



# Mary Magdalene Jones

MAR 15, 1930 - JAN 27, 2025



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## Mary Magdalene Jones

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**M**ary Magdalene Jones, 94, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, January 27, 2025, in a local health care facility. MaDea, a beloved nickname rooted in the sweet expression "Mother Dear," was a woman of quiet strength and boundless kindness, a living testament to the power of love and the beauty of service. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Robert Jones Sr., a World War II veteran with whom she shared 75 years of marriage, a union so divine, so unshakable, that even in their homegoing, God chose the same date, January 27th, nine years apart for the beloved couple to enter eternity together. What a love story! A love that will echo through the generations, a legacy of devotion that will forever remind us of the power of commitment and the beauty of partnership. She was also preceded by her son, Robert Jones Jr. (K.C.), her daughter, Valencia A. Jones (Mento), and her grandson, Jamar T. Jones (Bro Bro). Though her heart bore the weight of these losses, her spirit remained radiant, her love unwavering, and her faith unbreakable. She spent her early years learning at Chattanooga Avenue School, later contributing her skills at the Knitco factory, and ultimately retired after a fulfilling career as a devoted housekeeper for Douglas Stein family. A lifelong member of New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, MaDea dedicated her life to serving the Lord and her community. From the tender age of 12, she walked through the doors of the church and never left, serving faithfully on the Usher Board, the Missionary Committee, and the Kitchen Committee. Her hands were always busy in the work of the Lord whether ushering souls into the sanctuary, preparing meals for the hungry, or offering prayers for the weary. But oh, her kitchen was her sanctuary, her pulpit, her stage. With her little black radio playing gospel music in the background, she would rise early, her hands weaving magic into homemade rolls, bread pudding, and pound cakes nothing short of legendary. She was a culinary artist, a keeper of recipes, and a teacher of traditions. She didn't just feed the body; she nourished the soul. Her kitchen was a



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place of laughter, of stories, of love. It was where she taught her children, grandchildren, and countless others the art of cooking, the art of caring, the art of loving. Her home was a haven, her door always open, her heart always ready to embrace. She was a mother to many, not just to the children she left to carry her legacy, four daughters Vernell 'Vickie' McClure, Valentina Jones, Clairee (James) Stanley, and Vernetta Jones, and her five sons, Jamal, Anthony, Darrell (Jamesetta), Orlando, and Ricardo 'Ricky' Jones, but to every young man and woman who crossed her threshold. She was a grandmother, a great-grandmother, and even a great-great-grandmother, her legacy stretching across four generations like a mighty river, its waters bringing life to all it touched. She also leaves to cherish her memory a sister, Linda Austin of Chattanooga, TN; sister-in-law, Lucille Floyd of Chicago, Illinois and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. MaDea was a peaceful woman who never complained, a queen in her own right, adorned in beautiful suits and crowned with elegant, unique hats. Her passion for fashion was matched only by her passion for people. She had a way of making everyone feel seen, heard, and loved. Her laughter was a melody, her advice as soft as her hug, and her presence a gift. She will lie-in-state on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 12:00 noon at New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Chattanooga National Cemetery.'

