



Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III

July 6, 1945 - October 3, 2020

****NOTE: A WALK THROUGH VISITATION FOR THE PUBLIC WILL BE HELD 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020.

****AN INTERMENT WITH MILITARY HONORS will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. Please note only (40) people will be in attendance according to the cemetery's regulations.

****A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY will be held at Tuesday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI. ***Due to the the mandates from the CDC, up to 20% of the church's seated capacity or (125) people may be present for the for the church service.

****MASKS ARE REQUIRED****

Walter J. Jones III (Jerry) was born on July 6, 1945 in Reed City/Baldwin, Michigan to Walter Jr. and Alma (Brooks) Jones. He was the eldest of 6 siblings and served faithfully as "Big Brother in Chief". He professed faith in Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the age of 9. He was a high achiever and earned the level of Eagle Scout as a teenager. He went on to graduate from Central High School where his competitive nature led him to participate in Track & Field, Cross Country and on the Debate Team. He attended Western Michigan University where he received a B.A. in Political Science and

an M.A. in Educational Leadership. He also attended Wayne State University School of Public Administration and was a member of the Kalamazoo County Public Service Board. His enthusiasm for learning continued throughout his life and he eventually attained his lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer when he graduated from Miles University in Alabama with a Juris Doctor degree in May 2011.

Walter was a patriot who gained his sense of citizenship and community mindedness from his parents and participating in Boy Scouts. He was a member of Troop 84 and eventually served as a Scout Master. His sense of duty led him to join the US Army Infantry in 1965 where he served 2 voluntary tours in Vietnam as a Paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne Brigade. During his service there, he became a Sergeant and decorated hero; receiving a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. His exposure to Agent Orange while in combat, precipitated many health challenges that he faced through the years.

Prior to joining the Army, he met and married Marian Carter who bore him 2 children, Jennifer Yvonne and Jacquelyn Nicole. Marian preceded him in death but remains in our hearts as a cherished family member. He was also preceded in death by his brother Clarence.

Walter was very active in the Kalamazoo Civil Rights Movement in the early 1960s. He attended the March on Washington and later served in the NAACP as Public Action Officer. He was honored with the Distinguished Military Service Award by the Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch of the NAACP in 2008. He had a passion for grant writing and community improvement; running for public office and establishing various businesses over the years. His most notable accomplishments include founding American Legion Post #134, founding the first Charter School in Kalamazoo and most recently, ownership of the Vet's Café Restaurant.

Walter loved his family and children deeply and could be found at every holiday celebration and event, participating and contributing in any way he could to demonstrate his love and support.

He is survived by his parents Walter Jr. and Alma Jones, brothers Randall, Russell (Virginia) and Ralph (Donna) and sister Joyce (Jacques). His children Jennifer (Dennis), Jacqueline, Atiba (Cherise), Antwan (Erica), Iyeshia, Shondraya and Shaquan, 11 grandchildren, one great grand daughter and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces nephews and cousins. He will be deeply missed in our lives, but we believe by God's grace that we will see him again on the other side.

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation For Family & Friends

OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Military Ceremony

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM.

Ft. Custer National Cemetery-Military Service with Honors

A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

OCT **13**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Bible Baptist Church
1700 N. Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *My sympathy and prayers continue to be with you and your family. A model Good man and family. I always enjoyed working for you and your family. Your father and mother were a hoot and I always appreciated there hospitality and fine lifes example as well as yours Sir. A shout out to Ralph I miss you man I will look you up. Thanks to you and your family for there service to community and Country. Rest in Peace I will see you on the other side.*



Travis Taylor - October 07, 2021 at 01:39 AM



“ *Walter,*

Your service to the Nation and to your fellow veterans will never be forgotten. Thank you. Rest in Peace sir.

Respectfully,

Your fellow veterans at the American Legion Joseph B. Westnedge Post 36

American Legion Post 36 - March 06, 2021 at 11:50 AM

LG

“ *Linda Gaffney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Linda Gaffney - November 08, 2020 at 05:06 PM

LG

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

*Your Georgia Family,
Barbara, Linda, Ben, Floyd*

Linda Gaffney - November 08, 2020 at 05:06 PM

AF

“ *Avis Lane And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Avis Lane and family - November 06, 2020 at 10:23 AM

BJ

“ *Bari Brown Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Bari Brown Jr - October 22, 2020 at 01:04 AM

RA

“ *Ramona lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Ramona - October 19, 2020 at 11:45 PM

LW

“ *My condolences to the Jones family. Walter will truly be missed. He was always on the battlefield fighting for the right to represent those less fortunate. May you rest on my brother, in peace.*

Lenora Burnett Williams - October 17, 2020 at 06:56 AM

HS

“ *Hilda Breadford Snell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Hilda Breadford Snell - October 14, 2020 at 10:36 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Alicia Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Mignon Alicia Vincent - October 14, 2020 at 07:33 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Alicia Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Mignon Alicia Vincent - October 14, 2020 at 07:29 AM

AW

“ *Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Andrew And Dawn Wilkerson - October 13, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JJ

“ *JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr - October 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM

HE

“ *Jerry was a beautiful kind soul, miles apart meant-spiritual praying love for our loving cousin. Henrietta & Family.*



Henrietta - October 12, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MM

“ *Merry Mitchell-Battles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Merry Mitchell-Battles - October 12, 2020 at 12:59 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Walter Jarrett Jones III*



Pauline Gardner - October 12, 2020 at 11:29 AM

JJ

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Joyce Jones-Davis - October 12, 2020 at 10:47 AM

WF

“ To the Jones Family,
We extend to you our deepest condolences to you. Walter was a warrior and stayed on the battlefield for justice. He is now taking a well deserved rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior.
Rest in heavenly peace Walter. We salute you.
Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch of the NAACP



Wendy Fields - October 12, 2020 at 06:58 AM

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*From Fizer:
Family looks great and a real testimonial to a very active guy in all of the struggles we faced. You all showed each other, and others, the way. Will always miss my friend Walt.
James Edward Koulon Foster Harris Ledsinger Dean Paul Haskins Owensby (Fizer) Crigler Sr.*

James Harris Owensby Crigler (FIZA) - May 22, 2021 at 03:22 PM

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*Loved the pictures also
James fizer*

James Harris Owensby Crigler (FIZA) - May 22, 2021 at 03:24 PM