



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Edna L. Jones*

AUGUST 7, 1935 — FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Edna L. (Washington) Jones, 89 of Worcester, MA. passed away with her family by her side on Monday, February 3, 2025, at UMass Medical Center.

Edna was born and raised in Sara, Mississippi, a daughter to the late Adam Washington and Carrie (McKinney) Black. Edna was a graduate of Sara High School, she also earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Adullam Bible College in Jackson, Tennessee. Edna instilled in her children that God, family and education was important and essential to a happy productive life. Edna would say to her children "give your life to Christ, don't leave here without Him". Early in life Edna worked various jobs in the community to make sure all her children were well taken care of and she selflessly brought children in need into her home and worked as a foster mother for over 15 years. She never saw a problem to big that prayer and her faith in God could not overcome. Her powerful prayers reached heaven that pulled her son Mark through a life threatening incident at the age of 9. Her children as well as the community relied on her anointed prayer life to help them through difficult times.

Edna was a souled out woman of God, a loving mother and married to the late A.C. Jones for over 30 years. She was a devout Christian and church member, serving as a prominent church mother and missionary of the House of Restoration and Grace Christian Center both in Worcester, MA as well as New Life Christian Center in Jackson, TN. Edna received the 2015 Impact award as Mother of the year from New Life Christian Center under the leadership of Apostle Barry Chaney. Edna was not only a prominent church mother, but she was also a mother to every community she touched.

Edna also had the privilege of being lovingly embraced by the families of her dear friends. The late Lillie B. Whiteside and daughter, Mona Whiteside, and the entire Whiteside family. District Missionary Jacqueline Coppedge of Worcester, MA. and her entire family. Whenever Missionary Coppedge would visit Edna, she would enter her home and say, "I'm home". Elder Frank and Missy Mary Jardine of Worcester, MA who she would make it her business to have dinners ready for them to take home after Sunday's church service. Edna's doors and heart were always open which afforded her the privilege of entering their hearts and home, providing her with extended families that deeply cherished her.

Edna also enjoyed cooking, sewing and hat making as all her daughters and daughter in-laws, and granddaughters are wearing to celebrate her memory and some of her monumental designs. Her passion was delivering the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who would listen. Edna was wise in her delivery of winning souls for the Kingdom of God. No matter where she went, she would always have a kind word of encouragement. One of Edna's favorite scriptures was Psalms 118:17-18 KJV (I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord). Edna touched the hearts of so many people. She loved to sing old gospel songs, such as "I'm A Soldier in the Army of the Lord". She would always say I love to hear my Apostle Chaney sing "I love You Lord".

Edna is survived by five sons, Mark Jones (Christina) of Corona, CA., Perry Jones of Worcester, MA., Paul Jones of Worcester, MA., Archie Jones of Worcester, MA., and Clarence Estell (Charmaine) of Oklahoma City, OK: four daughters, First Lady Dr. Janice Rose (Pastor Alexander) of Worcester, MA, Carrie Boone of Minneola, FL., Dr. Shirley Wilson of Worcester, MA., Karissa Morgan (Tim) of Orlando, FL. and Preston A. Jones, who preceded her in death. Edna was graced with twenty eight (28) grandchildren, Ulysses, Nicholas (Diel), Marquavious, Steven, Curtis, (Danielle), Chelsea, Candace (deceased) and Melah; Keon, Dez 'Monique, PJ, Sharicka, Andre, Jordan, Aliyah, Jaylen and Kaylen, Ashley, Mariah, Cherokee, Kennedy, Keon, Brianna, Kobe, Daquan, Rachael, Melinda, fifty one (51) great grandchildren and one (1) great-great grandchild; three (3) foster sons, Vincent Mangos, Tommy Collins and Kevin Jones and their families. She is predeceased by four brothers, Sammy McKinney, Vergil McKinney, Carl Vester McKinney and Rosco McKinney; a sister, Dorothy McKinney; a host of nieces and nephews the entire McKinney family Shirley, Bettie, Shelby, Brenda, Carolyn, Beverly, Yvette, Sabrina, Cynthia, Daniel, Wanda, Anthony, Jimmy and Derrick all of Memphis, TN. Extended children: Jimmy Carruthers of Osceola, AR., Elnora Carruthers of Houston, TX, Homer Boone of Minneola, FL., and Willie Jacobs of Memphis, TN. God Daughters: Linda Daniels of Worcester, MA., Freda Frazier of Worcester, MA., Vernell Lewandowski of Worcester, MA., and Ann Mabry of Colorado Springs, CO.

