



Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones

March 15, 1958 - October 31, 2015

JONES, Mr. Raymond Wayne - Age 57, passed away Saturday, October 31, 2015 at Heritage Manor Healthcare Center. Family hour 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. with memorial service commencing at 2 p.m. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Mr. Jones will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Raymond Wayne "Coach" Jones was born on March 15, 1958 at Hurley Hospital in Flint, Michigan, the son of William and Lena Jones. He departed this life on October 31, 2015 at Heritage Manor. Raymond was a member of The Rock Ministries, under the leadership of Pastor Dr. Robert Parrish. Raymond's hobbies were sports, music, fishing and politics. He would fish, listen to, and play music morning, noon and night. His love for debating politics was strong, so don't try to match wits with him. Even though his interest in sports came to him later in life, his love for sports was even stronger than politics. Between ages 20 and 21, his desire for sports grew and a new man was born. Even though he ran the night shift at his parents 7-Eleven store, a basketball coach and leader was in the making. He began to love all sports once he recognized he could help inspire, push and motivate young people through coaching, nothing and no one could stop his efforts. Raymond never went to college, but he still managed to help hundreds of

athletes get scholarships to major colleges and universities, which is more than some coaches with degrees have done. Many future NBA players have crossed Ray's path, but his true value was extracting a players unrecognized abilities and potential, helping them to get into college. Today those same young people are leading productive, respectful and professional lives. He has built a legendary reputation as a coach starting at Berston Field House, where he started and the Flint Jay's team coaching a dozen teams to state titles, two national championships, with three teams as national runners up. He was responsible for several of Flint's finest players. One of those players, Mateen Cleaves, played in the NBA for the Detroit Pistons. Mateen said, "Coach Jones would take a chance on kids that didn't show promise." Antonio Smith commented, "The main thing is, he did it from the heart. He sacrificed for us and showed us what it takes, and that played a big part in my life now." Raymond also mentored and coached Eddie Robinson who said, "If it wasn't for Coach Jones, I probably would not have attended college." Robinson played Division II Basketball for the University of Central Oklahoma and later went on to play five seasons in the NBA with the Chicago Bulls and Charlotte Hornets. Corey Hightower also experienced stints in the NBA and CBA. It's impossible to list all of Raymond's accomplishments as coach, but if everyone in the world was as passionate or worked as hard as Raymond did in helping kids, the world would be a better place. With his love of coaching, the only thing that would come close to being a greater love would be the love for his daughter, Miricle. She is his pride and joy and he would move every mountain just for her smile alone.

Mr. Raymond Wayne "Coach" Jones leaves to cherish his memory: his loving daughter, Miricle Chandler; 2 sisters, Wanda Jones of Flint and Jackie Jones of Pennsylvania; 3 brothers, William Henry (Melanie) Jones, Michael Angelo (Kathy) Jones, all of Flint and Kelvin Jones of Atlanta, GA; 2 nieces, Lawanda Ellis and Tameka Jones; 3 nephews, Michael Angelo Jones, Jr., Marcus Antwone Jones and David Ellis; 2 great-nephews, Michael Majesty Ellis and

Marcus Jones, Jr.; 3 aunts, Rhoda (Milton) Smith, Linda (Robert) Thomas and Isie Britton; 3 uncles, James (Jennifer) Parker, Allen Parker and Alvin Parker; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents, William Henry, Sr. and Lena Jones; and sister, Esterquener Jones Ellis.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **13**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

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Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *I knew the Jones family for many years, I invited Ray' s father as a guest speaker at my high school . The Jones family was the pillars of our community on the Northwest side of Flint when they own 7-11 store for twenty years and Raymond help out my cousin Jon Hogan as asst coach on the 12 under Flint Affiliation girl's AAU team. Raymond will be missed. To Kevin, Wanda, and rest of the Jones Family, I am sorry for your loss.*

Freddie McCoy - November 14, 2015 at 03:47 AM



“ *Martha Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



martha thomas - November 11, 2015 at 06:50 PM



“ *PRAYING FOR STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE FOR MY AUNT VIVIAN IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME...*

CHRISTAL MCCADDEN - November 10, 2015 at 01:48 PM

MA

“ *MARLENE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



MARLENE - November 07, 2015 at 08:06 AM

OF

“ *Owens Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Owens Family - November 07, 2015 at 06:22 AM

OF

Lived on W, Bundy Prayers to the Family.

