

***Pallbearers***

Jordan Jones | Clarence Brown | Kyrie Green-Norment  
Marcus Jones | Edward Pierson, Jr. | Joseph Henderson

***Honorary Pallbearers***

LaTricia Jones | Reggie Roman | Kenneth Jones  
Kevin Jones | Kadeem Green | Raven Jones

***Flower Bearers***

Friends of the Family

***Interment***

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
3210 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

***Repast***

1243 South Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

***Acknowledgement***

The family of Emmitt Junior Jones wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of bereavement. Knowing that one day, everyone will cross the same threshold, it is comforting to know that in our time of need, there are special people like you.



**Paradise Funeral Chapel**

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**Celebrating the Life of**  
***Mr. Emmitt Junior Jones***

**Sunrise:**  
**October 18, 1947**

**Sunset:**  
**May 31, 2025**

**11:00 AM Friday, June 6, 2025**

**Truevine Baptist Church**  
**2930 Janes Avenue**  
**Saginaw, Michigan 48601**

**Pastor Paul E. Broaddus, Officiating**

# Order of Service

Prelude .....	Musician	
Processional .....	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand .....	Family
Scripture Reading .....	Old & New Testament .....	Minister
Prayer .....		Minister
Selection .....		Anthony Hill
Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolences .....		Darliane Blackmon
Obituary .....		Canika Pugh
Selection .....	Kneel Down in Prayer .....	
Special Remarks .....		Kadeem Green Mildred Bailey Hershel Brown
Expressions .....	(Please Limit to 2 Minutes) .....	4 Family, 6 Friends
Selection .....	Open the Flood Gates of Heaven .....	
Eulogy .....		Pastor Paul E. Broaddus

Committal | Benediction | Recessional - Going Up Yonder



Emmet Jones (Nickname SIP taken at Moron Air Force Base Spain (around 1967-68?) with Hershel Brown (Nick Name Roach)

Taken on December 4, 2023 in Saginaw Michigan

# Obituary

Emmitt Junior Jones was born on October 18, 1947, in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and passed away peacefully on May 31, 2025, in Saginaw, Michigan, at the age of 77. He endured a long recovery following a 2020 stroke with quiet strength and unwavering faith.

He was the beloved son of Ethel Mildred Jones and Emmitt Bill Roman. Following his mother's early passing, Emmitt and his siblings were lovingly adopted by their grandparents, Sam and Carrie Jones. Within that nurturing, blended household, Emmitt was shaped by faith, discipline, and a strong sense of duty—values he later passed on to his children.

A proud 1966 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Philadelphia, Mississippi, Emmitt was part of one of the last racially segregated graduating classes before the full implementation of public-school integration in the South. That experience shaped his resilience and awareness of justice early on. After graduation, he moved to Saginaw, Michigan, where he was brought by his uncle and aunt, Pastor Henry C. “Uncle Smitty” and Kate Smith. He lived with them in Buena Vista before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force that same year. Emmitt served honorably during the Vietnam War and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Known affectionately as “Sipp” by fellow servicemen, he carried his Mississippi roots with pride.

After his military service, Emmitt spent more than 45 years working for General Motors. He was a devoted member of Truevine Baptist Church, serving faithfully as a Deacon under Pastor Paul E. Broaddus.

A loyal sports fan, Emmitt rooted for the University of Michigan, the Detroit Lions, and Tiger Woods. But his greatest sports joy came from watching his son Kadeem play in Buena Vista High School's 2004 and 2006 state basketball championship seasons. He also loved caring for his lawn, attending Bible study, reading the USA Today and the Neshoba Democrat, and meeting friends for morning coffee at McDonald's.

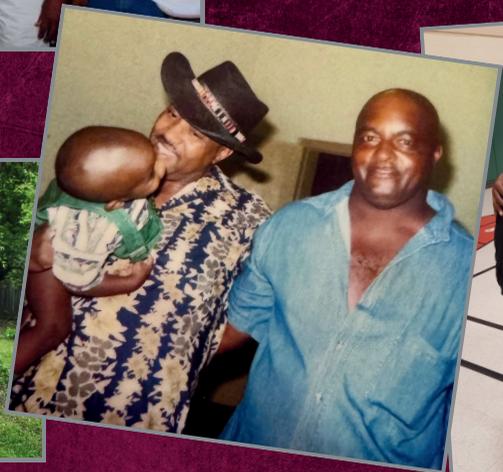
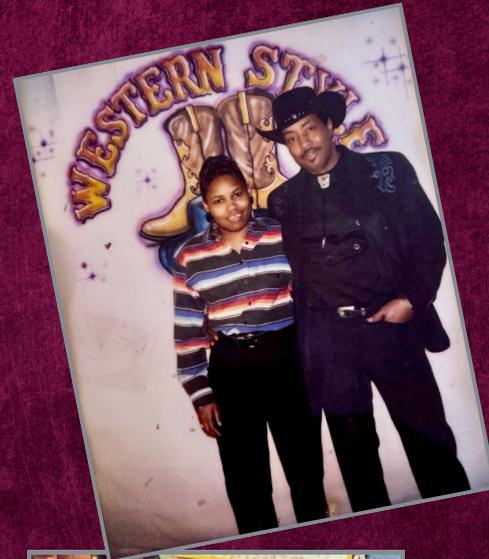
Family was the heart of Emmitt's life. With his first wife, Veronica Hardy, he had two sons, Dr. Kenneth Jones and Kevin Jones. He also legally adopted and lovingly raised Veronica's daughter, LaTricia Jones, and his younger half-brother, Reggie Roman, as his own children. In 1996, he married Patricia (Green) Jones, and they had one son, Raven Jones. Emmitt also embraced Patricia's son, Kadeem Green, with equal love. To Emmitt, all six—LaTricia, Reggie, Kenneth, Kevin, Kadeem, and Raven—were his children, bound by devotion, not biology.

