



Mary Magdalene Jones

March 15, 1930 - January 27, 2025

Mary Magdalene Jones, 94, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, January 27, 2025, in a local health care facility. MaDea, a beloved nickname rooted in the sweet expression "Mother Dear," was a woman of quiet strength and boundless kindness, a living testament to the power of love and the beauty of service. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Robert Jones Sr., a World War II veteran with whom she shared 75 years of marriage, a union so divine, so unshakable, that even in their homegoing, God chose the same date, January 27th, nine years apart for the beloved couple to enter eternity together. What a love story! A love that will echo through the generations, a legacy of devotion that will forever remind us of the power of commitment and the beauty of partnership. She was also preceded by her son, Robert Jones Jr. (K.C.), her daughter, Valencia A. Jones (Mento), and her grandson, Jamar T. Jones (Bro Bro). Though her heart bore the weight of these losses, her spirit remained radiant, her love unwavering, and her faith unbreakable. She spent her early years learning at Chattanooga Avenue School, later contributing her skills at the Knitco factory, and ultimately retired after a fulfilling career as a devoted housekeeper for Douglas Stein family. A lifelong member of New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, MaDea dedicated her life to serving the Lord and her community. From the tender age of 12, she walked through the doors of the church and never left, serving faithfully on the Usher Board, the Missionary Committee, and the Kitchen Committee. Her hands were always busy in the work of the Lord whether

ushering souls into the sanctuary, preparing meals for the hungry, or offering prayers for the weary. But oh, her kitchen was her sanctuary, her pulpit, her stage. With her little black radio playing gospel music in the background, she would rise early, her hands weaving magic into homemade rolls, bread pudding, and pound cakes nothing short of legendary. She was a culinary artist, a keeper of recipes, and a teacher of traditions. She didn't just feed the body; she nourished the soul. Her kitchen was a place of laughter, of stories, of love. It was where she taught her children, grandchildren, and countless others the art of cooking, the art of caring, the art of loving. Her home was a haven, her door always open, her heart always ready to embrace. She was a mother to many, not just to the children she left to carry her legacy, four daughters Vernell 'Vickie' McClure, Valentina Jones, Clairee (James) Stanley, and Vernetta Jones, and her five sons, Jamal, Anthony, Darrell (Jamesetta), Orlando, and Ricardo 'Ricky' Jones, but to every young man and woman who crossed her threshold. She was a grandmother, a great-grandmother, and even a great-great-grandmother, her legacy stretching across four generations like a mighty river, its waters bringing life to all it touched. She also leaves to cherish her memory a sister, Linda Austin of Chattanooga, TN; sister-in-law, Lucille Floyd of Chicago, Illinois and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. MaDea was a peaceful woman who never complained, a queen in her own right, adorned in beautiful suits and crowned with elegant, unique hats. Her passion for fashion was matched only by her passion for people. She had a way of making everyone feel seen, heard, and loved. Her laughter was a melody, her advice as soft as her hug, and her presence a gift. She will lie-in-state on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 12:00 noon at New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.'

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Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB **13**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

FEB **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church
139 E. 25th Street
Chattanooga, TN 37408

Burial

FEB **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall

IN

“ *My prayers go out to the family & friends of Mother Dear may our Lord Jesus comfort you .*

ingrid - February 16, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *1 file added to the album CemeteryService-MaryJones*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 15, 2025 at 07:51 AM

AJ

RIP, Muh dear love you miss you you did all u could do and more I can only hope to be half as good as you I'll doing my best thank you for teaching me to help people in need and keeping a kind ❤️

Anthony Jones - July 13 at 08:42 AM



“ *1 file added to the album FuneralService-MaryJones*



Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - February 15, 2025 at 07:51 AM

LO

“ Louise Davis O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Louise Davis O'Neal - February 13, 2025 at 03:40 PM

AB

“ My condolences, Vernetta, to you and your family.
Our mothers are so precious to us, but our memories are so dear.
MaDea is resting in the presence of the Lord. Love Alesa Brooks

Love, Alesa Brooks

Alesa Brooks - February 13, 2025 at 12:37 PM

ST

“ Stacey Tarver lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Stacey Tarver - February 13, 2025 at 03:08 AM

LG

“ Love, Ms Helen, Pep, Sam & Gerald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Magdalene Jones.



