

*sunrise:*

March 9

1947



*sunset:*

October 25

2022



CELEBRATION *of* LIFE

*Estelle  
"Essie"  
Jones*

Nov. 3, 2022

*viewing:* 10:00AM (Narthex)

*funeral:* 11:00AM (Sanctuary)

Alfred Street Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor  
301 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Estelle “Essie” Jones** peacefully transitioned from this earth on October 25, 2022. Essie was the fifth of eleven children born to the late Charles and Mildred Jones on March 9, 1947 in Alexandria, Virginia. Essie came into this world with her twin sister, Esther, who passed away shortly after birth.

Essie loved music and Motown tunes. She loved dancing, going out to eat, and fashion. She was family-oriented spending a majority of her time with those she cherished the most. She was known for decorating for every holiday. Essie loved children and was a caregiver to many; guiding and influencing those she looked after. She was talented with a needle and thread and well known for her “tater salad”. Essie loved life and she lived it out loud through her infectious smile, laugh and encouraging words. She had a contagious personality and was full of energy that would light up a room.

Essie was educated in the Alexandria City school system. She was a Christian and rededicated her life to the Lord on September 30, 2017. She attended

Alfred Street Baptist Church and was a member of the Seasoned Saints Ministry.

Essie leaves to cherish her memory her four sons: Bernard Jones, Anthony Jones (Tamara), Tyrell Jones, and Dante Banks. One beloved aunt, Evelyn “Louise” Willis as well as her aunt Delores Williams. She is preceded in death by sisters Rita Jones; Berdella Jones; her twin sister, Esther Jones; and Valerie Jones.

She leaves to mourn Verlette Bailey (Louis); Charles” Beaver” Jones; Clarice “Ricee” Chandler (Austin, deceased); Arthur Jones (Sharon); Robert Jones; and her sister-in-law; Marie Quander, who she cared for deeply. She is also survived by her eleven grandchildren, Taquitta, Sheanna, Champale, Antwain, Amaya, Ajay, Dante, Stephon, Cortez, Braelyn, and Khaleel; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and close family friends.

*We would like to give a special acknowledgement and sincere thanks to her caregiver, Ruby; her nurses, Giselle and Minnie; her sister, Clarice and niece, Stephanie who provided excellent care to Essie throughout her illness.*





# order of service

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| Prelude.....                                     | Instrumentalist  |
| Invocation.....                                  | Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts  |
| Hymn of Rejoicing: “We’re Marching to Zion”      |  |
| Scripture Reading:                               |  |
| Old Testament: Psalm 23 .....                    | Rev. Dr. LaTasha Morgan  |
| New Testament: John 14: 1–6 .....                | Rev. Robert Jones  |
| Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18 .....          | Rev. Dr. Dustin Sullivan   |
| Prayer of Comfort .....                          | Deacon Kathlyn Boykin, Discipleship Group 6                                    |
| Musical Selection: “Jesus Is Love”.....          | Jacqueline Lewis, soloist  |
| Acknowledgements.....                            | Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts  |
| Tributes/Reflections .....                       | Izora Bedford, family friend<br>Ericka Chandler, niece<br>Tincie Lynch, family |
| Musical Selection: “I’d Rather Have Jesus” ..... | Jacqueline Lewis, soloist  |
| Eulogy .....                                     | Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts  |
| Closing Prayer and Benediction .....             | Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts  |
| Recessional: “When We All Get to Heaven”         |  |

## a letter from heaven

When tomorrow starts without me,  
And I’m not there to see;  
If the seen should rise and find your eyes,  
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn’t cry  
The way you did today;  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn’t get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you;  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you’ll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
Don’t think we’re far apart;  
For every time you think of me,  
I’m right here in your heart.





# acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful to Alfred Street Baptist Church, the Seasoned Saints Ministry, friends, and family for your kindness and expressions of love that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Your prayers and many other acts of compassion have been a source of comfort, consultation, and abundant blessings. May God bless each of you.

– The Family

## Pallbearers

Cleo Greene  
Erick Chandler  
George Holmes  
Eddie Talbert  
Bryant “Joell” Jones  
Dorian Chandler-Hall

## Interment

Bethel Cemetery, Alexandria, VA  
Immediately following service

## Repast

Will be held at:  
TGI Fridays  
4650 King St., Alexandria, VA

## Services entrusted to

Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona  
Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service  
7527 Old Alexandria Ferry Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

