



Ernest Jones

October 26, 2010

"Ernie" "EJ" Ernest Charles Jones Sr. was called home on October 26, 2010 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, at the age of 67. Born February 14, 1943 in Marion, Alabama to the union of Woodrow W. and Mary B. Jones, he was a member of The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, until his passing. He has always proclaimed "Christ is the head of my life." He was married to his sweetheart, Gloria J. Lathan for 41 years. To that union, two daughters and a son were born. Ernie attended Toledo Public Schools, graduating from Scott High School in 1962. He earned his Bachelor's of Education and Master's Degrees from the University of Toledo in 1966 and 1976, respectively. Ernest, a venerated teacher in Toledo Public Schools for more than 30 years, taught at King and Pickett Elementary Schools, and at Scott High School. After a brief retirement he returned to teaching at Village Shule and Aurora Academy. He taught art at the Lucas County Jail, and Afro-American History for the Upward-Bound Program at the University of Toledo. He was involved in the YMCA Outreach Program, Pickett Lighted School Director, and National Youth Sports Program Director (NYSP) at the University of Toledo (1970-1994). Ernest was Chairman of the Board of ABC Day Care Centers. He was a co-founder of the Confederation of Black Artists (COBA). He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., and the Masons. Mr. Jones was a founding advisor for the City-Wide Afro Clubs. The group's annual scholarship dance, The "Afro-Ball" was the crowning achievement of pride for over twenty years. There were over fifteen high schools networking

to give four college scholarships a year. Mr. Jones truly touched the lives of thousands of youngsters. Community activist, Ernie was a founder of the Black Caucus of Toledo Teachers and was a founding member of the Citizens Committee on Officiating in Toledo Public Schools. Ernest, one of Toledo's premiere artists, was well-versed in a variety of art forms. His works have been displayed in numerous venues throughout the nation. His pen and ink drawing, "Traffic on the Maumee." was published in Reader's Digest. Through his loyalty and dedication to Scott and its students Mr. Jones earned the nicknames, "Mr. Scott" and "Renaissance Dawg." His objective in life was to be the best teacher he could be, and instilling values and morals into the lives of his students. Ernie retired from Scott High School in 1996. Ernest Jones was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow W. and Mary B. Jones; brothers, Harry, Thomas, and most recently Henry Jones. Surviving to carry on his legacy are his loving wife, Gloria J. (Lathan) Jones; children, Charvette Jones, Atlanta, GA., Ernest C. (Alicia) Jones II, Hamilton, Ohio; Tanara Jones; brothers, Woodrow W. Jones Jr., G. Dean (Leona) Jones, Kenneth (Victoria) Jones, Las Vegas, NV; sisters, Ann (Charles) King, Las Vegas, NV, Barbara Jones-Wilson, Cora Jones, Tina (Timothy) Lawrence; sister-in-law, Doris Jones; 4 grandchildren, SeaAira Smith, RonNaysha Smith, Katorian Morgan, and Ernest C. Jones III; special foster sisters, Charvette and Andrea Mitcham; loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of extended family members and friends. Special thanks to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, ABC Health Care/LaQuita Hightower, Orchard Villa Nursing Home, Family Services of N.W.Ohio/Home Care Option/Bobby Mixan, Genesis Beauty/Edwin Maybrey, Dr. John Valade, Visiting Nurse Services, Kathy St. Myer, RN, Yvette Valentine, RN., First Church of God (Rev. Dr. Robert Culp), Friendship Baptist Church (Bishop Duane C. Tisdale),The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church (Reverend Dr. John E. Roberts), Avie Dixon, Cheryl Catlin, Barbara Jones-Wilson, Cora L. Jones, Tina Lawrence, neighbor, Scott Power, Audra Wilson, Jeremy Love, Pastor Geneva Baber, and The Algee family. Visitation with remarks by family and friends will be Friday November 5th 4 - 8 p.m. at

The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. rites at 6:30 p.m., wake services will be Saturday, November 6th, 2010, 11:00 a.m. at The Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church followed by funeral services at 12:00 noon Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts, Officiant, Rev. John R. Algee, Eulogist. Interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Dale-Riggs Funeral Home, Inc. www.dalefh.com

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Hey Dean and Cora, this is Dennis, we go way back, to Gunkel, i know Dean could never forget me! (smile) my prayers and love is extended in this hour of sadness, Ernie was a great man!i know evry one will miss Him, but He made a Great Mark in this Life1 God needs him now! He will be just fine!

Dennis Mathis - November 19, 2010 at 08:46 PM

TF

“ Praying with you and thinking of you during your time of sorrow. Also remembering the happy "Bulldog" days. May God Bless All Of You.

The Springs Family - November 05, 2010 at 10:29 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Ernie's family. Ernie loved the University of Toledo National Youth Sports Program and touched the lives of many children.

UT NYSP - November 03, 2010 at 05:45 PM

CC

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to Gloria and her family in the loss of Ernie. Although I never got to meet him personally, I feel that I learned a great deal about him as a person and his character from Gloria who cared for him with great love, respect and honor when he became ill. As his Paramount nurse case manager, I had the unique privilege of guiding her along the way with services as he health care needs changed, and sometimes, just giving a listening and supportive ear. Reading the tribute to his life story and comments from family, friends and all, I can see the great contributions he gave back to God, family and community. May God Bless and comfort you now as you go on with his memories.

Chris Thrush, RN, CC - November 03, 2010 at 02:00 PM

SF

“ Jones family ... Mr. Jones was my teacher in the 70's ... a GREAT teacher... along with Scott H.S. Pride, self pride and a appreciation for the arts, I am truly blessed to have him be the best memory of teachers in my life.

Sheliah Fisher - November 02, 2010 at 02:24 PM

DS

“ To Gloria and the Kids and the entire Jones family, Mr. Jones was my ALL time favorite teacher from "1970 - 1974". He not only taught the beauty in art but the beauty in being black or having a big nose or big lips or like me having a gap between my teeth. He taught his students Scott Pride but he also taught them self pride. He was a great man and artist and will truly be missed. My condolences goes out to each and everyone of you. May it comfort you knowing that he's in Gods hands now.

Darlene Shelmon - November 02, 2010 at 11:23 AM

MP

“ To the family, Cast your cares upon the Lord! May God keep you in this difficult time. Mr. Jones was a role model for everyone at Scott, a giant in the history of African Americans! I am truly blessed that he helped me become the person that I am today.

Marcia Autry Polin - November 01, 2010 at 07:16 PM

MB

“ The Jones family sorry to hear of your lost and to let you know that my prayers are with you all. Mr Jones was my art teacher when i attended Scott in the seventies. Earnie he will truly be missed

Mary Bills - November 01, 2010 at 05:38 PM