



## Leroy O. Jones

November 4, 1950 - January 4, 2023

Leroy Jones was born November 1950 in Apopka, Florida to Lem and Mel lones. He attended Croom's High School in Sanford, FL. After finishing high school, he moved to New York and attended Syracuse University. Later in life, he also attended Valencia Community College to continue furthering his education.

Leroy had an illustrious career in United States Air Force, where he was allowed to travel to many parts of the world and throughout the United States. Pops went into the transportation trade after the military where he took a humble yet noble position with Orange County Public Schools as a school bus driver. During his tenure he had a positive effect on many of the kids he came in contact with. He later retired from the county and went on to drive charter buses. He was appreciated by those he accommodated and received raving reviews and big tips! He wasn't afraid to think outside of the box and try something new. Due to this, he dabbled in many different things from real estate to the insurance industry. Leroy loved service jobs because he loved helping others.

Leroy was a kind, smart, generous, and very empathetic man. He was cool as a fan and well-liked by many - even strangers. He could hold lively conversations with anyone and was well-versed on many topics. He was also a very classy & refined man with impeccable taste in fashion, food, and

women - which is why he ended up with such a beautiful wife (Juliet).

Leroy was a music lover. He loved to sing and even created an original song of his own entitled 'Don't Let The Rain Stop The Party'. Speaking of parties: he loved to dance, have fun and enjoy life all while maintaining moral fortitude and integrity. He loved sports and played football when he was in the military. He also loved to play basketball recreationally with his kids and once coached a women's team. He was a sucker for a good boxing match as well. Pops (Leroy) took a drama class in college and decided he wanted to try his hand at acting at different times in his life. He participated in a few plays and even got a chance to have a role in a movie. Other hobbies and things he liked to do were, play scrabble, jeopardy, spades, bid whist, and tonk.

Mr. Jones was the ultimate family man and never failed to provide for his wife and kids. He had 3 sons and a beautiful daughter. He loved his family deeply and was present and loving to them all. He was a true Patriarch in every sense of the word. He made sure his kids knew his family. He loved his grandkids and they all loved him. His sister Elaine was very special to him and he had a good relationship with all of his other siblings as well.

He was a funny, hilarious man with a great sense of humor who loved to laugh. He loved comedy shows and loved a good joke. He was never too intense or serious. His calm demeanor and energy could make peace be still in the middle of chaos. He always seemed to find a solution to most issues by keeping his cool and trusting in God. He would often say things like, 'I'm a lover, not a fighter' or "Just kill them with kindness". He was rarely judgmental towards others and didn't hold grudges. One of his favorite sayings was. "Let it roll off your back like the water off a duck's back".

On January 4, 2023, we lost a beautiful soul resilient, dynamic, and loving man. He fought a good fight however, it was time for him to transition. It's hard

to see him go and life will never be the same without him. Although we are overcome with sadness today, we can find comfort in the fact that he left us with many fond memories and a lasting legacy that his friends and family can be proud of.

Leroy was preceded in death by Lem & Mel Jones: Johnell Jones: Willie Jones Jr: KC Jones: Johnnie Mae Hughley: Katherine Taylor.

He is survived by wife, Juliet Jones; children, Todd Dyson (Lynette); Sunya Jones; Jason Jones (Felicia); Marlon Jones (Michelle); siblings, David Jones (Pearl); Eddie Simpson (Jessie Mae); Elizabeth Jones; Elaine Cannady; grandchildren; Nairobi Spruill: Alexis Harper; Darien Spruill: Naomi Jones; Jalen Jones; Solomon Jones; Mekhi Young; Michael Young: Jeremiah Jones: Gabrielle Dyson.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery ~ Mt. Dora

3333 Britt Rd.  
Mount Dora, FL 32757

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
927 South Central Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leroy O. Jones*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss.....my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I had the pleasure of working with Leroy for many years at OCPS. He was one of my best training instructors ever, he was kind, loving, patient, and humble to all who had the pleasure of being his friend and students. Leroy would light up the room with his presence, his kind voice, his wonderful smile, and the love in his heart wanting to help everyone. I know he's with the angels because an angel he was here on earth and will always be. I am so happy God gave me the pleasure and the honor of working with such a special man, Victoria Creech, Orange County, public schools, transportation department.*



**Victoria Creech** - February 06, 2023 at 09:07 AM



*Thank you so much for your kind words. He is truly missed. May God bless you.*

*-Leroy's granddaughter, Alexis*

**Alexis Harper** - March 17, 2023 at 08:45 PM

SL

“ *Sonia Leyakatalie lit a candle in memory of Leroy O. Jones*



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**Sonia Leyakatalie** - January 23, 2023 at 07:00 PM

