



Mr. Steven Ronell Jones

February 26, 1957 - May 11, 2026

JONES, Mr. Steven - Age 69, passed away Monday, May 11, 2026 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Steven Ronell Jones, 69, was born in Flint, Michigan, on February 26, 1957, to Rudolph Jones and Geraldine W. Smith. He was lovingly raised, guided, and deeply cherished by the man he proudly called father, Aaron A. Smith, whose unwavering love and presence helped shape the extraordinary man Steven became.

Steven was a proud product of the Flint Community Schools, attending Parkland Elementary School and Emerson Junior High School before graduating from Northern High School in 1975.

A gifted visionary in theater production and lighting design, Steven earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater from Eastern Washington University and a Master of Fine Arts in Theater Management and Lighting Design from San Diego State University. He further honed his expertise in production and design as a proud member of IATSE Local 829.

Over the course of his remarkable career, Steven became a distinguished lighting designer and production director whose work left an indelible mark on

the entertainment industry. He spent 17 years as tour and production manager for Belafonte Enterprises, orchestrating national and international productions for

Harry Belafonte, including UNICEF events, global concerts, and television specials.

His expertise extended to major political events, including the 2000 Democratic

National Convention Presidential Gala and fundraiser, as well as lighting performances for legendary artists from Stevie Wonder to Barbra Streisand, and many more.

Steven later became an integral part of the Apollo Theater Foundation, serving as Lighting Director and Director of Production & Touring. Through his creativity, leadership, and commitment to excellence, he helped shape the world

of live entertainment for decades. In 2016, Steven founded Guided by Angels Productions, a reflection of both his artistic vision and generous spirit.

Through

consulting, speaking, and mentoring, he dedicated himself to inspiring and guiding the next generation of creatives, leaders, and dreamers.

In 1985, Steven married the love of his life, Kimberly Renee Edmonson, beginning a beautiful and devoted partnership that spanned 40 years.

Kimberly, a

talented dancer, fell in love not only with Steven's heart, but also with the brilliance of his artistic vision and lighting design. Their deep artistic connection,

two creatives united by a shared love for the arts, became the foundation of a remarkable life, enduring partnership, and loving family. Together they raised two

beloved daughters, Erin A. Jones and Alexandria Belle Jones, both of whom were

the pride and joy of Steven's life.

Steven was a deeply devoted husband, an adoring father, and a fiercely proud protector of his family. He found immense joy in supporting, encouraging, and celebrating those he loved, and there was nothing he would not do to uplift, protect, and provide for his wife and daughters.

Steven leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 40 years, Kimberly Renee Jones of Detroit, Michigan; two daughters, Erin A. Jones of Harlem, New

York, and Alexandria Belle Jones of Mt. Vernon, New York; his mother, Geraldine

Smith of Flint, Michigan; his brother, Rev. Keith (Barbara) Jones of Spokane, Washington; his sister, Teri (Roy Jr.) Chambry of Burton, Michigan; and his uncle,

Cohen Washington Jr. of Flint, Michigan.

He also leaves cherished memories with his cousins, Shelley (Darrell) Roper of Genesee, Michigan, Kellie (Aaron) Smith of Rochester Hills, Michigan, and Jeri

Washington of Burton, Michigan; nieces, Latecia (Quadri) Owoiya of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, Stacey Edmonson of Detroit, Michigan, Leatha Miles-Edmonson

of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Imon Edmonson of Brooklyn, New York; nephews,

Robert Smith of Miami, Florida, and Davis Smith.

Steven is also survived by his mother-in-law, Adrienne Edmonson of Detroit, Michigan; brother-in-law, William (Heather) Edmonson Jr. of Virginia; sisters-in-law, Adrienne Marie Edmonson of Detroit, Michigan, and Donna Edmonson of Atlanta, Georgia; along with a host of beloved cousins, great-nieces,

great-nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

He will also be lovingly remembered by the Flint Northern High School Class of 1975, the members of Phi Eta Psi Fraternity, Inc., the Belafonte Alumni Group

(B.A.G.), the Belafonte family and friends, the Apollo family and crew, The Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and the many individuals around the world with whom he formed lifelong friendships and lasting bonds.

Steven was preceded in death by his father: Aaron Smith, grandparents: Cohen and Ethel Washington; uncle: Henry Smith; aunts: Judy Washington and

Beatrice Bostick; father-in-law: William Edmonson; grandfather-in-law: Robert Laususe; grandmother-in-law: Rosie Belle Jones; biological father: Rudolph Jones.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the clinicians, nurses, caregivers, and rehabilitation specialists whose compassion and commitment played an important role in Steven's healing and recovery.

Special

thanks are extended to Dr. Basim Towfiq, the Cardiac Critical Care Unit at Hurley

Medical Center; Tanzie Miller and the staff of Zari's Loving Touch; Rides to Wellness; Regency at Grand Blanc; Regeis Care Center, New York; Lawrence E

Moon Funeral Home staff, and Keith Darrough II (Mortician) for the extraordinary

care and support provided to Steven and his family.

