

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Active Pallbearers

Jecorick Jones
Keterrious Jones
Troy Thomas

Billy Hashaway III
Kerchaval Jones
Nathaniel Aldridge Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Class of 1958
Ivan Jones
Devante Greenhouse
Billy Hashaway Jr.
L. C Wilkerson
Larry McKee
Tommy Alberson
Mark McKee
Roy Hart
Travis Webb
Thurman Diamond

Cederic Woodard
Errol Jones
Tony Baker
Daniel Chambers
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Michael McKee
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY



EVELYN
MARIE MCKEE





Sunrise: June 23, 1941 – Sunset: May 29, 2025

Services

Saturday, June 14, 2025 | 2:00 P.M.
Zion Baptist Church

2517 Dalrock Road | Rowlett, TX 75088

Pastor Dayvid L. Griggs - Pastor
Rev. Sylvester E. Chase Jr. - Eulogist

The Final Flight

Author Unknown

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end 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 too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one' touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.





Order of Service

Processional
The Ministers & Family

Cunningham Funeral Directors in Charge

Mistress of Ceremony – Pamela Smith

Processional.....Frank Hasty - Ensemble
Ms. Deon Q -Vocals
Jamada Holoman- Sax
Bobby Sparks - Organ

Old Testament.....Rev Lonnie C Bell Jr.

New Testament.....Minister De’Vaughn Terry Motion
Rocky Mound CME Church Pittsburg, Texas

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. Lajuan Chambers

Song

Resolutions.....Wesley United Methodist Church
Ruthie Aldridge Mitchell - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated
Beta Psi Omega Chapter

Special Remarks.....Etta Winchester
(Lifetime Friend)

Special Tribute.....Ricky Thermall Jones
(Brother)

Remarks.....Limit Two Minutes, Please

Solo.....”God’s Grace”

Eulogy.....Rev. Sylvester E. Chase Jr.
Wesley United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas

Crowning.....Kevondre Crowder

Presentation.....Cunningham Directors

Committal Service

Evelyn McKee's Obituary

The date was Monday, June 23, 1941, when Tyree and Dessie Lee Wilkerson Jones would welcome the arrival of their first baby, a beautiful daughter they would name Evelyn Marie Jones. Evelyn would grow up in the East Texas town of Pittsburg, TX (Rocky Mound).

Evelyn accepted Christ at an early age at Rocky Mound CME Church. She attended Fredrick Douglass High School where she was a graduate of the class of 1958.

Evelyn attended Texas College in Tyler, TX and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. She pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in April 1961. She received her certification in Special Education from Texas Woman's University in Denton, TX, then received her Master's Degree in Library Science from East Texas A&M University in Commerce, TX (formerly known as Texas A&M Commerce).

In 1962, Evelyn was hired by the Sherman ISD where she began her teaching career at Carver Elementary. In 1966, she became a librarian for several years until she returned back to the classroom in 1970 as a Special Education teacher at Jefferson High School. While in Sherman, she was a member of St. John CME Church.

Evelyn relocated to Austin, TX in 1976, and a year later in 1977, she was selected as Teacher of the Year at Dobie Junior High. She was chosen as Teacher of the Year and received the Tracor Scholar Award at F.R. Rice Secondary School. On September 7, 2006, Evelyn was presented the Apple Award for Educators, by the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Evelyn retired in 1997 after 35 years of working in the Sherman and Austin school districts. She went back to work for Austin ISD in August 2004 until retiring again in May 2019.

Evelyn served as President of the Capital City Lioness Club for 5 years. She was the first president of the newly chartered Lions Club and served on various committees and on the District 2-S3 planning committee and state convention for District 2-S3. Evelyn also served as the first vice president of the Capital City Evening Lions Club. She was also a member of the Austin Area Alliance of Black School Educators.



PRECIOUS MEMORIES



While in Austin, Evelyn was a faithful member of the Wesley United Methodist Church under Pastor Freddie Dixon, Jr. She loved her Wesley church family and would often talk about the Seven Table Tea hosted yearly by the church. Her table was table 7. She served in many capacities at Wesley UMC, including the Communion Stewardess Board and secretary to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. She taught Vacation Bible School in the summer and was a former member of the National Council of Negro Women.

After moving to Rowlett, she remained a faithful member of Wesley UMC. When her health started to decline, you could still find her on Sunday mornings watching the church service on her phone. Even though her health had declined, her mind was still sharp as she would often reference different church members' names.