Relatives and friends are invited to a period of calling hours on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 10-11 am immediately followed by her funeral service at 11:00 am in Grace Christian Center, 126 Elm St., Worcester. The burial will be in Hope Cemetery, Worcester. MERCADANTE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 370 Plantation St., Worcester is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Grace Christian Center

126 Elm Street, Worcester

February 18, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.



Mistress of Ceremony: Missionary Mary Jardine

Prayer: Pastor Alex Rose

Scripture: Diel Louisgene Stewart (Isaiah 43:1-3)

Congregational Songs: First Lady Dr. Janice Rose and Tonga Carter

Words of Comfort & Expression: Pastor Emma Black

Expressions (Family Representation)

Jones, Rose, Stewart, Estell Family: Dr. Shirley Wilson (Jones), Christina Jones,  
Homer Boone, Pastor Alex Rose

Grandchildren: 2 Representative

Coppedge, Brown, Elliott: District Missionary Jackie Coppedge

Entire Carruthers Family: Jimmy Carruthers

Elder Frank and Mary Jardine: Missionary Mary Jardine

Foster Children and Family: Tommie Collins

Reverend Ben and Lucy Marshall: Whitney Marshall

Entire Dyer Family: Evangelist Angela Dyer

Entire Foreman Family: Christopher Foreman

Resolutions/cards: Missionary Jackie Coppedge & Diel Stewart

Vote of Thanks: Mark Jones

Ministry of Music: Elder Tonga Carter

Eulogy: Apostle Barry Chaney

Recessional song: The Goodness of God

Musicians: Bro. Geoffery Killebrew and Bro. Marqus Rose



## INTERMENT

Hope Cemetery

Worcester, Massachusetts

# TRIBUTES

Mother Edna Jones, the embodiment of love towards all. A woman displaying great kindness and encouragement to all that she encountered. We cherish the legacy of her words of wisdom as they continue to grow in our hearts, minds and spirit. We can all attest to the genuine love and care that she provided. Rest on in the arms of our loving Heavenly Father.

"That's It and That's All"

Pastor Angelia Chaney  
New Life Christian Center  
Jackson, TN



# WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me and I am not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me  
I know how much you love me as much as I love you  
And each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand  
That Jesus came and called my name and took me by the hand.  
He said my place is ready in heaven far above  
And that I have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away a tear fell from my eye  
For all my life I'd always thought it wasn't my time to die.  
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do  
It seems almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays the good ones and the bad  
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.  
If I could have stayed for just a little while  
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realize that this could never be  
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow  
I thought of you and when I did my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven's gate and felt so much at home  
As God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne.  
He said This is eternity And all I've promised you  
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last  
And since each day's the same here there's no longing for the past.  
So when tomorrow starts without me don't think we're far apart,  
For every time you think of me I'm right here in your heart.



— CAPTURED



# MEMORIES



# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late Edna Jones wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls, visits and many other acts of kindness shown during the time of her lengthy illness and finally death.

~ The Family of Edna Jones



## PALLBEARERS

Perry Jones

Mark Jones

Curtis Harrell

Homer Boone

Jimmy Carruthers

## REPAST

Repast to follow in the Fellowship Hall at Grace Christian Center

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