The family also extends a deeply heartfelt thank you to Steven's sister and brother-in-law, Teri and Roy Chambry, for their unwavering love, care, support, and generosity during Steven's final season of healing and recovery. Their devotion, compassion, and presence were a tremendous blessing to Steven and

to the entire family

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I remember Steve as warm and friendly, whenever our paths would cross. He was truly an encourager, and a people person. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

ARLENE A HAMILTON - May 26 at 11:15 PM

MS

“ Ms.Terry Smiley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones



Ms.Terry Smiley - May 24 at 05:10 PM

CB

“ My Condolences and Prayers to Steve’s Wife, Daughters and The Family, I had the Pleasure of attending Emerson and Northern with Steve, and He was Always such a laid back and kind Gentleman, May He Rest in Peace! Forever Flint Northern Class of 1975 🙏🙏🙏



Carolyn Buckley - May 23 at 06:39 PM

BP

“ Sincere condolences to Teri, Roy & the family. Praying our Lord & Savior will bring you comfort & peace.Love you.cousins Betty, Willar & Renae.

Betty Perkins - May 22 at 12:13 PM

TE

“ *Trayce Epps lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones*



Trayce Epps - May 20 at 08:07 AM

RW

“ *Will always remember us hanging out on my parents patio eating cheese popcorn and paramount potato chips and me drinking a 2 liter 7up I'm gonna miss brick wall*

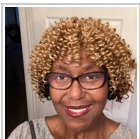
Richard Williams - May 19 at 09:27 PM

RW

“ *Richard Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Richard Williams - May 19 at 09:24 PM



“ *Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Maxine Murray - May 19 at 04:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones.*



May 19 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones.

May 19 at 11:31 AM



“ *Valerie Humphries sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Valerie Humphries - May 18 at 11:20 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family from the Marshall family. Steve will be missed. I enjoyed attending high school at Flint Northern with Steve. He always has been very respectful and talented. Rest in heavenly Peace.*

Dr. Joanne Marshall-Odom, Ed. D

Jo Anne Odom - May 18 at 10:51 PM

SR

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the family of brother Steve Jones. Great brother will always be remembered.* 🙏❤️👉

Steven Rogers - May 18 at 08:26 PM

JF

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Teri, Roy & the entire Jones/Smith Family. Our God is near to the broken hearted...He Knows & He Cares*❤️



Jackie (Watkins) Fielder - May 18 at 07:44 PM

KR

“ *Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Kermit & Genell (Crain) Reeves - May 18 at 03:02 PM

VW

“ *My love, prayers and condolences to all the family. He was an awesome young man. Steven R. Jones will be missed.*



Violet Warner-Eldridge - May 18 at 10:45 AM

OJ

“ *OLga Jones lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones*



OLga Jones - May 17 at 11:07 PM

WS

“ *To Keith, Teri, and the Jones Family:
We send our deepest condolences. We pray
that you find peace and comfort as you
navigate this challenging time.*



*From The Shumpert Family
(Wayne, Bettie, Teri, and Tawanda)*

Wayne Shumpert - May 17 at 01:29 PM

VG

“ *Vivian Green-Moore lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Vivian Green-Moore - May 17 at 11:36 AM

DD

“ *Donna And Theobald Davis lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Donna and Theobald Davis - May 17 at 10:58 AM

KJ

“ *Proverbs 22:1 A GOOD NAME IS RATHER TO BE CHOSEN THAN GREAT RICHES, AND LOVING FAVOUR RATHER THAN SILVER AND GOLD. AS THE ELDER BROTHER OF STEVIE PERMIT A STORY: WE WERE IN THE BATH TUB. I WAS 10 AND HE WAS 2 . I DECIDED TO GIVE HIM A PROCESS. I WENT AND GOT A STICK OF BUTTER TO RUM IN HIS HAIR. HE LOOKED GOOD . MOMMA CAME IN AN SCOLDED ME AND WASH THAT BUTTER OUT OF BABY BOYS HAIR.I ENCOURAGE US TO THINK ON THOSE FAVORITE TIMES WE HAD WITH STEVE. STAY RICH IN THE ETERNAL LOVE OF GOD. . KEITH JONES*

Keith Jones - May 17 at 08:28 AM

MW

“ *my prayers for your family Terri and Roy and may God comfort and strengthen you always.We go way back love you guys Marlene (Marks) Williams*

Marlene Williams - May 17 at 01:26 AM

AL

“ *To the Jones family, I send my deepest and most sincere condolences. There's no question that this is one hurts. But I know Steven is resting well as I continue to pray for the well being of the family during this time of grief.*

*Love always!
Alde Lewis*



Alde Lewis - May 16 at 12:53 PM

KJ

Alde you were in NYC as Steve was getting his feet wet in the Industry. You being there was no accident. Thanks for loving Steve like A TRUE FLINTSTONE!

Keith Jones - May 17 at 11:08 PM

SM

“ Will miss you my dear friend. Rest Well!

Sheryl L McBrayer - May 16 at 12:05 PM

DJ

“ The Heller family sends prayers of peace and comfort to the Steven's family at this challenging time.

