



## Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.

May 10, 1956 - January 23, 2022

Mr. O'Neal Jones, Jr., 65, of Peoria, IL passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 5:40 pm at his home.

O'Neal was born on May 10, 1956 in Memphis, TN to O'Neal, Sr. and Mary (Patterson) Jones.

O'Neal moved to Mississippi, where he attended McEvans Elementary, Indianola Junior High School and Gentry High School graduating in 1974. He attended Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS.

O'Neal later moved to Peoria, IL, where he enjoyed his passion for playing baseball with various leagues as a short stop. He loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and the Pittsburg Steelers football team.

O'Neal was employed at Norwood School as a school bus driver for years and Caterpillar for several years until he retired. He volunteered at PCCEO Webster Head Start until his health started to decline.

O'Neal confessed his love for Christ at an early age at United Baptist Church in Mississippi. He renewed his relationship with Christ at Good Testimony Church, Peoria, IL, under the leadership of Pastor Melvin McAfee where he served on the Deacon Board. He was a faithful member until his health declined.

O'Neal leaves to cherish his precious memories, three daughters, Latoyia Skinner and DeShana Lyles both of Peoria, IL and Nicole Jones of Houston, TX; three sons, Delando Skinner, Sr., and Pierre McGhee both of Peoria, IL, Kevin Elverton of Chicago, IL; three sisters, Doris Jones-Hodges of Cleveland, MS, Carol Jones and Sara (Larry) Thomas both of Memphis, TN; three brothers, Jessie Jones of Milwaukee, WI, Wayne Jones of Yazoo, MS and Tony (Tonya) Jones of South Haven, MS; a special friend, Carlyn Goodley; a special cousin, Theresa McAfee; 15 grandchildren, Jontaja Peyton, Kourtney Minor, Artaeveon Johnson, Symone Jones, Kendrea Bovan, Delando Skinner, Jr. Tatum Johnson, Myael McGhee, Shanavia McGhee and A'kerra McGhee all of Peoria, IL Makala Elverton, Kevin Elverton, Jr., Quintin Simmons, Layla Royal and Tommy Washington all of Chicago, IL and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends that loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, one daughter, YaShica Elverton and one grandchild, Kyndra Bovan.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church with a visitation at 9 am. Pastor Jimmie Burnside is the host pastor and Pastor Melvin McAfee of Good Testimony Church will officiate. O'Neal will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.simonsmortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals,

visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Moriah M.B. Church  
505 W. Nebraska Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Funeral Service

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Moriah M.B. Church  
505 W. Nebraska Ave.  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.*



**Simons Mortuary** - February 04, 2022 at 01:55 PM

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*Thanks a lot in my absence due to the weather I'm his sister, I'm very pleased with Tribute, Awesome job.*

**Doris Jones Hodges (sister)** - February 04, 2022 at 10:05 PM

DW

*I miss you with all my heart rip in Jesus name amen 🙏*

**Dorotha Williams** - January 30, 2023 at 12:31 AM

DW

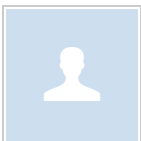
*Happy father day my friend rip in Jesus name Miss you*

**Dorotha Williams** - June 19, 2023 at 01:46 AM



“ *Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

SS

“ Neal is my big brother and he will truly be missed. I write this poem as a memorial to you:

*As kids, we lived together we fought, we laughed, we cried.  
We did not always show the love that we both had inside.  
We shared our dreams and plans and some secrets too.  
All the memories we share is what bonds me now to you.  
We grew to find we have a love that is very strong today.  
It's a love shared by our family that will never fade away.  
You are my BROTHER not by choice, but by the nature of our birth.  
I could not have chosen a better one you were the best on earth.  
You are missed. Love you ❤️*



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**Sara Thomas (baby sister)** - February 05, 2022 at 11:32 AM

JT

“ To my cousins Nicole, Shana, Toya, Pierre, and Lando, I love you all very much. Uncle O'Neal is loved and will be missed. He ensured to stay on me about my future and how proud he was. Tell grandma (Mary J) I said hello and I miss her also.



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**Jessica "Jada" Thomas** - February 04, 2022 at 10:31 PM

SS

“ Sara Thomas (baby Sister) lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.



Sara Thomas (baby sister) - February 04, 2022 at 10:24 PM

BM

“ Betty Millard lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.



Betty Millard - February 03, 2022 at 10:08 PM

TJ

“ I knew OJ as we called him many years ago and I lost touch what seems like a long time ago. OJ would always bring a laugh and a smile. So sorry to see his passing.

Todd Jones - February 03, 2022 at 07:33 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your last prayers for family and friends in Jesus name amen you will be miss rip in Jesus 🙏 my friend

Dorotha Williams - February 02, 2022 at 11:50 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.*



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**Kathy Collins** - February 02, 2022 at 07:38 PM

SR

“ *Shirley Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.*



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**Shirley Robertson** - February 01, 2022 at 03:10 PM

SR

“ *No more suffering, cuz. See ya later. I luv u*

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**Shirley Robertson** - February 01, 2022 at 03:09 PM

BU

“ *He was a bus driver for my school when I was very young and he was the most friendly person who I came in contact with from day to day.*

*Just a few days ago I remembered his great name, and looked him up, only to find this.*

*RIP Mr. Jones. You were a very kind man who shined light into the lives of a lot of children.*

*Thank you.*

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**Buddy** - February 01, 2022 at 06:24 AM

JS

“Joyce Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.



Joyce Smith - January 31, 2022 at 08:45 PM

BC

“Brenda Cayson lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.



Brenda Cayson - January 31, 2022 at 05:33 PM

DW

“Omg he pass my heart and prayers go up in Jesus 🙏 name rip in Jesus may the grace of our lord and save Jesus Christ be with you all amen



Dorotha Williams - January 29, 2022 at 09:46 PM

NG

“Nancy Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.



Nancy Gray - January 28, 2022 at 09:21 PM

CF

“ *To: My Niece Nicole Jones and Nephew  
Pierre McGhee  
May the LORD Be Your Comforter and  
Guidance Through Your Time of Sorrow.  
Remember to Keep All Your Sweet Memories  
of Your DAD,(Mr.O'Neal Jones Jr.)  
Close to Your Hearts at All Times.  
He's Resting Now in the ARMS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR  
JESUS CHRIST.  
No More Pain and Suffering  
HE'S AT PEACE NOW  
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!  
(R.I.H) &(R.I.P) MR.O'NEAL JONES JR.*



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**Constance D. Faulkner** - January 28, 2022 at 02:26 PM

DP

*Condolences*

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**Darryl Pegues** - January 29, 2022 at 11:41 AM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
O'Neal Jones Jr.*



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**Mancy Pittman** - January 27, 2022 at 01:44 AM

AN

“ *Annetteucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. O'Neal Jones Jr.*



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**Annetteucy** - January 26, 2022 at 06:06 PM