



Richardeen "Ricki" Jones

September 28, 1935 - March 30, 2019

For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness with the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Richardeen "Ricki" Jones beloved daughter, sister, aunt, wife and friend bowled her last strike, hit her last ball, shuffled her last deck of cards here on earth as God saw fit to complete the games as He brought His angel home on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 1:05 p.m.

Richardeen Ellis Jones was born on September 28, 1935 to James and Lucy Ellis in Jacksonville, Florida.

Richardeen, affectionately known as "Ricki" life was a rich tapestry of talent, athletic skill and service to humanity. Her early childhood education took place in Duval County Schools in Jacksonville, Florida; where she graduated from Stanton High School's class of 1953. Her college life includes Walkers Visitors College, Bethune Cookman College and Wiley College in Marshall, Texas where she completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. As a competitive athlete, she was a winner of the Orange State Tennis Championship Singles,

Doubles, and the Southwest Conference Singles Championship from 1953-1957 at Wiley College. During this time, one of her greatest stories was having the opportunity to play with the legendary tennis player, Althea Gibson.

Upon graduation from Wiley College, Ricki entered the United States Women's Army serving in Frankfurt, Germany from 1958 to 1962, working as a physical therapist. Qualified and well prepared to be a commissioned officer, she was denied the rank. She continued to serve as an enlisted personnel for four years and was honorably discharged.

On July 27, 1962, Ricki married E. Percy Jones, Jr. For anyone who knew them, it was plain to see that he was the love of her life and she was the love of his. For thirty one years, they were inseparable.

This marriage led Ricki to Fort Myers, Florida where she began working as a substitute teacher for the Lee County School Board. Soon after, she became supervisor of the River Park Center and Swimming Pool in Naples, Florida, serving from 1963 to 1978. She was responsible for baseball and softball for men and women respectively, little league basketball and special Olympics.

Along with twelve other sorority sisters, Ricki chartered the Fort Myers Alumni Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on December 18, 1965. Later, Percy and Ricki moved to Orlando, Florida where she became the Director of the Carter Street Recreation Center where she also formed sport teams that competed against teams across Florida. A heart condition forced Ricki into early retirement.

Retirement did not stop Ricki. She loved to bowl and set out to get more women involved in bowling. In 1988, she founded and organized a women's bowling league. As a result of this league, The Pinsetters of Florida Club was formed. Shortly after organizing the club, Ricki started a tournament for

women. The tournament consist of team play, singles and doubles. The tournament is in it's 17th season with more than 100 teams competing. The profits from the event purchased uniforms for students and helped multiple elementary schools in Orange County.

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Cemetery Details

Highland Memory Gardens

3329 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Seventh-Day Adventist Church
3350 Clarcona Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall



“ *Richardeen "Ricki" Jones*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richardeen "Ricki" Jones.*



April 05, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Richardeen "Ricki" Jones.*



April 04, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *Cynthia Owens lit a candle in memory of Richardeen "Ricki" Jones*



Cynthia Owens - April 04, 2019 at 05:17 PM

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“ Althea Pugh lit a candle in memory of
Richardeen "Ricki" Jones



Althea Pugh - April 04, 2019 at 12:32 PM

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“ I will always remember the adventures we had and laughs we
shared along the way!

*One of her many nuggets of wisdom I carry with me always , "these
things were only designed to last 7 years". Just makes me smile!*

Love you FOREVER...Cuz

Althea Pugh - April 04, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ Pamela Pugh sent a virtual gift in memory of
Richardeen "Ricki" Jones



Pamela Pugh - April 03, 2019 at 01:08 PM

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Love You Cuz!!!

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