Diane Heller Jemerson - May 16 at 12:04 PM

AR

“ Alice Rich lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones



Alice Rich - May 16 at 11:59 AM

DM

“ Debra Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones



Debra Miller - May 15 at 03:48 PM

KT

“ Keith & Pamela Tipper lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones



Keith & Pamela Tipper - May 15 at 10:56 AM

RK

“ Russell Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones



Russell Kirksey - May 14 at 09:42 PM

DB

RIP my friend. I will always cherish the memories of our lifelong friendship which extended over 55 years

David Brown - May 16 at 06:22 PM

C?

“ To Teri (my dear friend) : My deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. Praying that you will find peace and comfort from the beautiful memories created through the years. 🙏❤️



Cassandra Hughes 🙏 - May 14 at 08:50 PM

LW

“ *Larry Wells lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones*



Larry Wells - May 14 at 08:09 PM

RM

“ *Sending sincere condolences and prayers for the family.*

Byron and Phyllis McCree



Rev. Phyllis McCree - May 14 at 06:53 PM

OG

“ *Ona Kay Goza lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Ona Kay Goza - May 14 at 12:26 PM

LR

“ *Linda Arnold Redick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones*



Linda Arnold Redick - May 14 at 10:42 AM

RM

“ Rosie Mcfadden lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones



Rosie Mcfadden - May 13 at 09:19 PM

DC

“ Danny B Cabine lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones



Danny B Cabine - May 13 at 07:04 PM

MG

“ Marneta Griffin lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones



Marneta Griffin - May 13 at 04:49 PM

FN

“ Flo Durrett Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones



Flo Durrett Nichols - May 13 at 11:52 AM

RM

“ My love and condolences to all the family. I will always remember Steve’s sweet and fun personality....and his talent. I pray that God will comfort you and keep you in his loving embrace. I love you all.

René Dykes Martin

René Dykes Martin - May 13 at 10:53 AM

AM

“ To the family of Steve Jones, our Prayers are with the all of you,we will truly miss our class mate,and Brother in Christ Jesus,We must all remember that God is still in control of all things,now and to come 🙏, Prayers to the Families, Mr.Anthony Moten,

Anthony Moten - May 12 at 08:28 PM

VB

“ Vanessa Brackins
I am extending my sincere condolences to Teri and Keith and the entire Jones’ family.



Vanessa Brackins - May 12 at 07:28 PM

SD

“ Shelton R. Davis lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones



Shelton R. Davis - May 12 at 03:13 PM

CM

“ Just had a conversation about Steve with his sister Teri last week. Neighbors on McCellan st., Lord continue to bless the Jones family.



Charles Mckenzie - May 12 at 02:03 PM

DW

“ Dennetta Dunn Waters sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Jones



Dennetta Dunn Waters - May 12 at 09:20 AM

KJ

Ken "LUKE" WATERS IS THE BEST COACH STEVE EVER HAD. THAT 9TH GRADE TEAM AT EMERSON WAS SPECIAL. THE CONFIDENCE LUKE IMPARTED TO STEVE WENT GLOBAL...MUCH LOVE AND APPRECIATION TO THE WATERS FAMILY FOR LOVING STEVE.

Keith Jones - May 17 at 11:15 PM

SB

“ I extend my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Jones Family. Steve was my classmate at Flint Northern High and Emerson Jr. High Schools. We had great conversations reminiscing about those days. He was a great athlete and proud husband and father who accomplished an awesome production career. I'll miss him dearly. RIH Steve. 🙏💙



Sheila Bailey-Waddell - May 12 at 09:02 AM

LG

Very memorable classmate in the Flint Northern C/O 1975. Even back then Steve was a leader. Rest in Peace

LaDonna (Jones) Gamble - May 13 at 07:23 PM

RB

“ *My Friend and Flint Northern Viking Brother I’m going to my our talks and laughs. Rest in Power and lift up that big stage in heaven! Vikings Forever! Praying for your Family and Friends 🙏🙏🙏*

Rodney Stephen Branch - May 12 at 08:59 AM

LB

“ *Lisa and James Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Jones*



Lisa and James Blakley - May 12 at 06:16 AM

SC

I’ll always remember my dear cousin and Flint Northern classmate. Steve was uplifting, good spirited, and loved sharing his lighting and staging clips during some of his time in New York. May peace and good memories be with the family.

Sandra (Taylor) & Stanley Collins - May 12 at 11:23 PM

TR

“ *Tujunana (Robinson) Reaves lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones*



Tujunana (Robinson) Reaves - May 12 at 06:06 AM

EJ

“ *I love you forever Dad! Watch over us!!* ”

Erin Jones - May 12 at 02:23 AM

SB



Sheila Bailey-Waddell - May 12 at 10:23 AM

PA

“ *Pamela Altheimer lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones* ”



Pamela Altheimer - May 11 at 10:13 PM

DT

“ *Dazarine Taylor lit a candle in memory of Steven Jones* ”



Dazarine Taylor - May 11 at 07:27 PM

RW

“ *Rudy And Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steven Ronell Jones* ”



Rudy and Geneva Ward - May 11 at 05:09 PM