AO

“ *To my dear sister, Harold and I are so very sorry for the lost of Leroy we know you will truly miss him but he lives on thru Jason, Sunya and Marlon along with the grandkids/ we love you and the family many prayers and much love sis God Bless  
Harold and Araminta Owens*



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**Araminta Owens** - January 20, 2023 at 03:55 PM

VB

“ *Vanessa& Ken, Mr. & Mrs. Watts, the boys purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Leroy O. Jones.*



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**Vanessa& Ken, Mr. & Mrs. Watts, the boys** - January 20, 2023 at 02:06 PM

AH

“ *To the family, We offer our sincere condolences. May God keep you all & you find some comfort and peace in the midst of your grief.  
Angie&April*

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**Angela Harris** - January 19, 2023 at 10:09 PM

SO

“ To the family I offer my sincere condolences. To my friend Leroy I say keep watch at the gate for me. I pray that God keeps you close. As I write this I can see and hear your voice as we drove city to city on those busses. Operator Jones was your title....your title now is Angel for God. Love you my buddy ❤️



Steve Osborne - January 18, 2023 at 02:32 PM

SW

“ Stan Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Leroy O. Jones



Stan Williams - January 17, 2023 at 10:15 PM

YH

“ Sunya and I became best friends in middle school. I met Mr. Leroy when we had a sleepover at her house. I remember Mr. Leroy being very kind to me. He will truly be missed. His soul is resting now. 🙏



To the entire family - May the God of peace, joy, love & comfort wrap His loving arms around each of you in a special way. 🙏💜

Love,  
Yolanda 🙏

Yolanda Harmon - January 17, 2023 at 09:12 PM

SW

*My favorite friend at the VA Lake Nona FL we had his last best day's experience being friends, you're free now brother with the Christ Jesus and the Saints, I truly appreciate your time and your friendship, we shall meet again in Paradise, I truly appreciate your friendship... Stan Williams*

Stan Williams - January 17, 2023 at 10:25 PM

SG

“ *Proverbs 18:24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Leroy rest in sweet peace my friend my brother. Amen* ❤️🙏

Skip Golden - January 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM

SG

“ *Proverbs 18:24 A man who has friends must be friendly. But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Rest in sweet peace my friend my brother. Amen* ❤️🙏



Skip Golden - January 14, 2023 at 03:06 PM

PH

“ *Words can't explain the LOST of a Love one! The sweet memories of the things you enjoyed together, laughter and visits. As time goes on the pain will decrease and the hurt will be there only if you hold onto the pain. you will be missed from the Family*

Princess Hamilton - January 14, 2023 at 10:38 AM

CW

“ *Charlie Mae Warren lit a candle in memory of Leroy O. Jones*



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**Charlie Mae Warren** - January 13, 2023 at 04:35 PM

EC

“ *There are not enough words in the English language to describe how much my brother meant and will always mean to me. I can't imagine not hearing his voice on the phone saying, "Hey Sis, guess what happened....." My brother was my first playmate, my first babysitter and my first partner in crime. Not many brothers allow their little sisters to tag along behind them all the time; he did and we had so much fun!!! I love you, Leroy, from the deepest part of my soul. Every tear I shed are overflowing from the deep rivers of love that I have for you. My brother is now free, at peace and wrapped in the perfect love of God. Although you are far away we will never truly part, because part of you lives on with me, forever in my heart.*

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**Elaine Cannady** - January 13, 2023 at 04:27 PM

RJ

*From early high school to the last moment of Leroy's earthly presence, Leroy and I were and still are the best of friends. A compassionate, decent, trusting and moral human being and man was he. Leroy embraced the virtues, passions and gifts of life with remarkable candor and valor. His innate spirit to see life as a cornucopia full of splendor and abundance was shared by all who loved, admired and respected Leroy throughout his life. Leroy did not allow the incumbrances and trivialities of daily life to restrict his love of life. A most dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, best friend, veteran and other significant roles, Leroy embodied the full breadth of living life and loving the life that he lived. I salute you and love you my spiritual brother and best friend.  
Admirably;*

*Robert L. Biggins Jr.*

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**Robert L. Biggins Jr.** - January 14, 2023 at 11:44 AM

RH

*Day's Come and Day's go; However Cousin LeRoy you will always be in My Heart ❤️ and Remembrance of you forever ! You will always be a light shining among all of the lives you touched ! Rest My Cousin! Amen ! You're Loved forever! 🙏❤️🤔😊🌹*

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**Reverend Dr. Gloria Louise Holmes-Stephe** - March 02, 2023 at 09:28 AM