

Obituary Ruth Mae Griffin Jones

August 24, 1925 – January 9, 2016

And whatever ye do in word or deed,
Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus
Giving thanks to God
And the Father through Him
Colossians 3:17 (KJV)



On January 9, 2016, our beloved Ruth Mae Jones, peacefully went home to be with the Lord. She answered the Master's Call and entered into the gates of Heaven, at home with family by her side. Ruth was born on August 24, 1925, and was raised in Boston, Massachusetts, by her parents, the late Emmanuel and Elizabeth Griffin.

She graduated from the Girl's High School of Boston, Massachusetts, and shortly thereafter, met and married the late Alexander W. Jones of Williamsburg, Virginia on May 7, 1944. Unto this union, they were blessed with three children, Norma Elizabeth, the late Ruth Althea, and Kyle Alexander. They remained happily married until the time of his death, on January 4, 2004.

In 1935, because of her age, she was unable to be a charter member of Metropolitan Baptist Church as were her mother, Charter Member Elizabeth Griffin and her sister Charter Member Carithia Griffin Winbush. She was however, the first person to join Metropolitan Baptist Church via baptism. Ruth remained a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church for over forty years.

Upon moving to Williamsburg, on November 8, 1981, she transferred her membership from Metropolitan Baptist Church, where she was a member for more than forty-six years to St. John Baptist Church on Penniman Road, Williamsburg, Virginia. She joined the Senior Choir, where she remained a member for more than thirty years, until her health began to fail.

She wore many hats throughout her ninety years of life, as the family matriarch, a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, foster mother, godmother, aunt, great-aunt, and caretaker. Her love, kindness strong spiritual guidance and generosity will be missed and cherished, by all whose lives she touched. We were truly blessed with the time that we had her in our lives. We find comfort in knowing she is at peace, resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Third from left Carithia Winbush, Elizabeth Griffin, **Ruth Jones**, Alexander Jones (husband of Ruth Jones), Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Robert L. Carter.



Usher Ministry in the early 1960's. Ruth Jones and Carithia Winbush are shown in the picture