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# Events

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## Lie-In-State

**Thursday**, February 13, 2025

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

**Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411



## Service

**Friday**, February 14, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

**New Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church**  
139 E. 25th Street, Chattanooga TN 37408

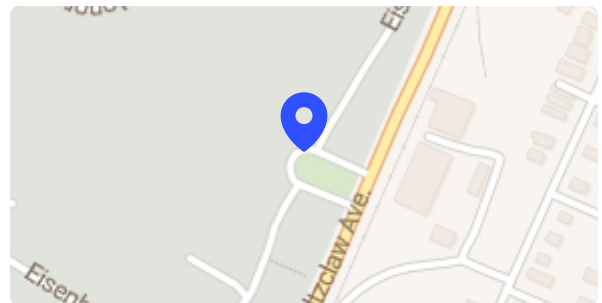


## Burial

**Friday**, February 14, 2025

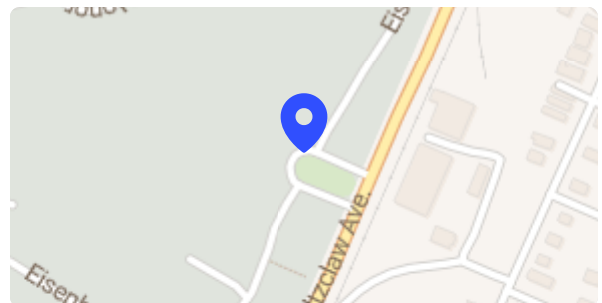
2:00 PM ET

**Chattanooga National Cemetery**  
1200 Bailey Ave, Chattanooga TN 37404



## Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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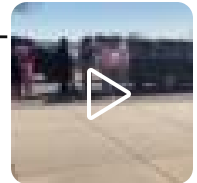
**Ingrid** posted:

My prayers go out to the family & friends of Mother Dear may our Lord Jesus comfort you .

February 16 at 5:04 AM



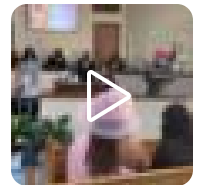
**Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc.** shared an album called **CemeteryService-MaryJones.**



February 15 at 3:51 AM



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**Louise Davis O'neal** lit a candle in honor of Mary.



February 13 at 11:40 AM



**Alesa Brooks** posted:

My condolences, Vernetta, to you and your family. Our mothers are so precious to us, but our memories are so dear. MaDea is resting in the presence of the Lord. Love Alesa Brooks Love, Alesa Brooks

February 13 at 8:37 AM



**Stacey Tarver** lit a candle in honor of Mary.



February 12 at 11:08 PM



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**Love, Ms Helen, Pep, Sam & Gerald** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Jones family.

February 12 at 5:01 PM



**Laretta Harrison** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 12 at 1:47 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Jones family.

February 12 at 6:42 AM



**Kelli Darden-Jones** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 12 at 6:07 AM



**KD Kelli Darden** February 12 at 6:08 AM  
Prayers and condolences to the family especially my friend Orlando



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Jones family.

February 11 at 2:52 PM



**Janice Dave** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 11 at 11:26 AM





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AT

**Allison " Cookie 'Turnbow** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 11 at 11:04 AM



BS

**Beverly Sales** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 10 at 9:36 AM



JA

**Jackie Abernathy** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 9 at 9:01 AM



EC

**Eloise Cooke** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

My deepest condolences and prayers for the family of Mrs. Mary M.Jones.

February 8 at 2:59 PM



MF

**Marnita Foster** February 10 at 5:09 PM

Prayers and Comfort to ALL of you All ❤️, Mrs Jones was always a very Sweet and Loving woman of God and we love her ❤️ Jesse and Marnita Foster!!

JE

**Jackie (Davis) Edwards** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 8 at 12:34 PM





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**Jackie (Davis) Edwards** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 8 at 12:29 PM



YW

**Yahunna Wadley** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

From: The Wadley Family sending our deepest condolences to the Jones Family

February 8 at 8:29 AM



J7

**Janice Sledge '71 Hhs** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

My Heartfelt Condolences to Each and Every one of You.

February 8 at 3:46 AM



BK

**Beverly King** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 7 at 5:09 PM



LG

**Lawanda Gurley** posted:

Well done sweetheart!!! Wear your crown like you deserve it. ❤️🙏❤️

February 7 at 4:09 PM

WJ

**William Jones** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love you. Thank you for all the meaningful conversations we've shared. Your presence and the memories we've created will always be cherished.- William Jones, aka Bible

February 7 at 3:55 PM





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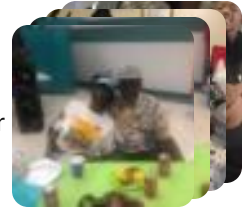
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**Amber Jones** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The Sweetest Grand Mother I Could've Ever Asked For! You Are Truly Missed But I'm So Glad You Left Us With Plenty Beautiful Memories ☐ I Will Never Forget Your Cooking Or Hearing "Hey Baby" When You Would See Me! - YourYoungestGrandchild ☐



February 3 at 6:28 AM



**B.J. Miller** lit a candle in honor of Mary.



February 7 at 11:49 AM



**Ayana Jones-Booth** posted:

Grand Ma always had a kind word to share and a smile that could heal any sadness. I am so grateful for you.

