



Reverend Vernon Jones, Jr.

September 19, 1924 - November 14, 2015

The Reverend Vernon Algie Jones, Jr., age 91, died Saturday, November 14, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Lillian Clark Jones. He is survived by his sister, Phyllis Hill, Ann Arbor, Michigan; daughters and sons-in-law: Frances Cecilia Peterson, Gilbert, AZ, Harriet "Lyn" and Charles Thompson, Tuskegee, AL, Lillian Vernelle and Jeffrey Rowser, Conyers, GA; grandchildren: Eric L. Fowler, Kristian and David Miller, Leslyn NaShawn and Sean Poitier, Kimberly and Clint Rhodes, Kayla Rowser, Hilary Rowser, Carmen Rowser; great-grandchildren: Ethan Poitier, Gabriel Poitier, and Amanda Miller; other family members Charles Thompson, Jr., Kellye Thompson, Natalie Miller; nephew and nieces, and many other loved ones. Vernon was born on September 19, 1924 in Brunswick County, Virginia. He was the oldest son of Vernon Jones and Harriet Rhodes Jones. He received his elementary and high school education at St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School in Lawrenceville, Virginia. His Bachelor's Degree was earned from Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA in 1945, and his Bachelor of Divinity from Bishop Payne Divinity School (Petersburg, VA) in 1948. He later earned his Masters of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. Reverend Jones was ordained to the diaconate in the Episcopal Church in 1948 in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. In June 1949 he was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Saint James' Church, Emporia, Virginia. Jones served several small churches in Southern Virginia prior to moving to Petersburg, Virginia where he was the Rector at St.

Stephen's Episcopal Church until 1957. He was the second Vicar of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tuskegee, Alabama and then the church's first Rector when the church achieved Parish status serving that community from 1957 until his retirement in 1990. After retirement, Vernon and Lillian moved to Montgomery, Alabama. He continued in ministry as a supply priest at several Montgomery area churches. He joined the congregation of Christ the Redeemer Episcopal Church and later All Saint's Episcopal Church. Vernon and Lillian moved to Conyers, Georgia in 2014. They attended St. Simon's Episcopal Church and participated in and assisted with chapel services at Remington House Assisted Living Facility. Memorial services will be held at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Conyers, GA on Saturday, November 21 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contribution be made to the American Lung Association in his name. Condolences may be submitted online at www.scotward.com Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

St. Simon's Episcopal Columbarium

1522 Highway 138 NE
St. Simon's Episcopal Columbarium, GA
30013

Previous Events

Service

NOV 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Simons Episcopal Church
1522 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall

HD

“ Cecilia, Lyn, Vern and other family members,

We all grew up together and had the love of our parents. May the arms of GOD comfort and protect you now and always. In the spirit of mother Tuskegee we love you dearly.

Gods peace,

*Harriette Jeffries Davis
Brenda Jeffries Marrow
Lyman B. Jeffries Jr.*

Harriette J Davis - November 23, 2015 at 09:15 AM

CW

“ Cecilia, Lyn and Vern,
Our family has nothing but the fondest memories of Father Jones. We had a great deal of love and respect for him and were so very blessed to have been under his leadership at St. Andrews. God has definitely added one of the dearest of souls to His Garden. Our love and blessings to all of you.
Carolyn Thompson Wright, Daniel and Malcolm Thompson



Carolyn T. Wright - November 21, 2015 at 07:40 PM

EW

“ *"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." Lean on God's love.*
Sincerely,
Edna L. Williams
Tuskegee

Edna L. Williams - November 21, 2015 at 03:48 PM

SS

“ Sarah Stringer lit a candle in memory of Reverend Vernon Jones, Jr.



Sarah Stringer - November 20, 2015 at 02:37 PM

SS

“ Lyn and Family,

To know Father Jones was to know love. I am grateful that he shared his love as a spiritual and community servant. May Father Jones Rest In Peace and I know that you will be comforted and strengthened by his teachings, the love of The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit as well as the love of your friends and community. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Sarah Stringer
Tuskegee, AL*

Sarah Stringer - November 20, 2015 at 02:36 PM

DJ

“ Cecilia, Lyn, Vern,

We share in the loss of your father. Father Jones was more than the Rector at St. Andrews he was a good friend to many including our father. Our fathers demonstrated their commitment to Tuskegee by sending their kids to Tuskegee Public and by them quietly integrating the local Lions Club.

Our love and prayers are with you.

Doug, Patti (Smith), Wilma (Scott) Jones

Douglas, Patti, & Wilma Jones - November 20, 2015 at 08:14 AM

DW

“ *Jehovah hates death he views it as an enemy 1corinthians 15 ; 26 he has a long ing to conquer that enemy to undo death by means of the resurrection*

Dorothy wallace - November 17, 2015 at 12:26 PM

MI

“ *I'm sorry for your loss and wanted to share a bible thought found at 1 Cor 15:26, that states Jehovah hates death; he views it as an enemy and Job 14:14,15 says He yearns to bring back back those who are in his memory and to see them live on earth again.*

Michal - November 17, 2015 at 11:22 AM

CH

“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones!



cheyenne - November 17, 2015 at 07:44 AM

MJ

It is morning on the other side and all is light and joy. With heartfelt sympathy may you be comforted by your faith and loving memories heal your heart.

Manuel Jones

Manuel Jones - November 20, 2015 at 08:10 AM

JF

*Celia, Lynn, Vern,
Your father was an inspiration to many. He was kind, thoughtful, and most of all a spiritual leaders for many. My pray is that the memory of his love surround you all and bring you all peace.*

Johnnie Tolbert and Family

Johnnie Tolbert and Family - November 21, 2015 at 06:23 AM

RP

*Celia, Lynn, Vern,
He was you all dad, and he shaped who you all are... gave you all his love... taught you all what he knew... you all will always honor him in the way you all live you all life and in you all heart with his lasting memories*

*Robert and JoAnn Pearson
Tuskegee Alabama*

Robert and JoAnn Pearson - November 21, 2015 at 08:18 AM