



Mrs. Velma Jones

February 12, 1916 - October 6, 2013

Appalachia, VA

Velma Jones, 97, passed away on Sunday, October, 6, 2013 at the Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Norton, VA.

Velma was born in Brent, Ala. on February 12, 1916. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bruzee Jones; and parents, Avery and Dora Mason. Velma accepted her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age.

She united with Macedonia Baptist Church in Appalachia, VA, where she was a faithful member and servant. She served as a deaconess, a member of the church's treasury committee and as a representative and secretary of the Macedonia Baptist Missionary Auxiliary. She was also a dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Later in life, she enjoyed attending the Appalachia Senior Citizens Center.

She married Bruzee Jones on September 25, 1938. From their union, they became the proud parents of six children. She was the epitome of the word "Mama."

She was an excellent cook, loved taking care of her children and grandchildren and enjoyed the fact of being present during the birth of each

grandchild. In addition, she cherished having her grandchildren home during the holidays and summer months.

Velma worked tirelessly as a presser at the Norton Garment Factory. While rearing her six children, she was employed in many homes as a domestic worker. She also enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren play sports.

To rejoice in her spiritual home going, yet earthly sorrow; she leaves to cherish her memory four sons and two daughters: Rev. Robert L. Jones (Ethel, deceased), pastor, Queen Anne Baptist Church, Trenton, KY, Earnestine White, Kingsport, TN, Thomas A. Jones (Betty), Big Stone Gap, VA, James E. Jones (Sandra), Big Stone Gap, David E. Jones Nashville, TN and Nora (Joseph) Hardison, Gate City, VA; grandchildren, Christine (Marvin) Easter, Monica Jones, Wanda Sebree, Dale Rucker (Deceased), Sophia (George) McKinney, Sylvester Peterson, Sherri Pratt, Bridget Wimbush, Gwendolyn McDonald, Beatrice Jones, Thomas Quinn Jones, Knetris Jones, Julius Jones (Kelly), Knetta Jones, Katrice Jones, Erica Counts, Enjoli Turner, Erick Hardison, Andrea Hardison, Jennifer Hardison, Tyrell Hardison (Tabitha); and 19 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Gary Bryant, Rev. N. A. Kirby, Rev. Ronnie Collins, Elder

Carolyn Smith, and Rev. Alan Collier officiating..

Burial will follow in the Oakview Cemetery in Big Stone Gap.

Family will serve as pallbearers.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Jones family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Velma Jones*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *To the jones family, may the lord bless you during this time of sorrow. Your mother was a wonderful lady.
Billy Livingston Fayetteville nc*

william livingston - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM



“ *Just loved our visits to Virginia from Kentucky growing up. Grandma Velma cooking and that brick house on the hill. Uncle David giving me a haircut down in the basement. She is truly an angel. I will miss her.*

Russell Dewayne Sebree - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy for your loss. Mrs. Velma always had a smile; such a lovely lady! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Tyrone and Jacqueline Rier Taylor - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

LF

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Ms. Velma will always be remembered in my heart for her beautiful smile she greeted me with every time I approached. That smile represented the love of God she had in her heart. May you have peace in knowing she is with her heavenly father rejoicing in his presence.

With Love,
Linda Fields

Linda Fields - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

DF

“ To the Family, I am the granddaughter of Eddie Porter and Daughter of Clara Mae. I would like to send our sincere Condolences to you. It has been years since I've seen you all but that never kept me from thinking and praying for you. I rejoice with you on Aunt Velma's Home Going, yet am sympathetic to the loss here on Earth. Keep God first in everything you attempt to do. Sending our Love and Prayers. I apologize for we are not able to attend this service. Will try to keep in touch more often. Love you all, Denise (Niece)

Denise Bowers and Family - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

JL

“ Nora and family,

I was reading the online Coalfield Progress obits and noticed that your mother died. Really sorry for your loss I know how it feels to lose your mother. She had a long life though so that is a real blessing you all had her a long time. May god bless you all and best regards during this difficult time.

Jerry Livingston - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

RO

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family. So sorry for your loss.*

rosemary - October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM