

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Loretta A. Jones

November 26, 1951

May 25, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025 • 11:00 AM

Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando – 604 W. Jackson Street, Orlando, FL 32805

Officiating – Pastor Derrick A. Williams, Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando

Presiding – Pastor Sharon Y. Riley, Agapé Perfecting Praise





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"MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME"

Loretta A. Jones was born on November 26, 1951, to Delores and George Adkins and was lovingly raised by Rosylin and Nathaniel Jones. As the oldest of four children, Loretta naturally took on the role of leader, nurturer, and protector. She was educated in the public schools of Orange County, Florida, attending Washington Shores Elementary, Carver Junior High, and The Great Jones High School, graduating in the class of 1969.

As a child, Loretta loved reading and math and was a wiz at playing jackstones. She was a proud member of the Jones High School band, where she played the saxophone and served as section leader. She later attended Florida A&M University (FAMU), where she majored in Business Education.

From a young age, Loretta was raised in Shiloh Baptist Church of Orlando. Her service there was lifelong and faithful. She sang in the Youth Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, Choir Number Three, and the Gospel Choir. She was also active in the Culinary Ministry, served breakfast to the less fortunate on Wednesday mornings, managed the church's Clothes Closet, and held a seat on the Finance Committee. Loretta believed in serving God and her community with excellence.

Loretta was the proud mother of two daughters and as a single mother she worked hard and long to provide for them. She worked at Walt Disney World during its very first year of operation, and later, she began a long and accomplished career at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, where she served with distinction for 27 years in Accounting before retiring.

As a single mother, Loretta embodied resilience, wisdom, and a tireless work ethic. She took on seasonal and summer jobs, including work at Lionel Toy Play World, to ensure her girls had everything they needed for school and summer outings. She taught them the value of responsibility, integrity, and hard work. "You work for what you want," she would say, and "Learn to do without so you can keep your voice."

There were five years between her daughters, Vinetta and Ceyretta, but they were raised with the same grounding principles. Loretta passed down her mother's culinary gifts and was known as an exceptional cook in her own right. Her dishes were as memorable as her wisdom.

Deeply connected to her community, Loretta served several terms as Secretary for the Washington Shores Homeowners Association, where she assisted with grant writing. She was also a member of the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary at the John P. Piner Post No. 30.

Loretta was known for her honesty, reliability, and being a "straight, no chaser" kind of woman. She didn't entertain drama and had no patience for foolishness. She often reminded her daughters to self-report, saying, "Tell me the truth before I hear it from someone else." Her favorite sayings were: "Where you act up, I act up," and "If you're grown enough to do it, be grown enough to own up to it." She believed in accountability, pride in one's name, and doing things the right way.

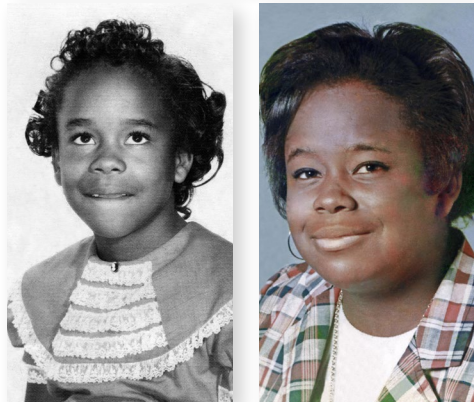
She loved bright colors, a good sale, and had a sharp eye for quality—always encouraging her girls to "Buy the best you can with what you have." In her downtime, Loretta enjoyed action-packed sci-fi movies, shopping, sleeping, and traveling the world.

Loretta was an adventurer at heart. She was a proud member of the Golden Divas and traveled to breathtaking destinations including Japan, China, the Mediterranean, Greece, Italy, Holland, Madagascar, Valencia, Spain, and Cape Town, South Africa among many other destinations. She had already paid in full for a European cruise she was scheduled to take next month—evidence that she lived with hope, purpose, and plans for the future.

