



Denise Claudette Jones

September 11, 1957 - March 24, 2015

Denise Claudette Jones was born September 11, 1957 in Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York. She was the youngest of four siblings.

As a young child Denise participated in church activities and attended Sunday school regularly. Growing up Denise learned about the Bible, the importance of faith, as well as the values and principles of Christianity. She practiced these principles throughout her life. Denise was most recently a member of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee.

Denise graduated from Lawrence High School in 1975 and attended Buffalo State College from 1975-1977. Her career began in the newspaper business in the sales department of News Day, a daily newspaper of the metro New York area. As Denise's career advanced, Gannett News hired her as the supervisor of classified ads. She held this position for more than 10 years until she moved to Tallahassee, Florida in 2000. Upon her migration to the Sunshine State, Denise gained employment at FAMU, serving 15 years as Administrative Assistant to the Registrar, having served under three Registrars. Denise was known for her business acumen. She was an honorable professional and brilliantly witty, which she exemplified by her charismatic appeal, immaculate organization and proficiency, as well as her influential optimism and selfless generosity. During her tenure, Denise helped to increase the efficiency of the Registrar's Office and presented as an announcer at many commencement ceremonies. She had a tremendous impact in the lives of countless students and colleagues who found her

willingness to help quite impressionable. Denise made it her mission to go above and beyond to be of service and perform as a team player.

In addition to her career Denise wore many hats. She was very family-oriented, a nurturing mother, wonderful wife, delightful daughter, sweet baby sister and faithful confidant to many. In 1993 Denise married Douglas M. Jones, the love of her life and best friend. They exchanged marital vows that brought love, loyalty and happiness to a 22 year marriage. Together they raised three charming sons.

Denise was a lover of music and maintained an extensive collection of songs. Gardening, jewelry design and beading were also her interests. She shared her jewelry by gifting it to family and friends. Denise was a remarkably wise, courageous and beautiful spirit who leaned on her faith to carry her through life's journey. She was breathtakingly vibrant, passionately optimistic and never one to give up or complain—believing that every day was a blessing that had been bestowed upon her. Denise was an inspiration and a beacon of hope to many.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, God brought his angel, the dearly departed Denise Jones, home to reap the rewards of a job well done. She leaves to cherish her memory, her beloved husband, Douglas M. Jones; children, Terrell, Jamel and Douglas Jones (Plashette); five grandchildren; parents, Joyce and Robert Jones; a brother, Abraham Michael Crews; two sisters, Deborah Long (Anthony Sr.) and Sharon Grant (Will Taggart); along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends who will forever love and treasure her.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, located at 615 Tuskegee St., Tallahassee, FL 32305. As an expression of kindness, flowers and condolences may be addressed to Bevis Funeral Home, located at 2710 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303. In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Denise Jones may be contributed to Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, as well.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com, 850-385-2193) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 31. 6:00 PM (ET)

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
615 Tuskegee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32305

Tribute Wall

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“ *Denise Jones such a driving force in my everyday life. Not only my Aunt but inspiration beyond belief. Through my Aunt I learned the importance of family and finding happiness. God gave us an angel, for the time he blessed us with her presence ever grateful. From days spent nurturing and nourishing with her love. Time spent an eternal gift! Aunt Neece will live on in our memories of that beautiful smile and her ability to make all smile. Love you always Aunty!!*
HP Grant Jr

Howard Grant Jr - March 30, 2015 at 05:02 PM

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“ *Your friends at The Sunshine House #198 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Denise Claudette Jones.*



Your friends at The Sunshine House #198 - March 30, 2015 at 02:34 PM

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“ *Lord, we are so grateful that you understood that we needed to experience the love, kindness, wisdom, and strength of one of your beautiful angels. Thanks for sharing Denise Jones with us. We love you and we will miss you, Reggie and Mary Hill*

Mary McClary-Hill - March 29, 2015 at 06:40 PM