



Estoria Turner Jones

February 23, 1925 - June 11, 2020

Mrs. Estoria Turner Jones passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Born in New York, New York, she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Metta Hanna Turner and the widow of the late Thomas L. Jones, to whom she was married for thirty-nine years.

She received a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics from Savannah State University and a Master's degree from the Teachers College at Columbia University. She also did additional graduate studies at Winthrop University and the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Jones taught Home Economics in the Columbia city schools at Carver Junior High and C.A. Johnson High School. She was a member of several professional associations including: the South Carolina Association of Vocational Home Economics Teachers; the American Home Economics Association; the South Carolina Retired Educators Association; the Richland County Retired Educators Association (Life Member); and the National Education Association (NEA). She was also a member of the Urban League Guild, the Pals Bridge Club, and the Prime Timers Bridge Club.

She was a member of Sidney Park CME Church since 1954. Mrs. Jones served her church in various capacities including: President of the Matrons Club; Trustee Board; and the Maggie Boozer - Frances Mack Scholarship

Foundation Committee.

Mrs. Jones was selected by WOIC Radio as the Citizen of the Week December 17, 1989, in recognition of her community service. She was also honored as Volunteer of the Year (1997-1999) by Seven Oaks Elementary School.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, bridge, traveling, and crocheting. However, her very favorite pass time was crossword puzzles.

She leaves to cherish precious memories several cousins: Marion (Sylvia) Hanna, Loretta Hanna Evans, Yvonne Hanna (Harold) Jordan, Alphonse Hanna Garnes, Francis Hanna, Patricia Hanna, Deborah Hanna, Lydia Fortune, Cynthia McCottry Smith, Alonzo (Joslynn) Smith, and Craig (Denise) Smith; seven nieces: Wanda Jones Akins, Dr. Deborah (Dr. Isaiah) Davis, Silva Jones (Victor) Stewart, Rose Jones (Ricky, II) Nickles, Audrey Jones, Kathleen Jones (Oswaldo) Rivera, and Loressa (Kelvin) Jenkins; five nephews: Jimmie C. (Dora) Jones Jr.) Jacob Roy Jones, Lawrence Charles Jones, Michael (Sandra) Jones, and Michael Haltiwanger; a brother-in-law Jimmie C. Jones; a special family daughter Roslyn Peterson; two godchildren: Latrecia Harrison and Claudetta Stewart Parham; and a host of other loving and caring relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Maggie Boozer - Frances Mack Scholarship Foundation
c/o Sidney Park CME Church
P.O. Box 1577
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Cemetery Details

Palmetto Cemetery

5050 Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN **15**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Graveside service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Palmetto Cemetery
5050 Fairfield Road
Columbia, SC 29203

Tribute Wall



“ *Estoria Turner Jones*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of her passing she was my teacher at C. A. Johnson she taught me Home Economics sweet lady. Brenda Patterson-Coleman. Prayers for the family.*

brenda coleman - June 23, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *I met Mrs. Jones as a student at C.A. Johnson (65) She always dressed so elegant and beautiful. Mrs. Jones was a wonderful and caring teacher. Heaven has truly gained one classy lady. My sincere condolences to the family,*
Pat Collins

Patricia Simons-Collins - June 22, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *MRS.JONES TAUGHT ME HOW TO SEW, AND BAKE ,SHE HAD SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SOUL.*

Regina Green - June 22, 2020 at 07:09 PM

MJ

“ I remember when Miss Georgia Jones, my mother’s sister, (after marriage Mrs. Georgia Elam), came downstairs at Carver Elementary & High School to take me from my third grade class, upstairs to her Homemaker Economics classroom, to meet the new young teacher: I was introduced to Miss Estoria Turner. Later she married Tommy Jones, one of Columbia's first Black Firemen. They were all stationed at the Fire Station on Harden Street. It’s still there after 60 years.

As it turned out, those two ladies Georgia Elam and Estoria Jones taught together until Georgia Elam retired from the "new" school, CA Johnson, which opened as a high school in 1949.

If during the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s or 70’s, you were on the CA Johnson Hornets Football or basketball teams, the Cheerleaders, maybe you were a majorette or in the band, then you had a special relationship with Mrs. Elam and Mrs. Jones. They made uniforms, accruements, pom-poms or whatever it took; shortened or lengthened the uniforms to fit so you looked good and represented the CA Johnson Hornets well.

After the out-of-town games, to which the student school bus drivers drove, even if the game was in Charlotte, Augusta, Florence or Charleston, the “homemake room” was always open and hot food was served to all who traveled.

Estoria Turner Jones family was based in Moncks Corner, SC but her heart was in Columbia at CA Johnson High School, from her first day until her last. During my last visit with her at The Crossings of Columbia, we spent more time talking about CA Johnson and the good times we all had until I almost forgot that she was never a student there just a person who put her heart and soul into her work, loved the "children" that she taught and came in contact with and wore the Green and Gold with the pride of a Hornet.

Rest in peace, Estoria Turner Jones, the Hornets will take you

home.

Montez C. Martin, Jr.
Class of 1958

Montez Martin, Jr. - June 22, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MK

I met Mrs. Estoria Jones as a young teacher coming into the profession. She & Mrs. Elam saw "green" all over me ,& ask if I would work with the cheerleaders. I did so willingly and the squad ended up becoming "my cheetleades" for all the years that I sponsored them, maybe 10. I can say that because of that meeting, a lasting friendship grew & I was nurtured by Mrs. Jones (& Mrs Elam) as much as any of the students. They were both wonderful ladies that I held in such high esteem for all the years that I spent at CA Johnson...20 years. M L Kohn

M L Kohn - August 15, 2020 at 07:09 PM

VK

“ Mrs. Jones was a sweet person who loved everyone. I can see that big smile of hers that I remembered throughout my High School years as I passed by her in the halls, cafeteria or her classroom. She enjoyed teaching and was excellent at it. She always wanted her students to do better. I pray they have. She is loved and missed. Vickie Kuk

Vickie Kuk - June 15, 2020 at 05:25 PM

CP

“ *Heaven has gained one of the sweetest spirits we've ever known. I've literally known her all my life. She was my Godmother, and she and Uncle Tommie were joined at the hip with my parents forever. Through the heartache and the tears, we're celebrating a life amazingly well lived, a heart as big as any we've ever known and a Heavenly reunion that will be one for the ages. Rest in peace and power, Aunt Estoria. We love you, and we'll miss you.*



Bertha Stewart and Roger & Claudette Stewart Parham

Claudette Parham - June 12, 2020 at 03:24 PM