sharon)

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Street
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
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<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Family Hour

APR 28. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Joan Lafrieda Jones*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 28, 2020 at 11:22 AM

EF

I'm going to miss you Joanie we go way back. Praying for strength for the family ❤️❤️❤️

emma franklin - April 28, 2020 at 01:02 PM

G'

Blessings to the whole Jones family from the McIntosh family.... we have so many great memories to hold onto and to remember. Mama Jones loved with a heart of gold, and if she told you that she loved you, she meant it. If she told you that you were singing the wrong note, she meant that too. She directed the choir as if she were directing the philharmonic orchestra with commanding arms and fiery Spirit. In fact she was the Spirit of Greater Shiloh.....we celebrate her home going and know for sure that she arrived in the pearly gates as soon as her name was called. Amen. Hallelujah..It is well with her soul!

gha 'il - April 28, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Joan Lafrieda Jones*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Joan Lafrieda Jones*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Joan I love you you will be missed. I love your beautiful smile. Love Meechie.*



Demericha Hobson - April 28, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Sending sincere condolences and prayers to you all during this difficult time.*

Love you all very much.

Cydnee

Cydnee Couch - April 28, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Sweet Joan, you were always a beautiful person to me and my children Chuck and Nick North. Prayers and condolences to the North and Jones families.*

Janice Tellis - April 28, 2020 at 12:52 PM

MG

“ *Melissa Gravely lit a candle in memory of Joan Lafrieda Jones*



Melissa Gravely - April 28, 2020 at 12:24 PM

RS

“ *I have known Mrs. Jones and the Jones family since 1970. Kenneth was my best friend and I was afforded the opportunity to share many days and nights in the Jones household. Mr. and Mrs. Jones ALWAYS treated me as if I were one of their own. I can recall many instances when Kenny and I would do something that was not pleasing to Mrs. Jones, and she would sternly but lovingly give US what we had coming. I will always remember Mrs. Jones's warm smile and gentle spirit. Mrs. Jones was a very important part of my early development, for which I will be eternally grateful. Thank you to the family for sharing this beautiful and loving soul with me. She will be, sorely, missed. I will continue to lift the family up in prayer. I love you, Mrs. Jones! You will forever remain embedded in my heart. God bless and keep this family during this difficult time.*

Reggie Bobo Hinton, Sr.

Reggie Hinton, Sr. - April 28, 2020 at 12:19 PM

KM

“ *To the family,*

Please know that you have my sincere condolences. Aunt Joan was truly a special person. She will be missed. She can now lay in the bosom of the lord. Her faith guaranteed her a spot in heaven.

Kim Clay McMurray

Kimberly Clay McMurray - April 28, 2020 at 10:29 AM

AS

“ *Mother Joan L. Jones will be cherished and remembered by so many for so many reasons. She touched so many of us with her smile, humor and wisdom. However, Mother Jones also touched lives of families in community, who never had an opportunity to meet her in person, through her work as a missionary.*

For decades, Mother Jones served as the President of the Avon Nicks Missionary Ministry spearheading the ministry as it provided support, food, clothing and most of all love to "the least of these". The church and community thank Mother Jones for her loving legacy and service.

*Blessings,
Dr. Althea Lynn Simpson*

Althea Simpson - April 28, 2020 at 12:06 AM

MS

“ *Dear Family: You have our most sincere condolences from the Melia Smith family in Grand Rapids, MI. I was brought to Shiloh when I was six years old and attended until I and my husband Julius moved our family to Grand Rapids in 1974. My children Monica, Alisa, Julius and Douglas were also raised, as I was, in the warm, loving Shiloh Baptist Church home, and made many "forever friends!" The North Family was very special to us! We were devastated when we had to leave and have since made many visits. Shiloh will always have a special place in our hearts. We send our love to and your family.*

Sincerely, In Christ 🙏💕

Melia Smith - April 27, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.* ”



April 27, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.* ”



April 26, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ *Joyce, Steven, Chris and Suzanne Aldridge purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.* ”



Joyce, Steven, Chris and Suzanne Aldridge - April 25, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.* ”



April 25, 2020 at 12:10 PM

AS

“ *Anita Cromwell Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Joan Lafrieda Jones*



Anita Cromwell Stapleton - April 25, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.*



April 25, 2020 at 10:29 AM

LG

“ *Love, Curtis and Jeanette Girty purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.*



Love, Curtis and Jeanette Girty - April 25, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.*



April 25, 2020 at 09:57 AM

PG

“ Mrs Jones you were one of the sweetest most loving people I had the pleasure of knowing while growing up at the Greater Shioh Missionary Baptist church. You always had a kind word and greeted me with a smile a hug and a kiss on the cheek. You will be greatly missed, Thanks for all the love you gave to us all, and for making the choir sing to the glory and praise of almighty God. Praying Gods comfort over this family in their time of grief

Patricia Greenlee - April 25, 2020 at 03:47 AM

JC

“ Dear Aunt Joan, I am thankful that Myca and I were able to share wonderful moments with our beloved caring and passionate Aunt Joan. We will miss you and cherish all the amazing memories for the rest of our lives. Love you always and forever Auntie, rest peacefully.

