

Reflections on the Life of



EJ JONES JR

October 16, 1945 – August 21, 2026

Jackson Mortuary
1125 E. 13th St. N., Wichita, KS 67214
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - 11:00 am.



Obituary

EJ Jones Jr. was born on October 16, 1945, in Caldwell, Texas and passed away on August 21, 2026. He moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1969, and dedicated 43 years to Beech Aircraft before retiring in 2007.

EJ "Coach Jones" Jr. was passionate about his community and football. He was the renowned neighborhood coach that all the kids met at "the field" for practice and transported them all in his big-blue truck. He coached for the Wichita Colts for 15 years and furthered his support by being the Coach for the Wichita Cowboys for 1 year.

EJ Jones was raised as a Mason in Ark (Arkansas) Valley Lodge No. 21, and was also a member of Fred Douglass Lodge No. 99, and Western Star Lodge No. 1. He was a 50-year member of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas. He was a Shriner and Past Potentate (Leader) of Emith Temple No. 30.

He was a loyal gun owner, Star-Trek and Western movies fanatic, was loved spending time at Superbowl parties, Lodge functions, Family Reunions and playing dominoes. He was "THE BBQ Pit Master with his "Special Family Sauce" and fall-off the bone ribs, and moist brisket, that everyone loved.

Preceding in his death, but greeting him in Heaven are his parents Essie Jones, Sr and Etta Washington Parks, Ex-wife Mary D. Jones, and one child Valarie Hill. Siblings: Parilee (Washington) Davenport, Willie Beatrice (Washington) Johnson, Lillian Vick, Dorothy McGee, Margaret Perry, Charlie Bell Lee, Bertha (Anderson) Towler, Nathaniel (Boy) Washington, Lawrence Washington, J. D. Washington, Laymon Washington, and Leon (Red) Washington.

EJ leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife of 15 years, Cresilda Jones, his sons Daryl (Megan) Jones, Kent (Knoeida) Hill, Roy (Cheryl) Banks Jr, his daughters: Verna (Davon) Franks, Sharetta (Kenny) Stone, Sisters Jackie Bowman & Elizabeth Miles, brother CL (Joe) Washington, and Pearl Crain, 13 grandkids, 30 great grand kids, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional
Masonic Ceremony by Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Remarks
Obituary Reading
Family Tribute
Parting View

He will not be forgotten

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see the legacy he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and live your life.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND GRATITUDE

The family of EJ Jones, Jr. would like to express our sincere thanks for your prayers, kind words, calls, texts, visits, flowers, and other expressions of love during this time. We appreciate everything you shared with EJ during his lifetime, and all you have done to bring us comfort since he passed away. May you all be blessed for helping us celebrate EJ's life & legacy.

Repass provided by "Bill and Essie's BBQ" - The Legacy
Fred Douglass Lodge No. 99, 2221 E. 12th St., Wichita, KS 67214