

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Ma'Nija Rheni Jones sincerely appreciates the prayers and other acts of kindness expressed during our journey of bereavement. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and words of encouragement. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we face the days ahead. A special thanks to the class of 1987 for your love and support. Ma'Nija's Tee Stephanie Smith Douglas who dedicated herself to MaNija during her time in the hospital also special thanks to Claybon & Collins family, Dante and Mary Williams, Gayla Haymer and Christie Davis for the love shown during these difficult times. May God bless each of you!

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Claybon Haymer | Craig Ellis, Jr.
Dante Williams | Edward Smith
Fredrick Claybon | Kegan Claybon
Lazerrick Smith | Lloyd Moore, Jr.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Antwaine Liddell | Bradterio McGee
Brayden Jones | Danterrio Jones
Malik Hicks | Zaylen Jones

FLOWER BEARERS

Yazoo City High School Class of 2022 &
University of Southern Mississippi Friends

INTERMENT

Glenwood Cemetery
395 Mike Espy Drive
Yazoo City, MS 39194

REPAST

The Pointe
618 Centre Park Lane
Yazoo City, MS 39194

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REMEMBERING
A PRECIOUS LIFE



Ma'Nija Rheni
JONES

HER BEGINNING
January 21, 2004

HER FOREVER
October 8, 2026

"FOREVER YOUNG, FOREVER BEAUTIFUL, FOREVER LOVED."

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
729 Calhoun Avenue - Yazoo City, MS 39194
Administrative Asst. John H. Scott, Sr., Host Pastor
Bishop Resean Thomas, Officiating

HER LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

"I have fought a good, fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteous, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all of them also that love his appearing." ***11 Timothy 4:7-8***

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Ma'Nija Rheni Jones was born to Kasandra Moore-Jones and Medegar Jones on January 21, 2004, in Jackson, MS. A Yazoo native, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church in Yazoo City, MS.

Ma'Nija's educational journey began at Head Start (Fouche) in Yazoo City. She matriculated from Pre-K to Yazoo City High School where she graduated with the Yazoo City High School Class of 2022.

Mi'Nija was resilient. She wanted a career in the medical field so that she could help others who suffered with conditions like hers. After graduating from high school, Ma'Nija attended the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. At USM, Ma'Nija was loved and created special memories with Twaine, Jalia, Jalyn, Milia, Gabby, Kebo and Alajian. Ma'Nija was a senior at the time of her untimely transition and was expected to graduate from USM in 2027.

Ma'Nija was a dedicated worker. In high school, she enjoyed working at Pizza Hut. While attending college, she worked at Starbucks Coffee Company and Amazon Distribution Center.

Ma'Nija was a courageous fighter. On October 8, 2026, she received her wings surrounded by her loving family and friends. Ma'Nija was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, George (Lillie) Anderson and Sylvester (Annie B.) Moore; maternal grandfather, Lloyd Moore, Sr.; and paternal grandparents, Suggest (Sonny) and Minnie Jones; four maternal uncles: Henry Moore, Robert Anderson, George Anderson, Jr., and Henry Anderson; and two aunts: Mary Francis Morris and Geraldine Claybon.

Ma'Nija leaves behind a lifetime of beautiful memories that will forever be treasured by her family and friends. She had a fun-loving personality and a way of making people laugh. She enjoyed joking around, having fun with her loved ones, and creating unforgettable memories. Her presence was truly one-of-a-kind, her laughter, love, and spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her. Though her time on earth was far too short, the love she shared will live on forever. She will be deeply missed, endlessly loved, and never forgotten. Her memory will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who loved her.

Ma'Nija leaves to cherish her memories, her loving and devoted Mother, Kasandra Moore-Jones and her father, Medegar Bradley Jones; her grandmother, Rose Anderson Moore; her grandfather, Freddie Collier, her siblings, Courtney Crockett, Brayden Jones, Tamara Jones, Zaylen Jones, Malik Hicks, Bradterio McGee and Danterrio Jones; nieces, Braelynn and Zoey; nephew, Brad Apollo, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She shared a special bond with her nephews Zylon and Zeveri, who she acknowledged as her own and a bonus Dad, Jim Dixon who supported, loved and cared for her dearly.

