



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of **Shirley Louise Austin-Jones** wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness, support, and sympathy shown during this time of loss. Your prayers, visits, calls, and thoughtful gestures have been a true source of strength and comfort. We are especially grateful to the doctors, nurses, and hospice team whose compassion and professionalism brought peace to Shirley and our family. A very special thanks goes to **Vicky Johnson**, a faithful friend whose unwavering love and decades of friendship sustained Shirley through every season of life. Her selfless devotion and steadfast care helped Shirley face her journey with courage and grace. We also give sincere thanks to **Veronica and David Starling** for their generosity and timely home health support during the most difficult moments of Shirley's sojourn. Your kindness will never be forgotten. To our friends, extended family, and the caring community of Yazoo City – please know how deeply we appreciate each of you. May God bless you richly for the love and support you have shared.

The Jones - Austin Family

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cortez Austin | Charles Austin Jr.
 CJ Adams | Quintin Austin
 David Austin | Joshua Austin
 Drewry Austin | Adonis Austin
 Michael Anthony Austin | Marc Anthony Austin
 Daniel Austin

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Tyrone Austin | Patrick Austin
 Charles Austin | Curtis Austin
 Michael Austin | Macklyn Austin

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Tye Cemetery
 Benton, MS

REPAST

Family and Friends will return to St. Matthews Church for Fellowship Dinner/ Repast at 4:30pm

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Shirley Louise
AUSTIN-JONES

Sunrise

MARCH 28, 1964

Sunset

AUGUST 19, 2025

"Gone from our sight...Never from our Hearts."

Saturday, August 30, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

729 Calhoun Avenue ♦ Yazoo City, MS 39194

Administrative Asst. John H. Scott, Sr., Host Pastor

Pastor Shannon Crawford, Officiating

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Shirley Louise Austin-Jones

Shirley Austin- Jones, a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother, dedicated sister, and faithful servant of God, passed away peacefully at her home. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and unwavering faith. Born in Yazoo County, Mississippi, Shirley was the only daughter of Alice Austin and preceded in death by her father, Willie Austin.

She was baptized at a young age and committed to walking with the Lord throughout her life. Shirley found joy and fulfillment in serving others. "Lou" was active in the choir, led various youth programs, and poured her heart into uplifting others through ministry and care.

Shirley was the beloved wife of David Jones, and together they built a life rooted in love and devotion. She was a proud and nurturing mother to her five children – Cortez, Quintin, Drewry, Jurie, and Macklyn – and an active grandmother to eight beautiful grandchildren who brought her endless joy A'Myracle, Jaylon, Gabriella, Mason, Gabriel, Madison, Kiara, and Ava.

She also leaves to cherish her memory her loving mother, Alice Austin, and her dear brothers: Tyrone (Edna), Charles (Rebecca), Curtis, Mike (Lisa), and Patrick (Danette). She also leaves to cherish her memory with a very special Auntie Dorothy Rush-White and her best friend, Vickie. Lastly, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and friends will forever remember her compassion, strength, and generous spirit.

Shirley had the heart of a servant – always ready to lead and offer a word of encouragement, or care for someone in need. She was the joy of every family reunion. She had a meticulous eye for detail, keeping everything in perfect order – a gift we often joked was her little touch of OCD that kept our world running smoothly." Her light touched countless lives, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Her family finds comfort in knowing that she is now resting in eternal peace, and in the presence of the Lord who she so deeply loved.

Dear Family,

Please do not worry about me, for I am at peace. Instead, let your hearts be filled with love and your lives be guided by faith. Live each day in a way that honors God, showing kindness, compassion, and grace to one another. Remember that true joy comes from walking in His will, and the greatest legacy we leave is the love we give. Hold fast to one another, keep your faith strong, and trust that God will provide strength and comfort in every season.

Love Lou

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith..." | 2 Timothy 4:7-8

ORDER OF SERVICE

Program Guide – Sonja Mallory

Processional Clergy & Family
Prayer of Comfort Pastor Garvin Williams
Scripture Reading Old & New Testament Edna Austin
Tribute through Song Demetris Collier
Poem A'Myracle Sulton

Resolutions
State Rep. Fabian Nelson | District 66
Class of 1982

Petals of Her Legacy Family
Obituary Reading Read Silently Soft Music
Acknowledgements Austin 5
Tribute through Song Cheryl Jackson
Eulogy Pastor Shannon Crawford
Closing Prayer Pastor F.L. Taylor

Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional Clergy, Family and Friends

VOICES OF AFFECTION

From the moment we built a life together, you were my partner, my anchor, and my greatest blessing. You filled our days with love and warmth – turning a simple house into a true home and bringing fullness to every part of my life. You kept our lives in order, made sure I had what I needed, and cared for me in countless ways.

