



Deacon T. W. Jones

May 5, 1938 - August 11, 2025

T.W. Jones was born on May 5, 1938, in Hughes Springs, Texas, to Jesse and Alister Jones. He grew up in Hughes Springs before moving to the Bethlehem Community in Gilmer, Texas, where he attended school and developed the values of faith, family, and hard work that would shape the rest of his life.

On May 16, 1959, T.W. married the love of his life, Zelda Jo Harper. A few years later, they relocated to Dallas, Texas, after living a short time in Kansas City, Kansas. Together, they shared 66 wonderful years filled with love, laughter, faith, and family. Their marriage was a shining example of commitment and partnership. From this union, God blessed them with four children.

T.W. worked hard all his life. After starting in manufacturing, he found his calling on the open road. In 1971, he began his career as a truck driver, proudly driving 18-wheel trucks across the country for over 30 years until his retirement in 2002. In 2001, he received the individual "Stock Safety Award" for 1 Million Miles of Safe Driving from his employer, Consolidated Freightways. He loved every mile of the journey, and his family and friends will never forget the many stories he shared from life on the road. Even in retirement, T.W. continued serving others, finding joy and purpose as a school crossing guard for the Duncanville Independent School District.

Above all else, T.W. loved the Lord. He was reared in Young's Chapel AME Church in the Bethlehem community of Gilmer, Texas. In the early 1960s, he united with the Temple of Holiness, where he was baptized in Jesus' name

and filled with the Holy Ghost under the leadership of the late Pastor Thelma McDaniel. In 1963, he was ordained as a deacon by the late Pastor, District Elder Isaac Parker. Over the years, he faithfully served at Temple of Holiness (Mother Mary Parker, Pastor), Faith Temple (Pastors Zenora Thomas and Elder Carl Bonds), Greater Faith (Bishop Richard Young and District Elder Edward West Jr., Pastor), and then Zion Apostolic Temple (formerly Temple of Holiness) under the leadership of Bishop Leon E. Parker, where he remained a faithful servant until his health began to fail. Deacon Jones truly embodied service, always willing to give, always eager to help.

Family meant everything to T.W. He was known as the “family chauffeur.” Whether it was rides to church, road trips to conventions (with sightseeing along the way), family vacations, or simply picking up grandchildren from school, you could always count on him to be behind the wheel with a smile. He also loved working with his hands, building clocks, adding rooms to his home, working around the church, or helping with a project. He lived to take care of others and did so with a joyful heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Alister Jones; his siblings James Jones, Isaiah Jones, A.L. Jimmerson, Historia Lewis, Louise Williams, Elizabeth Sneed, Lena Denmark, Clydey Mae Jones, and Clyde Jones; sister-in law Delois Faye Harper and one godson, Vincent Proctor. T.W. leaves to cherish his beautiful memory: his devoted wife of 66 years, Zelda Jo Jones; his children, Tony Jones, Deteriah Jones Chambers, Kelvin Jones, Sr. (Sharon), and Quizon Jones I (Terri); his grandchildren Shametra Chambers, Antoine Chambers, Kristen Jones (Tarah), Kelvin Jones, Jr., Derric Chambers (Lisa), Quizon Jones II, Kimoni Lee, and Kimora Jones; and his great-grandchildren Terriah Chambers, Ava Chambers, Dhalila Chambers, A'Zion Jones, Leilani Jones, and Caiden Jones.

He is also survived by his bonus children, Eric and Kimberly Morris and family, Walter and Monique White and family; godchildren Erica Morris, Ashley Bonds, and Christian Gilkes; his bonus grandchildren Roderick & Ruthie Lyons and family; his siblings Jessie Shelly, Alice Goodman (L.C.), Johnnie

Clark, Letha Goolsby (Bobby), and Eddie Jones; sisters-in-law Willie Proctor and Connie Jones; bonus family Morris and Gladis Hawthorne and family; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends who loved him dearly.

Deacon T.W. Jones was a devoted husband, an excellent provider, a protector of his family, a faithful deacon, and a true servant of God. He was kind, dependable, hardworking, and selfless. His life was a blessing to his family, his church, and his community. His love will continue to live on in all of us.