Her favorite music included Earth, Wind & Fire and The Spinners. Her palate was just as specific—she loved hot cinnamon candy, sweet tea, Coca-Cola, and a good cut of rare steak. Every conversation with her ended with the warm, signature phrase: "All right, my dear. I'll talk to you later."

Loretta was preceded in death by her four **parents**, Delores and George Adkins and Rosylin and Nathaniel Jones, and her beloved **brothers**, Mitchell Jerome "Cheater" Adkins and Robert Adkins.

She leaves to cherish her legacy: her two **daughters** – Vinetta Frazier and Ceyretta Jones; her baby **sister** – Winifred Adkins; two **aunts** – Rosonia Green (Orlando) and Althea Smothers (Jacksonville); her **God-brother** – Al Harris; her travel companions; and a host of **nieces, nephews, cousins**, other relatives, CHURCH family, neighbors, and many friends too numerous to name.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Sharon Y. Riley
Agapé Perfecting Praise and Worship Center, 320 S. Ivey Lane, Orlando, FL 32811

Lessons from The Scripture

Old Testament Rev. Richard A. Pollard

New Testament Bishop Kevin Green

Christ Dominion Church of God (Bishop Quan Miller, Senior Pastor)

Music Selection.....Shiloh Music Ministry

Reflections (limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

As a Church Member – Deacon John Giles

Jones High School – Caffee Battles, Class of 1969

Orange County School Board Member, District 5 – Vicki Elaine Felder

Neighbor – Rod Zeigler "Rod Z"

Friends / Traveling Companions – Debra Allen, Anne Johnson, Julia Davis

Mothering Partner – Bettye Williams

Instrumental Solo – "God Has Smiled on Me"..... Jordan Green

Special Tributes from the Family (limit your remarks to 2 minutes each, please)

Her Visual Legacy (produced by Alex Adley)(read by JAB at jab designs orlando)

Resolutions & Acknowledgments Tanya Askew [Church Clerk]

Musical Selection.....Shiloh Music Ministry

Words of Comfort..... Pastor Derrick A. Williams

Loretta's Final Tribute (short video presentation – please stay seated)

Recessional "Say LaLa" as recorded by the Marching 100.....SBCO Men's Choir

INTERMENT

Washington Park Cemetery – Orlando, Florida

REPAST

Immediately following the interment, a repast will be held at the SBCO Youth Center.



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4

Pall Bearers

Steadroy Roberts, Jr. “RJ” [Nephew]

Michael Robbins [Nephew]

Rod Zeigler “Rod-Z” [Neighbor]

Kwame Akkebala [Grand Godson]

Howard Oliver [Cousin]

Malik Williams [Cousin]

Benjamin Green [Cousin]

Flower Attendants

Jones HS Classes of 1969, 1974, 1988, and 1994
and Orlando Steppers Connection

Ushers / Greeters

Shiloh Baptist Church Family

Interment

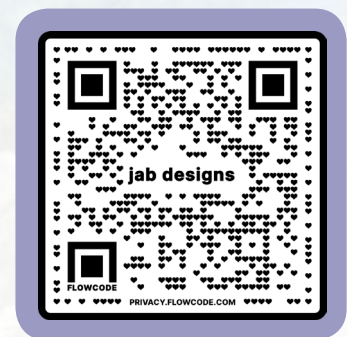
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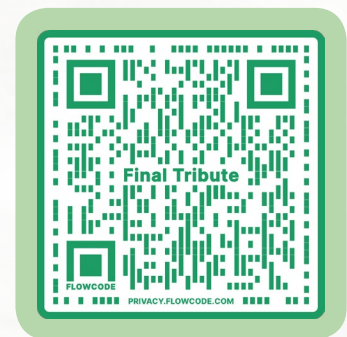
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In Appreciation

The family of Loretta A. Jones wishes to extend genuine gratitude and appreciation to all who found so many comforting ways to convey condolences, acts of love, heartfelt sympathy, uplifting words, supporting prayers, or whatever acts of kindness you expressed during this time.

Please accept our sincere gratitude and know that your love and support have meant more to us than mere words could ever express. May God's blessings rain upon each of you! We take solace in 1 Corinthians 2:9.....

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

– The Family



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