Owens Family - November 07, 2015 at 06:23 AM

DS

Condolences to the Jones Family. 7Eleven was the spot. it wasn't until I got older that I appreciated a black owned store. The Jones Family left quite a legacy. May GOD grant you peace and blessing at this time. Raymond was a solider.

Prayers, Connie Spight~Graham and Deidre Spight~Woodson

Deidre Spight~Woodson - November 08, 2015 at 02:31 AM

AH

may God be with your family in this time of your lose ,praying for your comfort. Artis &Cynthia Hill

Artis J. Hill - November 11, 2015 at 10:53 PM

CT

“ Cynthia Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



cynthia turner - November 06, 2015 at 01:41 AM

KF

“ Karen Stallings Felder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



Karen Stallings Felder - November 05, 2015 at 10:41 PM

RP

“ Rodney Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



Rodney Porter - November 05, 2015 at 10:00 PM

CB

“ Cherry Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



Cherry Brown - November 05, 2015 at 09:34 PM

VC

“ *Valarie Munerlyn- Coulter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Valarie Munerlyn- Coulter - November 05, 2015 at 08:36 PM

VC

Rest in peace my friend we go all the way back to Alma Street. you will be missed by all who new you. May God Bless your family in there time of need. See you later RAYMOND

Valarie Munerlyn- Coulter - November 05, 2015 at 08:40 PM

RA

“ *Rose Adair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Rose Adair - November 05, 2015 at 06:40 PM

LG

“ *Lenore Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



lenore garrett - November 05, 2015 at 04:13 PM

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PP

“ *Pamela Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Pamela Payton - November 05, 2015 at 03:54 PM

EH

“ *I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST STARTED WORKING AT 7-ELEVEN STORE YOU HELP ME AND TRAINED ME YOU WERE SO MUCH FUN YOU KEPT ME LAUGHING . GOING TO MISS YOU R.I.H LOVE EVANGELIST RUTH HARPER LOVE YOU JONES FAMILY MOBILE, ALABAMA.*

EVANGELIST RUTH HARPER - November 05, 2015 at 03:48 PM

WS

“ *WYVONNE SKINNER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



WYVONNE SKINNER - November 05, 2015 at 01:49 PM

AH

“ Anita Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



Anita Harris - November 05, 2015 at 12:50 AM

BL

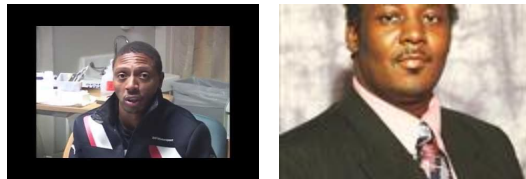
“ I am sorry to hear the sad news of Raymond's passing and wish to offer the family my sincerest sympathy and heartfelt prayers.



Blass - November 04, 2015 at 07:19 PM

BJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Bill Jones - November 04, 2015 at 01:27 PM

BJ

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Bill Jones - November 04, 2015 at 01:14 PM

WH

“ Wanda Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



Wanda Harrison - November 04, 2015 at 10:44 AM

DH

“ Special Prayers to the Jones Family I have know Raymond all of my life he is and was a very kind hearted person I never Raymond to get mad at anyone He love was basketball and friends . I remember on Detroit Street at the hall when I saw Raymond dancing with Kim,another lady and Ricky they had there dance steps it was nice to see him dancing.We hung out at clubs and parties he is going to be missed keep your heads up high remember absent from the body and being present with the lord Loves Donna H



donna hampton - November 04, 2015 at 10:37 AM

SI

“ Sonya Ivory lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones



Sonya Ivory - November 04, 2015 at 12:37 AM

TF

“ *The Leslie Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



The Leslie Family - November 03, 2015 at 08:59 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



sandra payne - November 03, 2015 at 12:28 PM

JK

“ *Jewsse & Dorothy Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Jewsse & Dorothy Kirksey - November 02, 2015 at 10:50 PM

IH

“ *Iris Hare lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Iris Hare - November 02, 2015 at 10:24 AM

TG

“ *Tresia Givens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Tresia Givens - November 02, 2015 at 12:28 AM

SS

“ *Sophia Staples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Sophia Staples - November 01, 2015 at 02:58 AM



“ *Santa Staples lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond Wayne Jones*



Santa Staples - November 01, 2015 at 12:54 AM

IH

Praying for Bill and family. With love Iris

Iris Hare - November 02, 2015 at 10:27 AM