When you weren't in the mood to cook, you'd smile and remind me that I knew where the kitchen was. And when it came to cleaning – well, thanks to you, I learned that bleach and Pine-Sol weren't just supplies, they were a lifestyle. To this day, I still catch that smell and think of you – and how you somehow managed to make "clean enough" never quite enough. Your faith was a steady light, and I loved seeing the joy it brought you. Strong and straightforward, yet graceful and tender, you were truly remarkable. I was blessed beyond measure to share my life with you. Though it is hard to say goodbye, and I will have to learn to live life without you- I will always cherish your love and carry your memory in my heart. You were, and always will be, my love. And if I know you, Heaven already smells like Pine-Sol.

Your Husband, David Jones

Mama, you were the heart of our family, a guiding light whose love and prayers shaped our every step. You taught us to trust in God through every trial, to love one another deeply, and to never lose faith no matter how heavy the burden. Your gentle spirit, kind hands, and soft words of wisdom will forever live in our hearts, and we thank God for every moment He allowed us to share with you. Your smile will forever be embedded in her heart. Though our hearts are heavy, we rejoice knowing you are now at peace, resting in the arms of the Lord you served so faithfully. We promise to honor your legacy by walking in love, faith, and unity, just as you taught us. Mama, we will love you forever and we take comfort in knowing this is not goodbye, but "See you later".

Your Children
Cortez, Quintin, Drewry, Jurie, & Macklyn

VOICES OF AFFECTION

Grandma Lou, Marmalade, Mama Lou or Granny... These names were what we called you, but you were so much more. You were a friend and a guide when life tried throwing us off our path. You were a spiritual leader to help us know our true Father in heaven. You were a vault that kept our secrets when things became too overwhelming. You were our protector when our parents wanted to lay us on our backside- telling them "Leave them babies alone". You were there time and time again. Your home was a second home whenever we needed a break from this world that continuously tries to destroy us, but never once did you make us feel small. Nor did you judge us for the things that others would belittle us for. We will carry your spirit with us and live in a way that will honor your legacy. Know that your teachings will not be in vain. Though you may not be here in the physical form, know that your love lives in us.

Love Your Grandchildren

Lou, you are my firstborn, my only daughter, and truly one of God's greatest gifts to me. From the moment I held you in my arms, I knew my life had been forever changed. I watched you grow into a strong, beautiful woman of faith who loved deeply and lived with purpose. Though my heart grieves, I take comfort in knowing you are now resting safely in the arms of the Lord. The last words I told you were, "See you later," and I hold onto that, because I believe with all my heart that through Christ, I will see you again. This is not goodbye forever, but only for a while. Until that day, I will carry your love in my heart and thank God daily for the blessing of being your mother.

Your Mother, Alice Austin

We, your five brothers, thank you for your devotion and unwavering commitment to always doing what's right. You were our pride and joy, our first teacher, protector, disciplinarian, and encourager. Your steady hand and calming voice gave us strength, and your sacrifices and wisdom built the foundation we stand on today. Following the example of our strong mother, you taught us to be resilient, focused, and faithful. You shared invaluable wisdom and built the foundation on which we stand today. With heavy hearts, we honor your well-lived life and vow to carry forward the lessons and love you so freely gave. We are forever grateful for the blessing of your light.

Love Your Brothers

Lou, you were a radiant soul who embraced life with joy and poured love into everyone you met. There is so much to say, yet my heart can't seem to find the words that could truly honor you the way you deserved to be. You approached every task with compassion and gave it your whole heart. You were passionate about ensuring that all the children came to know our Savior, the Lord Jesus, through Bible games at Thanksgiving. You gave gifts, never forgetting anyone. You were so respectful. You are loved beyond measure, missed beyond words, and I hold onto the hope of embracing you again in the life to come.

I'll see you on the other side.
Your Auntie, Dorothy Rush-White

My Friend Lou, remembering you is easy. I do it every day. Missing you is the heartache that never goes away. Of all the special gifts in life great or small, to have you as my Friend/Sister... It was the greatest gift of all. You were God fearing. You had unwavering loyalty. You loved and gave unconditionally. You showed up and supported me if not only for a little while to say, "hey hun, I just had to run by and put my eyes on you Vic." I want you to know that you're one of a kind and I will always love you! Writing this is not easy, but I know you're in a better place. Get your rest my Lou, God knows best. You're irreplaceable and will always have a special place in my heart!

Your Friend, Vickey Johnson-Jones "Vic"