Cemetery Details

Mountain Creek Cemetery

2099 Hardy Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Previous Events

Viewing/Wake Service

AUG **22**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Zion Apostolic Temple
3940 Blue Ridge Blvd
Dallas, TX 75233-2402

Celebration of Life

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hawthorne & Pierce Funeral Home LLC created a Webcast in memory of Deacon T. W. Jones*



Hawthorne & Pierce Funeral Home LLC - August 23, 2025 at 11:40 AM

DE

“ *To Kelvin Jones and Family,*

On behalf of the T.A. Howard Middle School Family, please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your grandfather. We know how special he was to you and your family, and we are holding you close in our thoughts during this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in the precious memories you shared with him, and in knowing that his love and legacy will always remain with you. Please remember that your school family is here to support you and surround you with care.

*With heartfelt condolences,
The T.A. Howard Middle School Family
Dr. Natasha Epps, Principal*

Dr. Natasha Epps - August 21, 2025 at 10:51 AM

KR

“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences to you and your family. I am praying that God will continue to comfort you during this time. I could tell through our conversation how much you loved your grandfather. His legacy continues to live on through you Mr. Jones. Your T.A. Howard family is lifting you up and want you to know we are here for you.

Kina Robinson

Kina Robinson - August 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM

TR

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. You often spoke of your grandfather with such admiration, and it's clear his wisdom and values live on through you. Your work ethic and dependability are a true reflection of his legacy. Please know that your T.A. Howard family is keeping you in our thoughts and here to support you during this time.

With sympathy,

Ms. Tiffany Rollins

Tiffany Rollins - August 20, 2025 at 09:26 PM

BD

*“ We are all visitors to this time, this place; we are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow and to love and then we go home.
Keeping you close in thoughts and prayers that memories will bring you peace and comfort.*

In sympathy,

Bathsheba Davis

B Davis - August 19, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ hing and you were able, you always took the time to see about Junior. You gave your last or worked tirelessly to ensure we had what we needed. You were a great example of a provider and a Godly man. Now it's your time to rest. I don't think it's truly hit me that I won't be able to celebrate our May birthdays again like we used to. But I'm thankful to have had you with me for 38 years. You took the time to help me. You always told me the greatest stories, and whenever I needed help and you could help me, you would build or fix anything or teach us how to fix and build it ourselves. You taught us to take care of God's house, our house, and our families. I don't think it has sunk in that I won't see your smiling face again on this side. But God knew how to prepare me and made it possible to give you peace in your last moment. I'm glad God allowed me the time to repay, in a small portion, all the things you've done for me. Thank you for everything; now you can take your rest from working.

Love Junior (your May baby birthday twin)

Kelvin Jones - August 16, 2025 at 01:09 PM

MS

“ Deacon Jones....our families have been connected all of my life. Always a gentle yet hardworking family man. A great example for many who would watch closely and listen intently. Our prayers are with the entire Jones Family. We love you! -Pastor Juleius & Marian Sanders-

Marian Sanders - August 15, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ May God infuse you with strength and courage in this challenging season. We, The Worship Church and family, offer our deepest sympathies and prayers to uplift you through your sorrow.

elijah Smith - August 15, 2025 at 09:58 PM

AG

“ May your father's life be honored and his memory cherished. May God be your strength and your comfort. Alesia Fletcher George.

Alesia George - August 15, 2025 at 08:24 AM

BS

“ Sending condolences and prayers for comfort to the family. He always had a smile and kind word for me whenever I would see him. He will certainly be missed among the body of Christ. May the Lord grant you peace and strength during this time of transition and days to come.
Bishop Barak Stanford and Lighthouse Pentecostal Church family.
Midland, Texas

Bishop Barak Stanford - August 14, 2025 at 07:52 PM

PD

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. We will certainly miss Deacon Jones. He was a very wise man and we always enjoyed his company. We are praying for his wife and children. He was a shining light to all that knew him.

Pastors Johnny Ray and Deborah McGowan.

Pastor Johnny Ray and Co-Pastor Deborah - August 14, 2025 at 12:46 PM

RT

*What a great Deacon he was my husband trained under Zion for many years. Sending prayers, love and sympathies to the family, his friends & ZAT Church Family. May God bless each and everyone that will miss him. Gone, but not forgotten. Love & Prayers,
Deacon Earnest & Missionary Rosalind E. Tarkington*

Rosalind E. Tarkington - August 14, 2025 at 04:54 PM

LW

My first contact with Deacon Jones was almost 40 years ago. I was new to the church. I was holding my youngest daughter and my oldest daughter had fallen asleep on the pew beside me. A man comes up with a small blanket and said, “here, lay her on this”. Never would I have known then that I would love him as “PaPa”. Always the Deacon.

Linda Walker - August 22, 2025 at 07:29 PM