February 7 at 8:38 AM



**Kanika Jones** posted:

My grandmother was good to me. She was kind and gentle. She encouraged me and kept my poetry books from the age of 15 until I was an adult with children of my own. This showed me how much she cherished me and my special gift. I will always remember her and share her stories. I will miss you MaDea aka Magdalene Stovall (as my grandfather would call her)!!! Job well done Queen!

February 7 at 7:13 AM



**Kathryn L Payeton** posted:

Mrs. Magalene was the best friend I had when we were neighbors in the Elks the Westside!! She gave me whatever I begged for!! Lol!! I had been trying to reach her but, I could never reach her!!! She has earned her crown!! We all lived in Poss Home, 2. I Love U my friend and Mom!! This is a time for celebrating her life and legacy!!! Praise the Lord!! Love you Jones family!! Kathy Payeton!!!

February 7 at 6:00 AM



**Kanika Jones** February 7 at 6:35 AM

Thank you for loving my grandmother. She was a great lady.



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**Sheila Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Mary.



February 6 at 7:36 AM

**KJ Kanika Jones** February 7 at 6:37 AM  
Thank you cousin!



**Eleanor L Holmes** posted:

Our condolences to our Jones Families. Mom is my last "Mom". We have held onto her for 53 years. She always spoke with strength and love. The love she had for her family was all gratitude to the God that she served. I am grateful and blessed to have been called one of her children and part of the wisdom that flowed from her into our family in Detroit. Mom was a FaithKeeper, and a DreamKeeper, and she knew each one of us like the hairs on her head. No sadness for me, Mom's love still shines on us all. All of you remain in our hearts. Love, Sissy (Eleanor) and Dennis, Toni, Danielle and Jay and our entire Michigan families.

February 6 at 7:11 AM

**KJ Kanika Jones** February 7 at 6:38 AM  
Thank you for loving our grandmother.



**Tracey D Freeman** lit a candle in honor of Mary.



My Mag as I affectionately called her was more then 1 of our oldest church members. She was a true Proverbs women...She taught me a lot in the kitchen..Hot water corn bread and fried corn...I will cherish those memories....

February 6 at 6:17 AM



**Janice Dave** posted:

Our deepest condolences are with your family in the passing of your sweet Mother Mrs. Magdalene. My Mother loved her and your Grandmother ❤️. I remember listening to all their stories when they were young ladies growing up on the Southside. I also remember our good times in the Westside we were always family..... Love and prayers from the Brownlow family 🙏❤️

February 6 at 5:50 AM



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PR

**Pat Reynoldspatricia** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 6 at 3:17 AM



TW

**Terence C Wright** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Deepest Condolences 🌹 to entire Jones Family during this season of the transition of your matriarch Mrs. Magalene.

February 6 at 12:49 AM



YM

**Yolanda Moss** sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.

Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to family with love 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏😊

February 5 at 3:20 PM



DM

**Debra Morgan** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of sorrow. Thank Mother Jones for all your love and encouragement. Forever grateful 🙏 RIH Sweet Angel 😊

February 4 at 4:01 PM



DF

**Doris Readus And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary.

February 4 at 5:24 AM



DR

**Doris Readus** sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.

To: My Family!!!!Sending, My Deepest Condolences, praying for Strength, in the time of this beautiful Angel, God most have needed a new cook.Until we meet again Mom. U will always be in my Heart ❤️😭😭Pep😭😭😭 Broken ❤️

February 4 at 5:18 AM





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SH

**Sharon** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 4 at 2:13 AM



AL

**Avis Love** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 3 at 6:26 PM



LW

**Lenard Wigfall** lit a candle in honor of Mary.  
Howard High School c/c "1973"

February 3 at 4:52 PM



LW

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February 3 at 4:51 PM



NJ

**Nakesha Jones** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 3 at 1:05 PM



RD

**Rosalyn Dodson** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

February 3 at 12:43 PM





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February 7 at 12:31 PM



Claire D Jones February 27 at 11:52 AM

Love my family, missing my Mu Dear.





# **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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