



Til Death Do Us Part

BY: TANAE CHASE

God, I ask that you take away the pain.
First, we love, then we lose and now nothing's the same.

Through sickness and health, is what you told me.
Til death do us part, is what you showed me.

We gave 39 years of commitment; the love was so true.
And he took me first because he knew I couldn't live
without you.

I vowed to love you for the rest of my life.
And yes, that time has come, but I'll forever be your wife.

The love you showed me was unconditional.
And you loved me just the same when life became
transitional.

Frank, thank you for being the best husband in the world.
And the best father as well, please stay strong for our girls.

I know your heart is heavy, like it weighs a ton.
But I promise I'm ok, I'm in Heaven with our son.

There's no amount of distance that can keep me away.
Because I'll remain in your heart, each and every day.

Appreciate the memories, we created so many.
Think of all the good times, we certainly had plenty.

Although I'm with you in spirit, it's time to say goodbye.
My dear husband, please dry your eyes.

I love you Frank, with all of my heart.
And thanks for loving me, til death do us part.

Acknowledgments

The family of Rita Yovonne "Cookie" Jones would like to express our deepest and sincere gratitude for the generous outpouring of love during this difficult time. Please continue to pray for our strength in the coming days. Again, thank you so much for all you have done to console our hearts. God Bless You!

Pallbearers

Chris Williams Sr. | Leroy Jones | Vincent Eason
Jessie Vassie | Keion Crockett | Jason Higgs
Antwan Lewis | Jaymes Evans

Honorary Pallbearers

Franklin Jones Sr. | Franklin Jones Jr. | Mack McConnell
James Elbert | Ernest Bowman | Mark Bowman
Vincent Elbert | Monte' Buford | Anthony Lewis

Repast

Immediately following services.

The Center
6809 Longview Rd. | Kansas City, Missouri 64134

Final Resting Place

Monday, June 8, 2026, 11:00 A.M.
Leavenworth National Cemetery
150 Muncie Road | Leavenworth, Kansas 66048



Celebrating The Life Of



"COOKIE"

SUNRISE: 04/19/1968 | SUNSET: 05/20/2026



SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
VISITATION: 10:00 A.M.
SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME
1101 E. BANNISTER RD.
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64131

OFFICIANT: PASTOR D'ERIC FIELDS



Reflections of Life

With love and gratitude for a life well lived, we celebrate the life of **Rita Yovonnie “Cookie” Jones**, who departed this life on May 20, 2026, at The University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, at the age of 58.

Rita was born on April 19, 1968, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Jessie Milton Elbert Sr. and Ginger (Rogers) Elbert. She attended East High School in Kansas City, Missouri, and later furthered her education at Pikes Peak State College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she earned her certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) with a focus in Nursing.

Rita dedicated many years of service to her community. She worked proudly as a Bus Operator for KCATA for 16 years before retiring in 2014. She was hardworking, dependable, and connected with many through both her work and her kindness.

Rita was united in marriage to the love of her life, Franklin Delano Jones Sr., on November 13, 1986, in Kansas City, Missouri. Together they built a life grounded in love, loyalty, and commitment, sharing 39 beautiful years of marriage. Through sickness and health, they stood faithfully by one another. Their home was a place of warmth, laughter, and open doors—always welcoming family, friends, and anyone in need of love or support.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie Elbert Sr. and Ginger Elbert; her beloved son, Franklin D. Jones Jr.; her sister, Ernestine Moorman; her brother-in-law, Harold A. Ervin; and her sister-in-law, Carletta Higgs.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Franklin D. Jones Sr.; her daughters, April McConnell (Mack) and Lonze Jones-Williams (Christopher); her siblings: Ernest Bowman (Vic), Henrietta Bowman, Brenda Bowman, Mark Bowman, Vincent Elbert, James Elbert (Nina), Marilyn Vassie (Raymond), Juanita Elbert, Wanda Edwin (Todd), Mary Morris, Marzelia Gartell, Jessie Elbert Jr., sisters-in-law, Twila Saxton (Bryan) and Latanya Jones (William). Rita’s greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren, who will cherish her always: Carlos, Aeriya, Monte, Arteeyona, Mack, Taylor, Future, CJ, Brandon, Arlando, and British, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and dear friends who loved her deeply.

Rita Yovonnie “Cookie” Jones will be remembered for her strength, humor, generous heart, and the unconditional love she gave so freely. Though she is no longer with us in body, her love, memories, and legacy will live on forever.



Celebration of Life

Processional

Scripture & Prayer

Acknowledgments & Condolences
Gladis Jones

Life Reflections
To Be Read In Silence

Video Tribute

Words of Reflection
2 Minutes Please
Family & Friends

Spoken Word Tribute
Tanae Chase

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort
Pastor D’Eric Fields

Benediction

Recessional



“Cookie”