Your neice and great niece
Jennifer and Myca

Jennifer Curd - April 24, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Graceful Wreath was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.



April 24, 2020 at 11:31 PM

RT

“ Prayers to the family remember God will give you strength in your time of need. God will be with you always. He will wipe away all tears. Know that Joan is safe in Jesus arms, God bless you,

Ramon Tubbs - April 24, 2020 at 10:20 PM

KB

“ We pray that the peace of God rest, rule and reign in the heart and mind of this great family. We send our love and deepest condolences in your time of bereavement.
The Boone Family Cincinnati, Ohio

Kathy Boone - April 24, 2020 at 09:20 PM

Wayne Wright

“ Mike & Joanne My sincere condolences to you and your Family in this time of bereavement. Praying for your strength in the LORD. In JESUS name I pray AMEN. Wayne & Roslyn. Love you guys

Wayne Wright - April 24, 2020 at 08:21 PM

Tekyra Williams

“ Sending my condolences to the family. May God give you strength. Love Roz Wayne and Tekyra

Tekyra Williams - April 24, 2020 at 08:20 PM

Tekyra Williams

“ Tekyra Williams lit a candle in memory of Joan Lafrieda Jones



Tekyra Williams - April 24, 2020 at 08:16 PM

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Demericha Hobson - April 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DH

Cousin Joan I love and you were very special to me in my heart. Thank you for memories and thank you for showing me love everytime I saw you. ❤️🙏

Demericha Hobson - April 24, 2020 at 05:57 PM

TF

“ The Redditt Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.



The Redditt Family - April 24, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.



April 24, 2020 at 03:42 PM

RO

“ Ronni lit a candle in memory of Joan Lafrieda Jones



Ronni - April 24, 2020 at 10:55 AM

RO

A beautiful spirit.

Ronni - April 24, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JL

“ To my big cuz with that beautiful smile rest now in the arms of the Lord and fly free you will truly be missed will be praying for your family love you and you will always be in my heart from your baby cousin Joyce Lipscomb

joyce lipscomb - April 24, 2020 at 10:28 AM

SD

“ Paula (and family),

*May your peace be increased with each passing day. Blessings,
Sherrice Douglas*

SDouglas - April 23, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.



April 23, 2020 at 07:23 PM

UO

“ *Praying for my sister JoAnne Jones and my brother-in-law Mike Jones. My condolences!! Praying for your comfort and strength in Christ!!*

URSULA ONEIL - April 23, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SF

“ *My dear cousin,
I shall always remember my childhood times with you and Sybil and Charlie (Sonny). You were my babysitter, then my big cousin, my mentor and my friend. Thank you for your wise advice as I grew up. I will see you on the other side. Love forever, Sandi*

Sandra Sims Fairly - April 23, 2020 at 01:08 AM

CN

“ *My aunt Joan you were a great person and I will never forget how kind and sweet you were to me and the rest of our family I will always cherish our Christmas's and unforgettable family reunions please hug Nan Peer Dad and aunt Sybil for me*

Charles North - April 22, 2020 at 05:18 PM

CS

“ *My condolences to you and your family. Love
Crystal Smith*



Crystal L Smith - April 21, 2020 at 08:34 PM

VJ

“ *Joan Jones a beautiful lady her smile ..I will always remember your professional work ethics that you instill in us all. Rest peacefully. Forever in our hearts Vivian Johnson*

vivian johnson - April 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.*



April 21, 2020 at 03:03 PM

MG

“ *Mrs Jones you were such a sweet and beautiful person we would had such wonderful laughs and your smile just lit up any room Forever In My Hear R.I.H*



Melissa Gravely - April 21, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Joan Lafrieda Jones.*



April 21, 2020 at 10:08 AM

BO

“ *From the Felton-Odie family*



Brandy Odie - April 21, 2020 at 08:49 AM

MT

“ *I will always remember sitting in the stands at a Cubs game with you, my mama and Sybil. Cheering for the boys, and the gatherings at your house or Sybil's. Rest Well Beautiful Lady, you will forever live in my heart. Much Love* ❤️

Marva Tabron - April 21, 2020 at 08:45 AM

PL

Rest well Joan I will see you along with the rest of the family another time, tell my mother hello,

Portia Ligon - April 24, 2020 at 10:39 PM