Love, Ms Helen, Pep, Sam & Gerald - February 12, 2025 at 09:01 PM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Laretta Harrison - February 12, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Magdalene Jones.*



February 12, 2025 at 10:42 AM

KD

“ *Kelli Darden-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Kelli Darden-Jones - February 12, 2025 at 10:07 AM

KD

Prayers and condolences to the family especially my friend Orlando

Kelli Darden - February 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Magdalene Jones.*



February 11, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ *Janice Dave lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Janice Dave - February 11, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Allison " Cookie 'Turnbow lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Allison " Cookie 'Turnbow - February 11, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Beverly Sales - February 10, 2025 at 01:36 PM

JA

“ Jackie Abernathy lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Jackie Abernathy - February 09, 2025 at 01:01 PM

EC

“ My deepest condolences and prayers for the family of Mrs. Mary M.Jones.



ELOISE COOKE - February 08, 2025 at 06:59 PM

MF

Prayers and Comfort to ALL of you All 💕, Mrs Jones was always a very Sweet and Loving woman of God and we love her 💕 Jesse and Marnita Foster!!

Marnita Foster - February 10, 2025 at 09:09 PM

JE

“ Jackie (Davis) Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Jackie (Davis) Edwards - February 08, 2025 at 04:34 PM

JE

“ Jackie (Davis) Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Jackie (Davis) Edwards - February 08, 2025 at 04:29 PM

YW

“ From: The Wadley Family sending our deepest condolences to the Jones Family



Yahunna Wadley - February 08, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JH

“ My Heartfelt Condolences to Each and Every one of You.



Janice Sledge '71 HHS - February 08, 2025 at 07:46 AM

BK

“ Beverly King lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Beverly King - February 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LG

“ Well done sweetheart!!! Wear your crown like you deserve it. 💕🙏
💕💕

Lawanda Gurley - February 07, 2025 at 08:09 PM

WJ

“ I love you. Thank you for all the meaningful conversations we've shared. Your presence and the memories we've created will always be cherished.

- William Jones, aka Bible



william jones - February 07, 2025 at 07:55 PM

AJ

“ The Sweetest Grand Mother I Could've Ever Asked For! You Are Truly Missed But I'm So Glad You Left Us With Plenty Beautiful Memories ☐ I Will Never Forget Your Cooking Or Hearing “Hey Baby” When You Would See Me! -YourYoungestGrandchild ☐



Amber Jones - February 07, 2025 at 04:31 PM

B.

“ B.J.Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



B.J.Miller - February 07, 2025 at 03:49 PM

AJ

“ Grand Ma always had a kind word to share and a smile that could heal any sadness. I am so grateful for you.

Ayana Jones-Booth - February 07, 2025 at 12:38 PM

KJ

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Kanika Jones - February 07, 2025 at 11:16 AM

CR

Aww MS JONES WAS THE NICEST KINDEST SWEETEST ALWAYS HAD A SMILE ON HER FACE GROWING UP IN THE WEATSIDE I USED TO TELL NETTA SHE GETS HER FASHION FROM HER MOM SHE WAS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL SPIRITUAL WOMAN R.I.PARDISE MS JONES LOVE COXO

Coco Rhodes - February 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM

KJ

“ My grandmother was good to me. She was kind and gentle. She encouraged me and kept my poetry books from the age of 15 until I was an adult with children of my own. This showed me how much she cherished me and my special gift. I will always remember her and share her stories.

I will miss you MaDea aka Magdalene Stovall (as my grandfather would call her)!!! Job well done Queen!

Kanika Jones - February 07, 2025 at 11:13 AM

KP

“ Mrs. Magalene was the best friend I had when we were neighbors in the Elks the Westside!! She gave me whatever I begged for!! Lo!!! I had been trying to reach her but, I could never reach her!!! She has earned her crown!! We all lived in Poss Home, 2. I Love U my friend and Mom!! This is a time for celebrating her life and legacy!!! Praise the Lord!! Love you Jones family!! Kathy Payeton!!!

Kathryn L Payeton - February 07, 2025 at 10:00 AM

KJ

Thank you for loving my grandmother. She was a great lady.

Kanika Jones - February 07, 2025 at 10:35 AM

ST

“ Sheila Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Sheila Taylor - February 06, 2025 at 11:36 AM

KJ

Thank you cousin!

Kanika Jones - February 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM

EH

“ Our condolences to our Jones Families. Mom is my last "Mom". We have held onto her for 53 years. She always spoke with strength and love. The love she had for her family was all gratitude to the God that she served. I am grateful and blessed to have been called one of her children and part of the wisdom that flowed from her into our family in Detroit. Mom was a FaithKeeper, and a DreamKeeper, and she knew each one of us like the hairs on her head. No sadness for me, Mom's love still shines on us all. All of you remain in our hearts. Love, Sissy (Eleanor) and Dennis, Toni, Danielle and Jay and our entire Michigan families.

Eleanor L Holmes - February 06, 2025 at 11:11 AM

KJ

Thank you for loving our grandmother.

Kanika Jones - February 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ My Mag as I affectionately called her was more than 1 of our oldest church members. She was a true Proverbs women...She taught me a lot in the kitchen.. Hot water corn bread and fried corn...I will cherish those memories....



Tracey D Freeman - February 06, 2025 at 10:17 AM

JD

“ Our deepest condolences are with your family in the passing of your sweet Mother Mrs. Magdalene. My Mother loved her and your Grandmother 💕. I remember listening to all their stories when they were young ladies growing up on the Southside. I also remember our good times in the Westside we were always family..... Love and prayers from the Brownlow family 🙏❤️

Janice Dave - February 06, 2025 at 09:50 AM

PR

“ PAT REYNOLDSpatricia lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



PAT REYNOLDSpatricia - February 06, 2025 at 07:17 AM

TW

“ Deepest Condolences 🌸 to entire Jones Family during this season of the transition of your matriarch Mrs. Magalene.



Terence C Wright - February 06, 2025 at 04:49 AM

YM

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to family with love 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏🤔



Yolanda Moss - February 05, 2025 at 07:20 PM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of sorrow. Thank Mother Jones for all your love and encouragement. Forever grateful 🙏 RIH Sweet Angel 😊



Debra Morgan - February 04, 2025 at 08:01 PM

DF

“ Doris Readus and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary M. Jones.

Doris Readus and Family - February 04, 2025 at 09:24 AM

DR

“ To: My Family!!!
Sending, My Deepest Condolences, praying for Strength, in the time of this beautiful Angel, God most have needed a new cook. Until we meet again Mom. U will always be in my Heart 💖😭😭
Pep😭😭😭 Broken 💔



Doris Readus - February 04, 2025 at 09:18 AM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones



Sharon - February 04, 2025 at 06:13 AM

AL

“ *Avis Love lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Avis Love - February 03, 2025 at 10:26 PM

LW

“ *Howard High School c/c "1973"*



Lenard Wigfall - February 03, 2025 at 08:52 PM

LW

“ *Lenard Wigfall lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Lenard Wigfall - February 03, 2025 at 08:51 PM

NJ

“ *Nakesha Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Nakesha Jones - February 03, 2025 at 05:05 PM

RD

“ *Rosalyn Dodson lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Rosalyn Dodson - February 03, 2025 at 04:43 PM

AS

“ *Alyce Scott lit a candle in memory of Mary Magdalene Jones*



Alyce Scott - February 03, 2025 at 10:28 AM