



Mrs. Ruth Jones

May 6, 1925 - July 31, 2017

Mrs. Ruth Jones went home to be with the Lord on July 31, 2017 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born on May 6, 1925 in Tunica, Mississippi to Earl Davis and Beatrice (Mathews) Davis. She was the third of eleven children born to this union. She accepted Christ at an early age and has always trusted the Lord to guide her steps.

In 1941, she united in marriage to Allen L. Jones. In April of 1943, the couple and their six month old daughter, Lillie moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan. They were later blessed with five more children, Catherine, Jessie, Joe, Nathaniel and Bobby.

Ruth was employed at the Kalamazoo Country Club for 15 years She also worked at Borgess Medical Center in housekeeping, retiring in 1983 after 22 years of service.

Ruth was a long time faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Addis Moore. She served on the Usher Board, Missionary Ministry and counted the attendance every Sunday for many years.

Some of Ruth's favorite past-times she enjoyed were traveling, sewing, gardening and fishing. She also enjoyed spending time with her family,

especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She looked forward to yearly family gatherings and reunions and she never missed one! Ruth was known for her quiet but gentle demeanor. She loved her church, her Pastor and her church family, especially Deacon Ron Boyd, who she viewed as another "son". She will be truly missed by all of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors and her Mt. Zion Baptist Church family.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Beatrice Davis; 3 brothers, Richard Davis, Levi Davis and Archie Davis; one sister, Clara Clemmons; one daughter, Jessie Pitts and one son, Nathaniel Jones.

Ruth is survived by her children, Catherine Jones, Bobby (Melois) Jones, Lillie (John) Nelms all of Kalamazoo, MI and Joe (Yvonne) Jones of Portage, MI; grandchildren, Terry Lee, Cynthia Lee, Danielle Jn Baptiste and John Nelms II all of Kalamazoo, MI; Valerie Kartwe of Atlanta, GA, Amanda Carter of Virginia; and Geno Ware of Nashville, TN; 9 great grandchildren, Nya Nelms, Nadia Nelms, Natalie Nelms, Johns Nelms III, Richelle Jn Baptiste, Yvlie Jn Baptiste; Tatianna Carter, Jacob Karwte and Joshua Karwte; 4 sisters, Elizabeth Davis and Daisy Johnson of Chicago, IL; Charlene (Johnny) Simmons of Pontiac, MI and Rose Harris of Champaign, IL; 2 brothers, B.H. Davis of Chicago, IL and Jack Davis of Champaign, IL. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

AUG 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



Harper Funeral Home - August 07, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ Mrs. Ruth Jones

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Ruth Jones

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Fred Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



Fred Lawrence - August 14, 2017 at 12:33 PM



I am sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure meeting you and talking with your mother.

Fred Lawrence - August 14, 2017 at 12:34 PM

AR

“ I remember the day I realized that I was very much like my aunt, especially related to my children. I thanked her and gave her a kiss. I love you aunt Ruth.

AI Russell - August 10, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ruth Jones.



August 10, 2017 at 01:47 PM

EV

“ Jones family, I feel so priviledged to have known Sis. Jones. She and I would converse as we walked to our automobiles after church. (God blessed her to drive while she was up in age) The stories of how she was nurtured as a young person in the church will be rememberd along with her sweet and quiet spirit. I will miss her, but know "....the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 7:22

Emily Nelson, Las Vegas,NV - August 10, 2017 at 11:18 AM

WF

“ Wilson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



Wilson Family - August 09, 2017 at 07:59 AM

CF

“ Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



Charleston Family - August 08, 2017 at 08:43 PM

HB

“ Hal&Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



Hal&Janet Buchanan - August 08, 2017 at 12:54 PM

DJ

“ DaNetta Julian lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



DaNetta Julian - August 08, 2017 at 10:28 AM

VA

“ Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones



Victor & Margo Anderson - August 07, 2017 at 07:30 PM

AS

“ *Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Alma M. Snell - August 07, 2017 at 05:26 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Earline Fields - August 07, 2017 at 04:38 PM

MF

“ *Mattie Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Mattie Fields and Family - August 07, 2017 at 04:32 PM

FB

“ *Our Sincerest condolences The Banks Family*



FLOYD BANKS - August 07, 2017 at 03:04 PM

FB

“ *FLOYD BANKS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



FLOYD BANKS - August 07, 2017 at 03:01 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Kevin Dunigan - August 07, 2017 at 07:15 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Jo Ann Embrey - August 06, 2017 at 04:27 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Jack Dunigan - August 06, 2017 at 03:34 PM

PF

“ *Kevin and Patricia Ford*



Patricia Ford - August 06, 2017 at 01:49 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Jack Dunigan - August 06, 2017 at 01:19 PM

FF

“ *Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Frank & Betty Ford - August 06, 2017 at 01:11 PM

RC

“ *We worked with Ruth 43 years ago at Borgess Hospital. I always looked forward to seeing her as she was so happy and positive.*

Jon and Ruth Carr

Ruth Carr - August 06, 2017 at 12:41 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Pauline Gardner - August 06, 2017 at 07:13 AM

GA

“ *Gailasmith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



gailasmith - August 05, 2017 at 08:10 PM

CS

“ *Dear lovely family from a dear and lovely lady. Mother Jones always had a smile and a kiss that you knew came from her heart. We will miss that engaging smile and the love that just exuded from her presence. GOD will comfort and encourage you all as you begin this journey without her. She is now resting in the arms of JESUS which was her ultimate desire..*

Catharine Sturdivant - August 05, 2017 at 01:14 PM

RW

“ *RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - August 05, 2017 at 11:57 AM

HB

“ *Helen Mills Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth Jones*



Helen Mills Brooks - August 05, 2017 at 08:47 AM