

## *Interment*

1:30 PM, Thursday, February 2, 2023, Lane 3  
Jacksonville National Cemetery  
4083 Lannie Road, Jacksonville, FL 32218

## *Pallbearers*

Grandsons, Dennis Hudson & Friends

## *Flower Attendants*

Granddaughters, Great Granddaughters & Nieces

## *Acknowledgement*

*Words cannot express our gratitude for your many acts of kindness, It is so comforting to know that you cared enough to make time in your schedules to accommodate our needs and remember us in prayer. We haven't taken any of it for granted. We realize that we are blessed to have such loving, caring people in our lives. May God open the windows of Heaven and pour out blessings until you won't have room enough to receive them all.*

*We would also like to give a "Special Thank You" also to **Mt Olive A. M. E. Church** and Pastor the **Rev. Tony Johnson** for allowing us to carry on God's Service in his absence.*

*- The Family of the late Mrs. Lovella Holmes Jones -*

### *Arrangements in care of:*



*Funerals by T. S. Warden*  
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# *A Celebration of Life*



*Mrs. Lovella Holmes*  
**JONES**

SUNRISE: MARCH 1, 1925 - SUNSET: JANUARY 23, 2023

### *Service*

11:00 AM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

*Samuel C. Rogers, Jr. Memorial Chapel*  
4315 N. MAIN STREET | JACKSONVILLE, FL 32206

*Rev. Tony Johnson, Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church.*  
*Rev. Devin D. Brown, Officiating*

# Family



# Order of Service

**Pastor James Murphy, Jr., Presiding**  
*Kingdom Investment Ministry, Tucker, Georgia*

**Mr. Daiquan Flagler, Musician**  
*Woodlawn Presbyterian Church*

ORDER  
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SERVICE

**The Processional**

Mr. Daiquan Flagler

**Opening Hymn**

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

**Invocation**

Rev. Louis Kirkland  
*Mother Midway A.M.E. Church*

**Reading of the Old Testament**

Rev. George Price  
*St. Matthew Baptist Church*

**Reading of the New Testament**

Rev. James Cleare

**Acknowledgement & Condolences**

Ceteria Robinson  
*First Jacksonville Seven Day Adventist Church*

**Reading of the Obituary Silently**

Mr. Daiquan Flagler

**Resolutions**

Jacqueline Caldwell  
*Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church*

**Reflections (*Two Minutes Please*)**

**Eastside Friends**  
**Eastside Neighbor**  
**Church Member**  
**Grandmother**

Patricia Lockett-Felder  
Elizabeth Young  
Sally Walker  
Charles J. Robinson, Jr

**Solo**

Mr. Daiquan Flagler

**Eulogy**

Rev. Devin D. Brown  
*D. Min., Greater St James Missionary Baptist Church*

**Recessional**

## *A Letter Written for Grandma.*

*When someone says "Hey, I'm sorry about your loss!" I know they haven't got a clue, so I say in return, "I'm sorry about yours too!" Because anyone that knew my Ma 'Dear really wouldn't be sorry at all. Only those who didn't know her, didn't stop by to say hi or even call would fall...due to their loss and not mine. For my grandma was truly a "Once In a Lifetime!"*

*I know that Heaven is brighter, Heaven's fields of gold are a bit shinier, the grass is emerald green, the sky a happy shade of blue and her worries and pains are quiet. I know that she's happier too.*

*I know that you are smiling down from Heaven and around rainbows now. I know that you'll never leave my side; that you'll always be my angel; you'll always be my guide.*

*I know. I know without a shadow of a doubt, when God called you home., you stood proud with tears in your eyes, for here your job was done. You took God's loving hand, knowing that you would miss everyone. Ma 'Dear, I know deep down in my heart you can hear me now. Just promise me in prayers that your spirit will forever be there and never leave me alone; and only then can I attempt to let you go...Rest in peace and we'll talk later in my prayers and in sweet dreams, I'll meet you there.*

*All those who knew you and Loved you said one day we hope to see you there.*

## *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 or play*

*Task left undone must stay that way,*

*I found sweet peace at the close of the 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.*

*But not burdened with times or sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I've savored much;*

*Good friends, good times, a love one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief*

*Do not lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,*

*God wanted me now, He set me FREE*

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# Forever In Our Hearts

# Reflections of Lovella Holmes Jones

## "A Life's Journey"

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven. ~ St. Matthew 5:16

**A TIME TO LIVE...** Lovella Holmes Jones was born on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1925 in Homerville, Georgia to the parents of Alexander Holmes and Rebecca Holmes. A resident of Jacksonville, Florida for over 78 years. She attended her early years of school in Alachua, Florida... graduated from Matthew W. Gilbert with her daughter in 1961.... college to receive Diplomas for CNA, Cosmetology, and finally as an Elementary School Teacher before retiring. She married Samuel Jones, Sr. and from that marriage they had 4 children. Lovella was known to all by the name of MA 'DEAR by all who loved her.

**Ma 'Dear** success as a mother went beyond that of her own children.. She became a mother to the motherless, opening her home and heart by giving above and beyond what she had to offer. But always with love. She became very active in her community and at one school in particular, Sally B. Mathis Elementary School.

**Lovella** accepted the Lord at an early age, was baptized, worked and served the Lord at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church until her health failed her. She served as a faithful member of Usher Board #2 and the Order of Eastern Star.

**Ma 'Dear** gave of herself to many unconditionally. She gave her time with pleasure, pride and without hesitation. Regardless of her being tired, sick or in pain, she remained true to her spirit and gave selflessly to anyone in her path.

**A TIME TO REST...** On Monday, January 23, 2023, God surveyed His Heavenly garden and noticed that there was room for another beautiful flower. He saw one of his faithful servants growing weary and God said, "Come and Rest". Lovella (Ma 'Dear) obeyed and traded her life here on earth for eternal days in paradise.

**Lovella (Ma 'Dear)** leaves an abundance of memories to her family, church, and friends to cherish which include her husband of 84 years: Samuel Jones, Sr; son: Samuel Jones, Jr. (Portland, Oregon); daughters: Earnestine (Effie) Sims, Lula B. Brown, Berlinda G. Robinson, Adopted Mendel Brown, Gloria Roberson, Mary Ann Dunbar; Six **Grandchildren**: Tolanna, Rudolph Drewery, Roderick Drewery, Tymeka Brown, Charles Robinson, Jr, Phaylicia Murphy; Nine **Great Grandchildren**: Davina, Nyisha, Michaun, Lakeisha, Thekia, Kailen, Chardonay, Kiera, King James; Fourteen **Great, Great, Grands**, Alexis, De'Janea, Kingston, Knighton, Isabelle, Nathaniel, Elijah, Leilani, Liya, Milton, Porsha, Paris, Allaniah, Khaire; **Sisters-in-Law**: Merlene Holmes, Naomi Griffin, Betty Mango, Carolyn Keys. She also leaves a host of nephews, nieces, and associates to cherish her legacy.

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