



Gloria LeVarn Jones

January 21, 1945 - July 1, 2024

Gloria LeVarn Jones, the daughter of Richard Allen Jones, Sr. and Hattie Louise Simmons Jones, was born on January 21, 1945, at her home in Eatonville, Florida. Gloria was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 1, 2024. Beloved by her family, students, and colleagues, Ms. Jones was a pillar in her community, an educator at her core.

At a very early age, Gloria learned to have compassion and empathy for others. As a child, she took it upon herself to help the widowers in her community. She would help out with household chores, nurse the sick and even spend the night when they needed that extra support. Her younger years molded her into the very compassionate and giving person she was.

Gloria graduated in the Hungerford High School class of 1963 in Eatonville, and then furthered her education at the historic Bethune-Cookman College (now Bethune-Cookman University) in Daytona Beach, Florida. She pledged to the Beta Eta Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. Gloria began her career teaching at Hungerford Elementary School in Eatonville. She then moved to Miami where she finished her career at Hibiscus Elementary. Gloria was fiercely devoted to education and took immense pride in her work. She earned many honors and awards in her profession, including Teacher of the Year. Teaching is so often credited as the greatest act of optimism —the art of assisting discovery. In this, Gloria succeeded more than any of us will ever know.

After 36 years as an educator, Gloria moved back home to Eatonville to be close to family. She dedicated herself to supplementing the education of her great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great -great nephews after school and over summer breaks. Gloria also spent countless hours tutoring extended family members and friends. It became her custom to provide the youth in the family with personalized storybooks. Who wouldn't enjoy reading when you're a main character in a book? Her aid to others was endless. She was on a mission to combat illiteracy by utilizing her summer breaks teaching adults how to read.

Apart from being an educator at heart, she was also an active member of St. Lawrence A.M.E. Church in Eatonville. Gloria enjoyed caring for children in the family and showed her love and devotion through cooking. Food is symbolic of love when words are inadequate. She was adamant that family came first and consistently encouraged unity within the family by hosting parties that brought everyone together.

She became something of a surrogate mother to one of her great-niece, JoNaya Ware, who moved in with Gloria after her first extended hospital stay. JoNaya continued to live with Gloria and they supported one another creating many beautiful memories until JoNaya married and moved away. Even after JoNaya moved out of state they stayed in daily contact speaking to Gloria's engaging spirit. Gloria was loved by her family and friends.

Gloria is preceded in death by her father, Richard A. Jones, Sr.; mother, Hattie Louise Jones; brothers, Syke Jones and Richard A. Jones, Jr.; and sister, Hortense C. Jones.

Left to sustain her legacy: her brother, Ephraim Rudolph Jones, and sisters, Gertrude Bell, and Jean Jones Alexander (Duke), her devoted niece and great-niece Angela Rentz and JoNaya Ware (Zechariah), a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, two Godsons: Charlie Johnson and Willie C. Bratcher and a host of other sorrowing family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Eatonville Community Cemetery Association

600 South Wymore Road
Maitland , FL 32751

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Lawrence AME Church
549 East Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Tribute Wall

JP

“ ❤️❤️



JP - October 15, 2024 at 11:51 PM

JO

“ *Still missing you .. forever my girl.* ❤️



JoNaya - September 25, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Gloria LeVarn Jones*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - July 15, 2024 at 11:43 PM

SW

“ *May Beloved Memories Of Cousin Gloria's Golden Heart of Caring & Sharing Remain In Our Hearts and Bring Us Smiles of love & Joy.* ❤️🙏🏻

#Sandra Baldwin -Williams



Sandra D. Williams - July 12, 2024 at 01:29 PM

DH

“ To Pam and the entire Jones family.
Our condolences love and heartfelt prayers go out to you during these difficult time.
Sincerely sorry for the loss of Ms. Gloria she will truly be missed.
We love you Pam The Golden Girls plus one Doreen, Tasha and James.
To God be the glory... Weeping endures for a night but joy come in the morning.

