



Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr.

December 4, 1950 - February 19, 2023

Mr. Thomas Earl Jones, Sr., 72, transitioned from this life to his heavenly home at 10:55 am on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

Thomas, affectionally known as Tom, was born on December 4, 1950 in Tunica, MS to Mattie Milburn and Gable Jones, Sr. He was a graduate at Rosa Fort High School in Tunica, MS. He moved to Peoria, IL where he met the love of his life, Bronetta Porter. They were married on January 8, 1983 in Peoria, IL.

Tom formerly worked at Caterpillar, Inc., then went on to work 32 years at Interstate Brand Butternut Bakery as a baker retiring in 2011. Tom kept busy after retirement. He had his own lawncare business where he took great pride in the well-manicured yards he maintained. He was a faithful charter member of New Cornerstone Baptist Church where he served as an usher, past president of the New Cornerstone Usher Ministry and the male chorus. Tom loved his family, friends and church. He was a great husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend. He was a jokester that kept people laughing. Tom was a giver and had a servant's heart. He loved to dance.

Tom leaves to cherish his most precious memories his wife of 40 years, Bronetta Jones; his children, Tunga Gregory of Richland Hills, TX, Kimberly

Jones and Nyteria (Detrich) Parrish both of Memphis TN, Che'Keira McClain of Atlanta, GA, Anja McClain of St. Louis, MO, Cheisa (Randle) Myles of Manhattan, KS and Thomas "TJ" (Clarice) Jones, Jr. of Peoria, IL; his siblings, Emma Huff of Chicago, IL, Dorothy Chrisian of Bolingbrook, IL, Delores Freeman of Chicago, IL, Linda Milburn of Peoria, IL, Brenda Milburn of Peoria, IL, Sandra Milburn of Chicago, IL, Rhonda Milburn of Chicago, IL, Tabatha Milburn of Peoria, IL, Henry Milburn of Memphis, TN, James (Rita) Jones, Georgette (Wayne) Minor, Grayling (Velandis) Jones, Joanne (Glen) Boyland, Patrick (Michelle) Jones, L. Rochelle (Frank) Gilmore, Clifford Jones, Angie (Tony) Hughlett and Tasha (Rahnmann) Slocum all of Memphis, TN; two dearly loved Godchildren, Ashley and Mylah Hightower; thirteen grandchildren, and host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Terrance Jones; three brothers, Darrell Milburn, L. Gary Jones and Gable Jones, Jr. and one sister, Gloria Coffee.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, March 3, 2023 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church with a visitation one-hour prior at 10 am. Rev. Dr. Mark McConnell, Pastor will officiate. Tom will be laid to rest at Historic Springdale 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 (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, 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 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

Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61603

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Celebration of Life

MAR 3. 11:00 AM - 12:20 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church
3609 West Harmon Highway
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - March 06, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr.*



Simons Mortuary - March 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM

AS

Beautiful tribute to Tom. I watched with tears in my eyes.

Audrey Samuels - March 03, 2023 at 01:18 AM

AF

God bless 🙏 I remember when he was in the hospital. To his wife, sorry for your loss 🙏 May GOD be with you 🙏

Ann Farmer - March 03, 2023 at 08:10 PM



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Simons Mortuary - March 07, 2023 at 04:24 PM



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“ 1 file added to the album *Burial at Springdale Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - March 06, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *I met Tom at Butternut, he was a dedicate employee, always had a smile you will be missed.*

Renea Johnson



Renea Johnson - March 05, 2023 at 12:16 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr..*



March 02, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Willie & Josie Sanders. Tom, Cadillac & Jo Jo will miss you.*



Willie & Josie Sanders - March 01, 2023 at 07:52 PM

LH

“ Our door keeper Tom Jones has gone to Glory and is now a guardian angel in Heaven. Bronetta T J family and New Cornerstone Baptist Church Peoria Illinois family I send my condolence and prayers of comfort. We loved Tom but God loved him best



Linda Hardy - March 01, 2023 at 07:47 PM

LP

“ Lula Pointer lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jones



Lula Pointer - March 01, 2023 at 02:50 PM

EE

“ Earl Essie Ellis lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jones



Earl & Essie Ellis - March 01, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr..



March 01, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr..*



February 28, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jones*



Kathy Collins - February 28, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Words cannot express the sympathy I have towards the family and friends of Tom. He was a hallmark of our church family. He was a giving helpful usher and man, the way him and the late Bro Chaney use to trade barbs had us in the male chorus laughing. I am sad by his passing but so glad to have known him. May the Lord strengthen you Bronetta and you and your family find comfort that Tom is in care of the Lord.*

Bro Burt Johnson

Burt Johnson - February 25, 2023 at 02:11 AM

RN

“ Rufus Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jones



Rufus and Kim Nelson - February 25, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr..



February 24, 2023 at 05:02 PM

RW

“ During church service for over so many years, I would pass by Brother Tom when he was being a servant of the Lord ushering. He would say hey T with a big smile and hug. The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love ❤️ and memory of you Tom shall never pass away . But heaven is so, so Lucky To Have You. Tom you're gone from our sight, but never from our heart.. Deepest sympathy to. Sister Bro. Brother TJ, Sister Clarice and granddaughters and family. Today and always may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. Bro Tom is gone from your sight, but never from your heart ❤️ In Jesus Name! Family your in our prayers Sister Theresa Walker and Brother Richard Walker



Richard and Theresa Walker - February 24, 2023 at 03:31 PM

AS

*A great Man, gone too soon.
You will walk in eternal sunshine, with our Father God.
Steve & Audrey Samuels*

Audrey Samuels - February 25, 2023 at 06:44 AM

AL

“ *My condolences to the Jones family. Tom was a wonderful person. They were my neighbors when I lived in Peoria. Praying for the family. Alice Davis.*

Alice - February 24, 2023 at 09:04 AM

KF

“ *Karen & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Jones*



Karen Ashby & family - February 23, 2023 at 10:13 PM

CJ

“ *I remember Tom always with that smile on his face. Would love to dance. Such a giving soul. Such a shock to hear of his passing. Auntie Bro, Tj my deepest condolences to you both and extended family and friends. Tom is resting peacefully now. Sending my love. R.I.H. Tom* 🙏



Corrie Jackson - February 23, 2023 at 04:55 PM

BL

“ Having known and enjoyed life with Tom and Bro for nearly 46 years, I feel and sympathize the loss for the family. I send my heart felt condolences to them. Bro has been one of the greatest wives ever. Her strength through the years then and now will carry her forward through this difficult time. May God continue to bless her and TJ.

Betty Long - February 23, 2023 at 08:16 AM

JC

“ Sending our sincerest condolences to the Jones Family. Mr. Jones was a HUGE part of our family for many years. We will miss his friendship, genuine kindness and all around cheer. Rest well my friend. You will be truly missed. Love, The Campbell, Hooks, Cawthorne and Brobbey families

Joyce Campbell-Edwards - February 22, 2023 at 04:05 PM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jones



Annette Lucy - February 21, 2023 at 11:18 PM

CB

“ I worked with Tom at Butternut and he was one of the best, brightest, and most joyful people I've ever known. A loss of Tom is a great one. So very sorry.

Carolyn Bruce - February 21, 2023 at 10:32 PM

YJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Jones family. I sincerely loved Pop Tom ❤️ It was a pleasure and honor to know and be loved by him. I know he is dancing with the angels in heaven* ❤️



Yolundra Jackson-Christian - February 21, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Jones Sr..*



February 21, 2023 at 04:55 PM