



## Johnnie Jones Jr.

December 14, 1937 - December 5, 2025

### Sacred Reflections

Johnnie Jones, Jr. was born on December 14, 1937, in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, to the late Johnnie Jones Sr. and Gertrude Hollie. As the eldest of ten children, Johnnie grew up surrounded by family, love, and responsibility. He was preceded in death by three siblings: Louis Lee Jones, Charles Jones, and Francis Neal.

Johnnie accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of Antioch Missionary

Baptist Church of Chicago, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Gerald M. Dew. Johnnie was known for his quiet, kind, and gentle spirit. He loved a good time and was always willing to give his last to anyone in need. His love extended beyond his family to everyone in the neighborhood. Johnnie was a talented baker and a great cook, dedicating 38 years of service to ITT Continental Bakery (Hostess) in Schiller Park, Illinois.

He enjoyed fishing, playing pool, and listening to the blues—especially the music of BB King, Johnny Taylor, and James Brown. A true sports enthusiast, Johnnie was a diehard Chicago Cubs fan and loved watching football with his sons, cheering for teams like the Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, and Dallas Cowboys.

Family was at the heart of Johnnie's life. Nearly 60 years ago, he met the love

of

his life, Gloria Webb Jones, in Arkansas. They later moved to Chicago, Illinois, where they married and raised 10 children together. Johnnie was a devoted husband and father, caring tirelessly for his wife until her passing in 2019, and for two of their children, Anthony and Sylvia, until they too passed away. Even through his health challenges, Johnnie never complained. Whenever asked how he was doing, his response was always, "I feel good!" or "I'm good!"

We know for sure that Johnnie Jones, Jr. is "good", because he is resting in the arms of Jesus.

Johnnie will be remembered for his gentleness, loving spirit, and unwavering strength. He leaves to cherish his memory six children: Leon Payne of Hammond, LA, Valerie Hughes, Johnnie Hughes (Connie), LeAudrey Hughes, Felicia Jones of Madison, WI, and Charles Jones Jr. (Nikki); as well as many grandchildren: Crystal Hughes, Bryttannie Mason Watson (Steven), Johnathan

Jones, Laiche Thompson, Johnnie Clay, Jordan Hughes, Darrick Thompson, Chaudrion Lee Hughes, Byrious Hughes, Sr., Roshonda Payne, Leon Payne, Jr.

A'Laya Payne, Noel Payne, Jeremy Burrell, Harold Lee Stephens, Charles Jones

Jr., Joshua Jones, Shayne Jones, and Skylar Jones; siblings: Emma Hebron, Annie

Mae Jones, Anderson Jones, Sarah Jones, Rosie Redmond, and Willie Jones, and

a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Johnnie's legacy of love, kindness, and dedication will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Though his presence will be deeply missed, we celebrate the life and love that Johnnie shared with each of us.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” – Matthew 25:23  
May he rest in eternal peace

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

11500 S. Fairfield  
Chicago, IL 60655

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel  
7030 S. Halsted  
Chicago, IL 60621

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center  
7046 S. Halsted  
Chicago, IL 60621

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home - Legacy Center  
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Chicago, IL 60621



# Tribute Wall



“ Prayers for my cousin in their loss at this time.  
Praying for your strength love you all .  
Sending hugs



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**Shanna Brooks** - December 22, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ Praying for my cousins in the loss of their father. May God continue  
bless and keep you.

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**Lisa Hawkins** - December 22, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Your Griffith Foods Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Johnnie Jones Jr..



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**Your Griffith Foods Family** - December 12, 2025 at 04:20 PM