Doreen A. Hill - July 09, 2024 at 07:00 PM

DH

“ Doreen A. Hill lit a candle in memory of Gloria LeVarn Jones



Doreen A. Hill - July 09, 2024 at 06:51 PM

PJ

“ I will miss you my lovely Auntie. You will forever be in our hearts. Daddy (Rudolph) will forever miss and love you as well as your Nieces, Nephews, Great Nephews and Great Nieces. Gone but never forgotten. Weeping may Endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. RIH Auntie Gloria L. Jones. This candle light🔥 represents the purity of your heart❤️ and love you had for your family... Love your Niece Pamela Jones ☐



Pamela Jones - July 09, 2024 at 06:46 PM

LA

“ Lisamarie A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



Lisamarie A. - July 09, 2024 at 07:31 AM

DC

“ Deliah C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria LeVarn Jones.

Deliah C. - July 08, 2024 at 03:26 PM

LJ

“ LaTanya Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



LaTanya Jones - July 08, 2024 at 10:43 AM

BR

“ Ms Jones will always be a part of us she was a great teacher if your child was in her class she or he would have been well taken care of. She was a co worker and a true friend. Rest in peace Gloria your work here on earth is over.



Beverly A Rivard - July 06, 2024 at 03:37 PM

MD

Sending our sincere condolences and love to the Jones, Alexander and Bell Family on the passing of your dear sister, Gloria she was a schoolmate at the Hungerford High School, remembering her mother and sisters, she will be truly missed. May God's Grace and the love you'll shared comfort you during this difficult time of grief 🙏☀️🙏

Mary Daniels & Family

Mary Raglin Daniels - July 07, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DC

She was a lovely person ☐♀️ to talk about her family and life

Delilah Crooms - July 07, 2024 at 06:15 PM

WF

“ Ware family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



Ware family - July 05, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TW

“ Trudy Wilkes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



Trudy Wilkes - July 05, 2024 at 01:02 PM

YK

“ Your ride or die crew...Angie and Kids purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



Your ride or die crew...Angie and Kids - July 05, 2024 at 01:28 AM

YK

“ Your ride or die crew...Angie and Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria LeVarn Jones.

Your ride or die crew...Angie and Kids - July 05, 2024 at 01:28 AM

YM

“ Yasmin Moses purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



Yasmin Moses - July 04, 2024 at 10:21 PM

YM

“ Yasmin Moses lit a candle in memory of Gloria LeVarn Jones



Yasmin Moses - July 04, 2024 at 03:54 PM

CK

“ May Ms. Jones Rest in Peace with Jesus and Mary and Joseph and all the angels and saints!

The children loved her!

Cheryl A.K.

Cheryl A K - July 04, 2024 at 03:16 PM

MA

“ Margo A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria LeVarn Jones.

Margo A. - July 04, 2024 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ Delores Brinson and sons purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gloria LeVarn Jones.



Delores Brinson and sons - July 04, 2024 at 01:19 PM

SB

“ You're an amazing, and phenomenal spirit. We're so blessed to have been a part of your journey in life. Know that you've left behind a legacy of truth and promise to those to continue the teachings that you've bestowed in this lifetime. We love, and will always miss you aunty Gloria!

Sis. Rashida Brooks - July 04, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ Rashida B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria LeVarn Jones.

Rashida B. - July 04, 2024 at 11:07 AM

DJ

“ My favorite memory is when I went to her house for a school home visit with Caleb. Ms. Gloria had a SPREAD of food prepared! The table was set, decorated, and I had my assigned seat. 😊 It was my most memorable home visit to date in 18 years of teaching. She was always welcoming, always hosting, always smiling, everybody's 'Auntie'. Rest in heaven ❤️

Dionne Joseph - July 04, 2024 at 09:11 AM

YM

“ To the Family of Ms. Gloria Jones , I send my deepest condolence, prayers and love. She was an incredible teacher. She was my first grade teacher that I kept in contact with from I was little all throughout my adulthood and most recently. She was such a pillar in my life that helped me throughout my schooling. She always loved her students and loved to hear our success stories she is part of the reason I am who I am today and inspired me to become a teacher myself. Thank you Ms. Jones for instilling wisdom and love you will be deeply missed , I love you so much. Yasmin Moses (Student of Ms. Jones)

Yasmin Moses - July 04, 2024 at 01:36 AM

SJ

“ R.I.P AUNTIE
TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT
WITH THE LORD, NO MORE SUFFERING.



Sheri Jones - July 03, 2024 at 11:05 PM