



## Dorothy Ann Jones-Grooms

July 31, 1941 - August 12, 2018

As she knelt on her knees in prayer, Dorothy Ann Jones-Grooms embraced that inevitable hour of peace that comes to everyone on the morning of August 12, 2018.

Born in the Alcolu community of Clarendon County on July 31, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Mr. Edward and Mrs. Sarah Jane Frierson Jones. As a young lady she was educated in the public school system of Clarendon County and was a graduate of Eastern High School.

Faith in God was important to Dorothy and she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Following the path set by many of her siblings, she relocated to New York City after graduation to find her road in life. The education that resulted presented itself as alternate times of triumph and defeat, joy and sorrow, but she persevered. She was no pushover, as from time to time she “roared” like the lion representing her zodiac sign. She had a quick wit and enjoyed playing cards and board games that challenged her intellect.

Her generosity of spirit and devotion to service displayed itself early in her life as she enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and was educated, trained, and served as a Medical Specialist - First Aid Attendant, where she also received an Expert Markmanship Badge for the Rifle M-16 before her honorable discharge in 1976.

She relocated to Columbia, SC where she met and married the late Willie Lee Grooms in August, 1989, and became a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church. There she served as an Usher for that faith community. Despite her struggles, Dorothy found joy in her faith, her family and the care of her patients in her work as a Nursing Assistant at several Columbia area hospitals and in private duty.

In the remaining years before her death, she was blessed to live with her son in New York and later her daughter in Lithonia, GA, as they assisted and supported her through her health challenges.

Continuing her legacy of love and service, remembering her life, and mourning her passing are her daughter, Sherrill Theressa Jones-Rucker (Alvin) of Lithonia, GA, her son, The Rev. Dr. Greg B. Jones of New York, NY; grandsons Malcolm D. Jones, Marcus D. Jones, and Everett Rucker. Left to represent the circle of eight siblings are her brother, James E. Jones (Dorothy) of Dallas, GA, Flossie Jones Delaney of Lithonia, GA, Eva L. Jones Thomas of Columbia, SC, Samuel H. Jones (Debra) of Eastover, SC, Virginia Jones Washington of Eastover, and Saul E. Jones (Gwendolyn) of Ft. Washington, MD. From two siblings who preceded her in death, she is loved by a sister-in law, Reather Hemingway Jones (Thomas) and James Henry (Louvenia). All of her nieces and nephews were precious to her and they will treasure her memory and miss her warm heart and hugs. Other relatives, and friends far and near will remember her with smiles and laughter for the ways she touched their lives.

# Cemetery

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## Westminster Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Alcolu, SC,

# Events

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**AUG 17** **Public Viewing** 01:00PM - 08:00PM

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Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street, Sumter, SC, US,  
29150

**AUG 17** **Receive Friends** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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**AUG 18** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:30PM

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Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA)  
9124 Plowden Mill Rd., Alcolu, SC, US

# Comments

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“ Art Williams lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Jones-Grooms



**Art Williams** - August 19, 2018 at 10:16 PM

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“ We share with you in this time of loss. Teresa(T-Bone) and Gregg we love you and feel the pain of your loss at this time. May you continue to hold the fond memories of your mom close to you. Our deepest sympathies to the all the Jones family. Walter & Sarah Colclough

**Walter Colclough** - August 17, 2018 at 11:22 AM

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“ Eusebio and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dorothy Ann Jones-Grooms.



**Eusebio and family** - August 16, 2018 at 12:17 PM

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“ Jerry Douglas lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Ann Jones-Grooms



**Jerry Douglas** - August 15, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ We are thankful for the time God allowed you to journey with us in faith and in ministry. God's blessings of healing and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit be with the family. Rev. Wright and the Northminster Presbyterian Church Family

**Northminster Presbyterian Church** - August 17, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ Theresa and Gregory, may God forever remain in your spirits. He loves you and He will never leave you nor forsake you. God bless you both.

Rev. Alonza A. and Gertrude Washington

**Gertrude Washington** - August 17, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ To the Jones Family,  
We offer our condolences and prayers for you at this time of grief. Please reflect on the many memories you have and this will help to ease the pain of your Mother and sister absence.

Alphonzo and Carrie Sinkler-Parker

**Carrie Sinkler-Parker** - August 18, 2018 at 08:12 AM