Evelyn's hobbies consisted of spending time with family and friends and listening to gospel music. In her early years, she liked to bowl, bake, and play cards.

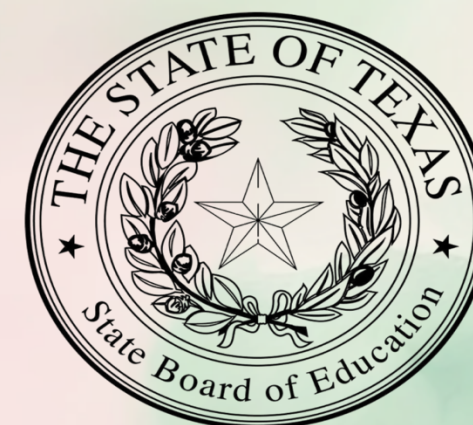
Evelyn didn't have any biological children, but she touched so many lives by being an educator as she followed in the footsteps of her Aunt Odessa Jones-Day.

She was formerly married to Maynor G. McKee; they remained close friends throughout the years.

Evelyn will truly be missed by her family and friends, but God saw her body had gotten tired, and on May 29, 2025 at 6:15 p.m. surrounded by her family at Methodist hospital in Richardson, TX, God called her home.

She is preceded in death by her parents Tyree and Dessie Lee Jones, her brother Charles A. Jones, and her sister-in-law Sherry Farmer-Jones.

Evelyn is survived by her loving brother and sister-in law Ricky and Freda Jones of Rowlett, TX; her nieces: Danita Hashaway (Billy) of Pittsburg, TX; Dr. LaJuan Chambers (Daniel) of Tyler, TX; Kamecha King (Steven) of DeSoto, TX; Brittney Allen (Printice) of Pittsburg, TX; Constance Jones of DeSoto, TX; Kiana and Briana Turner of Dallas, TX; her nephews: Kerchaval Jones (Felcia) of Dallas, TX (her devoted caregivers); Keterrious Jones (Lilian) of Allen, TX (her devoted caregivers); Cederic Woodard of Houston, TX; Jecorick Jones of Dallas, TX; special caregivers Gudia Castillo and Tina Garcia; god-daughter Avanti Winchester-Small of San Antonio, TX; her dear sister-friend Etta Winchester of Austin, TX; great nieces, great nephews, and a host of other family members and friends.



My Sister

My beautiful sister whom I dearly love
You are a blessing, a gift from above
I cherish you more than you'll ever know
With each passing day our bond does grow.

You've supported me through thick and thin
And always been my closest kin
Accepting and loving me for who I am
Helping me out when I'm in a jam.

Know that I'll always be there for you
Sisters in arms, in all that we do
I'm so proud of all the things you've achieved
A sister in whom I've always believed.

I love you immensely and always will
There's a place in my heart you'll always fill
Thank you for being the person you are
My sister, my friend, my shining star.



Loving Tributes to Aunt TuTu

My conversation to you TuTu. Tutu I'm so grateful for the laughter, food, and conversation. It was good to have someone who really enjoyed your company to be around. You will be missed but not forgotten. Putting on a good face just to see you smile. That was the type of person you were. Always wanting to see you so she can love on you. It meant everything to me. I'm thinking now what will my Sundays be like? We tried to always go check on you to make sure you were ok. Holidays with good food to eat and laughter makes everything ok. Even though you are gone you are not forgotten

Love you forever,

Felicia, Kerchaval, Lillian, and Keterrious



Aunt TuTu, as we affectionately called her, was more than just family — she was a source of wisdom, strength, and unconditional love. She made all of us feel valued and loved. Summers with Aunt TuTu and Uncle Goodson were the BEST. We met all of her friends, and they made it so enjoyable. She never missed an opportunity to send a card and a gift on special occasions.....and if she thought that our dad or uncle didn't send a gift, it would always be from the three of them. When she started texting, if we didn't get our daily good morning and good night texts, we knew she didn't feel well. Her warm smile, kind heart, and encouraging words left a lasting impression on everyone she met. Aunt TuTu leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, and love that will continue to inspire us. Though we miss her deeply, we celebrate her life and the countless memories we shared. Her spirit will forever live on in our hearts.

Love Always, Your Nieces, Danita & La Juan