Ma'Nija will be affectionately missed by her loving companion, Jaylen "Bird" Shaffer, who was unconditionally supportive and with whom she shared special memories.

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Carolyn Collins, Program Guide

Prelude ..... *Soft Music*
Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*
Solo ..... *Crystal Sampson*
Scripture Reading & Prayer ..... *Rev. Edward Trotter*
Words of Encouragement ..... *Rev. Curtis L. Strong*
Pastor, Tulane M.B. Church – Yazoo City, MS
Solo ..... *Cheryl Jackson*
Expressions ..... *Two Minutes Please* ..... *Family & Friends*
Resolutions .....
Musical Selection .....
Acknowledgements & Condolences ..... *Carolyn Collins*
Musical Selection .....
Eulogy ..... *Bishop Rasean Thomas*

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Recessional ..... *Clergy, Family & Friends*



WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled up with tears for me,
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.
So, when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right there, in your heart.
Love Ma'Niia

TRIBUTES OF LOVE

My Baby Girl

My baby girl, Mi'Nija, I love you with all my heart and soul. You were my strength and courage. The day I became your mother; my heart belonged to you. I promised to love and protect you in everything you would ever do. I'm so sorry that I could not fix what you were going through, or make your pain go away so you could stay here with me and enjoy the beautiful life you deserved. I never dreamed I would have to face the world without your smile. I would have given anything to hold you just a little longer, just a little while. You were loved beyond words, and you will forever be a part of me. Though I cannot hold you in my arms, I will carry you in my heart every single day. Your memory will live on through me, and my love for you will never fade. I miss you more than words can ever say. Until we meet again, my baby girl, rest peacefully knowing that Mommy loves you with all my heart and soul.
Forever my daughter, forever my baby girl, forever in my heart.
Love Ma

My Precious Child

There's not a day that passes that I don't sit and cry,
And look to heaven for a reason but still, I don't know why.
Couldn't He have waited another year or two,
Until you were a little older and I'd had more time with you.
Forgive me, Lord, I then say all these thoughts are wrong,
There had to be a reason, and I know I must be strong.
You're in the arms of Jesus now and I know that you'll be fine,
But I wish with all my heart that those arms could be mine.
Love Dad

My Baby Sister

To my sister, my best friend, a piece of my heart, I never imagined we'd be living apart. A bond like ours can never be broken, and your name will forever be lovingly spoken. I will miss you more than words can explain, wishing we could hug you and see you again. A sister's love doesn't end with goodbye, it lives on forever, even beyond the sky. You were more than an aunt to Zylon and Zaveri. You loved them like your own, giving all that you had. Your love was their comfort, your smile was their light, and they'll carry your memory both day and night. They may be too young to understand why you're gone, but the love that you gave them will keep living on. You'll forever be their "Tee Tee", their Angel above, surrounded by heaven, still sending your love. Though our hearts are broken and our eyes filled with tears, we'll cherish your memory throughout all our years. Until God brings us together and we're never apart, you'll forever be loved in each one of our hearts. Rest peacefully, our love will never end.
Forever your sister, Courtney and your loving nephews, Zylon and Zaveri

A GRANDMOTHER'S LOVE

My precious "Ni", my Angel! From the very first day you came into my life, you filled my heart with love, joy, and light. My precious granddaughter, my answered prayer, a love so special, beyond compare. I loved and cherished you from the very start, you held a forever place deep in my heart. Though every smile, through every tear, I wanted you to know grandma was always near. As you lay in that hospital bed, I stayed right beside you, praying for better days ahead. I held on to hope with all my might, praying God will help you win this fight. I wanted to take your pain away and have you here with us for many more days. I would have done anything to see you smile, to hold you close, even for a little while. My heart is broken that you had to go, there is so much love I still need you to know. I miss your presence, your smile, and your face, and long for the warmth of your loving embrace. Though I can no longer hold your hand, I trust that you're safe in God's loving hands. Until we meet again in heaven above, you will forever be surrounded by Grandma's love. Rest peacefully, my precious girl, you will always be my beautiful pearl. You were loved from day one, cherished every day, and in grandma's heart you'll never go away. I love you forever, my sweet Mi' Nija.
You are my forever granddaughter, my Angel, and my heart.
Love your Gurl Grandma