

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Pallbearers

Richard Bird
Micah Mapp
Emmanuel Nichols
Malcom Prophett
Stefan Jones
Craig Jones
Kenneth Jones
Christopher Mapp
Marcus Prophett

Honorary Pallbearers

Ricardo Jones
Frank Adkins
Lewis Kent
Scott Adkins
Michael Ross
Daniel Shufford

Flower Bearers

Rachael Jones
Jamyla Jeffries
Adrienne Jones
Nadia Jones
Dhanya Jones
Deja Mapp
Kendra Mapp
Takiyah Owens

Acknowledgements

Father in Heaven, we ask in the name of Jesus that you bless and prosper those who sent cards, warm wishes, and prayers to our family during this time. We ask that you open the windows of Heaven and pour them out blessings that they have not room enough to store. We thank them and most importantly, we thank you for placing them in our lives. We graciously ask our friends and family to remember the rich history of Rachael Pauline Ross Jones, while continuing to carry the mantle of service forward.



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January 18, 2024

Visitation: 10:00am - Funeral Service: 11:00am

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Rev. Kenneth Smith, Officiating

Celebrating Rachael Pauline Ross Jones
"Her" story

Rachael Pauline Ross Jones was born on March 10, 1932, in Selma Alabama, to the union of John L. Ross and RosaLee Young.

Rachael's family moved to Cincinnati when she was an adolescent. Upon her arrival, she proudly attended Woodard High School. She also spent time in Canton, Ohio, where she continued her academic experience and graduated from McKinley Senior High. Though she traveled between Canton and Cincinnati often, she established her roots here in the "Queen City."

During her early adult years, she became the devoted wife to Samuel F. Jones Jr. Their union was filled with love, laughter, and the blessing of seven beautiful children: Christina Edmondson, Jennifer (Gary) Mapp, Marsha (Raymond) Prohett, Samuel (Xenia) Jones, Sandra (Michael) Jones, Carolyn (Christopher) Nichols, and Ricardo (Malina) Jones. Equally, she was the stepmother to Elizabeth (David) Bridgett, Margaret (Calvin) Coleman, Elaine Jones, Gloria Dockery, and Linda Jones.

Rachael passionately dedicated her time to being a mother, homemaker, education advocate, and community activist. Some of the organizations that she was involved in were implementing the Tot Lot Mobile Playground and The Lucille Chenault Senior Citizen and Disabled Person's Ball. Furthermore, she was the President of the Mt. Auburn Community Council and the PTA President for Vine Elementary with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS).

Additionally, Rachael's generous heart led her to champion equitable policies and a focus on wellness, to nourish the "whole child" within the education system. She pioneered students having access to free and reduced lunch and collaboratively worked with the community to introduce the Title 20 Reading Program for the CPS District.

Rachael's call to serve was also present throughout her tenure as an employee for CPS. She worked in the food service industry, where she ensured that students and staff were greeted with a gentle smile and a warm meal each day. Because of her kindness, she was affectionately known as "Grandma" by all. While employed with the District, she also stood in solidarity with her colleagues as an active participant with AFSCME Council 8 Labor Union.

Rachael's honorable work as a servant leader brought great recognition and earned her the key to the city by former Mayor Charlie Luken.

Always striving to live a life of righteousness, Rachael accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior early in life. She was a faithful member of Truth Universal Missionary Baptist Church where she humbly served as a secretary, usher, and member of the choir; while upholding several other positions in the church. Regularly, she was eager to perform in her "Sunday's Best" with the Twelfth Choir Union and The Stars of Faith Gospel Group, where you could hear the melodic sounds of her strong alto voice.

In her spare time, Rachael enjoyed reading Harlequin romance novels, cooking, and baking her signature coconut cake and sweet potato pie. She also found delight in traveling, watching some of her favorite movies such as: "Sweet Home Alabama" and "The Color Purple." Most importantly, she valued spending quality time with friends and family.

Rachael was a beacon of light and joy to everyone that she touched. She blazed the trail for her family and community; while modeling love, character, service, and integrity. The tenderness of Mama, Grandma, G-MA, Great-Grandma, and Aunt Pauline will be missed.

Rachael was preceded in death by her husband Samuel F. Jones Jr., her son Samuel F. Jones III, stepdaughter Linda Jones, her siblings Sallie Mae Gresham, Henry Ross, Shirley Jeanette Scott, John "Sonny" Ross, Gerald Adkins, Gwendolyn Dungy, William Ross, and Jeffrey Boyd as well as her grandchildren Stefan Mapp, Robert Thomas, and Jonte Nichols.

Her eternal legacy will be cherished by her siblings Michael Ross, Frank Adkins, Percy Ross, Scott (Tammy) Adkins, Rosetta (George) Wilkins, Celia (Oscar) Parks, Rachel Grimes, Lori Adkins, her loving children, 35 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.



Forever In Our Hearts



Order of Celebration

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View The Immediate Family
- Prayer James Kent
- Scripture James Kent
- Selection Zaria Mapp
- Acknowledgements Lisa Bullock
- Tribute Zion Inman
- Tribute Rev. Todd O'Neal
- Reflections Family & Friends
(Please Limit Remarks to Two Minutes)
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection Adrienne Jones
- Tribute Kendra Mapp
- Eulogy Rev. Kenneth Smith
- Benediction Rev. Kenneth Smith
- Recessional Clergy, Family, & Friends



Final Resting Place

Dayton National Cemetery
 4400 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45428

Repast

Immediately Following Services
 New Generation Banquet Hall
 4595 Paddock Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45229