

## REFLECTIONS OF JOHN

Today, we gathered to celebrate the life of a man who left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. A man who would walk into a room and instantly lift the atmosphere with laughter, his personality, and his unforgettable charm.

**John** was born into a family rooted in faith. At an early age, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior, a decision that remained meaningful throughout his life.

From a young age, **John's** talents were easy to see. On the football field, he was a force. As a youth, he played the game with heart and determination, showing the kind of ability and spirit that made people proud to watch him play. His energy and competitiveness made him stand out, and those who saw him play remember it even today.

But football wasn't his only gift. He had hands that could create and a personality that made people feel welcome. As a barber, **John** became known for his skill and his ability to connect with people. Sitting in his chair meant more than just getting a haircut. It meant laughter, stories, and real conversation. **John** had a way of making people feel comfortable and valued.

And if you knew **John**, you know he was naturally funny. He had a sense of humor that could brighten even the heaviest day. People often say he could make a dog laugh, and honestly, that wasn't far from the truth. His jokes, his timing, and the way he looked at life made being around him a joy.

Music was another one of his gifts. When he sat down at the piano, his talent spoke for itself. **John** could move across the keys with ease, bringing life and rhythm to every note. It was another way he expressed the creativity that lived inside him.

**John** also had a personality that people were drawn to. He carried a natural charisma that made conversation easy and laughter come naturally, and he knew how to charm people. His confidence, humor, and warmth made him someone people enjoyed being around.

Outside of his many talents, **John** enjoyed the simple things of life. He loved fishing and spending time near the water. He also took pride in detailing cars, making them shine and look their very best. Those who knew him also remember his caring side. **John** would take time to sit with the sick and shut-in, offering his presence, conversation, and companionship when people needed it most.

And let's not forget one of the sweeter memories many of us share, his peanut butter cookies. They were some of the best around. Sometimes, the smallest things become the most memorable, and those cookies are just one more reminder of the simple joys he brought into the lives of others.

Like many people, his journey in life had its ups and downs. But through everything, the core of who **John** was had never disappeared. He remained the same person who could make you laugh, entertain a room, share a story, and make people feel good just by being himself.

**John's** battle with cancer was one of the hardest chapters of his life, but it also reminds us how precious and fragile life can be. Though his time with us feels too short, the memories he gave us will last far beyond today.

Today, we remember a talented barber, a gifted musician, a great athlete, a comedian at heart, and a man whose personality could fill any room. We remember his laughter, his charm, his talent, and the countless moments he shared with family and friends.

While we say goodbye today, we hold onto the memories--the laughter, the music, the conversations, and the stories that will continue to be told for years to come. His life left a mark, and the joy he brought into the world will never be forgotten.

As we close, we hold on to the words of God found in John 11:25-26, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

David Lee Jones  
Darius Jones  
Chearick Miller  
Nickalus Jones

Arlister Mock III  
Noah Jones  
Davin Paul Jones  
Jamar Nicholson

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Dennis Gayles  
William Jones  
Rod Murray

Patrick Murray  
Calvin Burns  
Larry Gamble

## FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Ushers, Family & Friends

## THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL & INTERMENT

Concord Cemetery \* Tallahassee (Miccosukee), Florida

## REPAST

Concord AME Church Fellowship Hall

## THE FAMILY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are indeed honored by your presence here today as we assemble to celebrate the life of our beloved, **John Rayne Jones**. While not having him here with us will be difficult to bear, we find comfort in knowing that he is now at peace with the Lord. Your calls, cards, floral arrangements, visits and prayers have all served as sources of strength for us as we endeavor to accept God's Will. It is our fervent prayer that God will continue to keep you in His grace and loving care.