He is survived by his aunt, Dr. “TeeTee” Jean O. Smith (Saginaw, MI); uncle, Clois (Idella) Smith (Toledo, OH); his six children; daughter-in-law, Ashley Green (Lakewood, WA); siblings Mildred Bailey and Carolyn (Wyvonne) Murray (both of Kennesaw, GA), Elizabeth Brown (Pearland, TX), Reneshia (Keith) Roman-Sturdivant, Gladys Roman, Vickie Roman, and Jean Roman (all of Chicago, IL), MaryAnn Roman-McLaurin (MS), Gillis Jones (Buffalo, NY), Lester (Roberta) Jones (Oxon, MD), Larry (Ann) Jones (Saginaw, MI), Ross Gray (Philadelphia, MS), and Milton Jones (Terrace, IL); in-laws, Diane Green, Fanny Marie (Columbo) Clayton, Darliane (Spencer) Blackmon, Donna (Demaret) Bailey, Shawn Darlene Green, McCoy (Laura) Green, and Robert Bernard (Tammy) Green—all of Saginaw, MI. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Emmitt was preceded in death by his wife Patricia; his parents and grandparents; mothers-in-law Lula Hardy and Shirley Green; aunts, Kate Smith, Retha Jones, Louise Jones, and Earline Jones; uncle, Pastor Henry C. “Smitty” Smith; siblings, Albert Raven Roman, Ralph Roman, Roosevelt Jones, Sam Walter Jones, Robert James Jones, Minister Jafus Jones, Annie Belle Carter, Amize Jones, Josephine Roman, Roger Roman, and Robert Lee Roman; in-laws, Artemeedse Jones, Melvin Hardy, and Spencer Green Jr.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the Certified Nursing Assistants, nurses, and staff of Great Lakes Rehab Center for their outstanding and compassionate care over the past four years.

*Emmitt's legacy of love, faith, and quiet strength  
lives on in all who knew and loved him.*



# Tributes of Love

Daddy, I would do it all over again if I had to. I love you.

## *Kevin Jones, Son and Caretaker*



Brother-in-Law Emmitt Jones

As I look back in time, I am reminded of just  
How much you loved my sister and how, faith smiled up on me the day  
you became my brother-in-law. From the very beginning, I felt “at  
home” in your presence, you were a blessing.

As a friend and man of God, you were the best.

I knew I could count on you; no matter what Life sends.  
You always had time to listened  
And time to give and actions, you show you really care.

I am grateful that I was blessed with a brother-in –law whose warmth,  
thoughtfulness, and sense of compassion, served to make my days  
brighter, my sorrows more bearable, in so many ways.

For this I feel fortunate beyond measure and truly blessed.  
So farewell, dear brother-in-law, my friend, I will never forget the love  
we shared as a family.

Rest in peace, dear brother your memory will always remain with us,  
forever as part of eternity.

*Darliane Blackmon, Sister-in-law*

## A BABY SISTER’S LOVE

A baby sister’s love for her brother,  
Could never measure up to no other.  
We have laughed, cried, and laughed and cried,  
But the bond we had was forever tied.  
And though the time has come to part,  
You’ve left your fingerprints on my heart.

In every story, in every song,  
Your memory gently sings along.  
The years flew by and our bond never broken,  
The memory of our love is now a memory token.  
A token of our love that shines so bright,  
It showed on you morning, noon and night,

You grew so wise, your hair turned gray,  
But still your laugh lit up the day.  
And when your soul began to rest,  
You left this world having given your best.  
I miss your voice, your quiet cheer,  
The way you’d know when I was near.  
But still I feel you — soft and true,  
A love so strong, it pulls me through.

So sleep in peace my brother, my dear,  
Your baby sister will always hold you near.  
You gave me love my whole life through —  
And part of me went home with you.

Thank you for loving my husband,  
my children and my grandchildren.

## **Carolyn Murray, Baby Sister**



We thought of you today  
But that is nothing new  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that too  
We think of you in silence  
We often speak your name  
Now all we have are memories  
And your picture in a frame  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we’ll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our heart

## *Rodney Jones and Dorthy Jones, Nephew and Niece*



Our favorite Cuzzn, Deacon Emmitt Jones.  
Everyday has been a blessing to have you as part  
of our life. We GM family would come together to  
have coffee and breakfast and laugh and talk at  
McDonalds. Coming to visit you at the nursing  
home and sitting with you, eating your dinner was  
awesome. When it was time to leave, you would  
look sad and I told you I would be back to visit  
while visiting my wife Mary.  
You will forever be in our hearts.

*Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Williams, Cousins*