

GEORGE LAVERNE JONES



George Laverne “Vern” Jones, 66, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, January 1, 2023. He was born February 13, 1956, in Jacksonville, to George L. and Magnolia Jones. Vern received his education in the Nassau County School System graduating from West Nassau High School in 1975. He received his Associate Degree from Florida Junior College and completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy at Florida A&M University in 1988.

Vern loved sports. His favorite basketball team was the L.A. Lakers, and he loved the Dallas Cowboys football team. You would always find him at home watching a game on Sunday afternoons. During high school he played basketball and was his own person. Even though he did not run with the “crowd,” he still had a lasting impact on his classmates as a “comical” and “overall sweet person.” Everyone loved him. Following graduation, Vern worked diligently to achieve his college education. He worked fulltime at Sears to support himself and pay for college. It was not an easy task but with his tenacity and dedication he achieved his goal of becoming a pharmacist. He was the first black Pharmacist in Callahan. He worked for Eckerd Drugs/CVS for many years. He always had a smile for his customers and co-workers. He was especially encouraging and instrumental in the growth of his colleagues. Education was important to Vern. He was officially retired; however, he continued to keep his Pharmacy license active through continuing education courses. He was a member of Florida A&M University’s Alumni Association and looked forward to attending FAMU’s Homecoming every year.

Vern accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age and was a very active and dedicated member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Callahan. He loved his church and Pastor. His Christian belief was evident in every aspect of his life. Vern was an active Trustee, a Son of Allen, and the Church Treasurer. He was a pillar in the church, and he was very supportive of the male chorus. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved brother Arthur Lee Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted son, Jamaal L. Jones; grandchildren Kalani Jones and Malakai Jones; aunts Emma Brown, Annie Bordeaux and Ida Bennett; uncle Edward Simmons; daughter-in-law Deanna Jones; sister-in-law Rachel Jones; nephew Eric Jones; nieces Belinda Felder and Arthurene Jones; great nieces Erica Jones and Porsha Morris; a host of cousins and special friends, Lenford Killings, Agnes Reynolds, Wanda Morris, William Thomas, Debra Thomas and Melvin Moore.

The family received friends January 13 at Bethel AME Church, Callahan. The celebration of life service was held Saturday, January 14 at True Believers Church of God by Faith, Callahan. Interment followed at Callahan Community Cemetery in Callahan.

Sarah L. Carter’s Funeral Home Northside is serving the Family.