## Services Entrusted To:



A. L. Hall Funeral Directors, Inc.

dba  
*Tillman Funeral Home*

1215 North Jefferson Street • P. O. Box 425  
Monticello, Florida 32345  
Phone: (850) 997-5553 • Fax: (850) 997-4706

4006 Crawfordville Road • Tallahassee, Florida 32305  
Phone: (850) 942-1950 • Fax: (850) 942-2375

Alfonza "Al" Hall  
Dock Choice • Amy Davis  
Damien Davis • Demarien Hawk  
Funeral Directors & Embalmers  
Tillman... Making A Difference Since 1931

## Homegoing Celebration

FOR

Brother

# John Rayne Jones



Sunrise: October 22, 1973 – Sunset: March 11, 2026

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026**

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING**

**Concord African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**6658 VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY \* TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

**The Right Reverend Dr. Marvin C. Zanders II**

**PRESIDING PRELATE**

**The Reverend Gregory Gay, Presiding Elder**

**The Reverend Gwendolyn Carroll-Simmons, Pastor**

**The Elder Eugene Delton Williams, Eulogist**

## REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

**JOHN RAYNE JONES** was born to John Paul Jones and Helen Williams Jones on October 22, 1973 in Tallahassee, Florida. His father and brother, Steven Mock, both preceded him in death.

**JOHN** grew up in the Miccosukee and Wadesboro Community where he was truly loved by everyone. He attended the public schools of Leon County and earned his General Educational Development Diploma. He gained a wide range of experiences by taking on different jobs over the years.

**JOHN** accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at an early age. He joined St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the now-late Reverend Dr. Jimmy Brookins, Sr. He served well and was very active in the youth department. He would sometimes visit and fellowship with other surrounding churches including the Alabama area. **JOHN** showed unconditional love to all, not expecting anything in return. His love for his children and his family could never be broken.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, while at Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, the Lord released **BROTHER JOHN RAYNE JONES** from earthly trials and tribulations and received him into His Kingdom. His love and legacy will be cherished forever by his *loving daughters*: Avian Le'she Hudson, Jacksonville, FL, Denajia Dezeree Baker, Monticello, FL and Jonay Nicole Jones of Campbellton, FL; *sons*: Darius Jose Jones, Nickalus Rian Jones and Noah Arthur-Louis Jones, all of Tallahassee, FL; *seven grandchildren*: Royal, Ka'ior, Persia, Egypt, Dakota, Germani Jones and Kalani Pettway; *loving and devoted mother*: Helen (Arlister Jr.) Mock of Tallahassee, FL; *brothers*: David Lee Jones, Tallahassee, FL and Arlister Mock III of Louisville, KY; *niece*: Ja'Davia Jonay Jones; *nephew*: Davin Paul Jones, both of Tallahassee, FL; *godson*: Chearick Miller of Marianna, FL; *loving aunts*: Dorothy Williams, Lizzie Merritt, Vernell (Eddie) Lovett and Julia Wesley; *uncles*: William (Felicia) Jones, Eugene Williams, Reverend Billy Joe (Lisa) Wesley, Deacon Leroy (Donna) Williams, Deacon Tom C. (Reverend Palmyra V.) Williams, James Wesley, Jr. and Fitzgerald Wesley; *great-aunts*: Annie (James) Graham and Gertrude Rush; and a host of other relatives and friends. Forever in his heart a *special friend and prayer partner* from the beginning to the end: Exhorter Sentoria Houston.

## CHERISHED MEMORIES



## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Reverend Kevin L. Johnson-Mack, Presiding*

Prelude..... *Tillman* Gospel Chorale

Processional..... Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family.....The *Tillman* Staff

Devotional Service ..... Deacon Roosevelt Bivens, Jr.  
Deacon David Mills

Selection ..... Chorale

### THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament ..... Reverend James Houston  
New Testament..... Reverend Billy Joe Wesley

Family Prayer ..... Elder Corey Reed

Selection ..... Chorale

### REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES:

As I Knew Him ..... Sister Harriett Monroe  
Poetic Reading ..... Exhorter Sentoria Houston

Resolutions & Acknowledgements.....The *Tillman* Staff

Selection ..... Chorale

**EULOGY** ..... Elder Eugene Delton Williams

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends