



N. Ray Jones Sr.

August 31, 1928 - July 14, 2020

N. Ray Jones was born August 31, 1928 in Charleston, MO. He spent his early years on Illinois and Indiana before relocating to Toledo, OH where he attended Libbey High School. He also attended Tillison College, Austin TX, University of Toledo, Toledo University Community and Technical College, where he earned an Associate degree. He also attended various trade schools and was a graduate of the Toledo Model Cities Leadership program. He accepted Christ at an early age and upon his relocation to Toledo he joined the Phillips Temple CME Church. He was a faithful member, serving as the Chairman of the Trustee Board until his health failed. Until his death he still supported and cared about his church. He also was one of the prominent laymen of the Cleveland-Pittsburgh District and the Ohio-Central Indiana Annual Conference.

He served forty-two months in the United States Air Force, being honorably discharged in 1953 as an Airman First Class.

On September 1, 1952, he was united in holy matrimony to his beloved wife, Willie. Two children were born to this union.

Mr. Jones worked in various positions in the Toledo area, namely the Rossford Army Depot and the City of Toledo's Parks Department where he rose up the ranks to Supervisor of Parks.

Mr. Jones also served in various volunteer capacities the Toledo Model Cities Program, HUD, and the National Citizens Participation Council. Due to his leadership skills, he often served as chairman of the various boards and

agencies he worked with.

His other affiliations include the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge (32nd degree Mason), NAACP, the Frederick Douglass Center, the Metro Toledo Umpires Association, various motor coach home associations, and other community based organizations in the Toledo area.

On July 14, 2020 Mr. N. Ray Jones entered into eternal life where he joins his parents, siblings, and other family members and friends.

He leaves to mourn his death and carry on his legacy to his beloved wife of sixty-eight years, Willie L. Jones, son, N. Ray Jones, Jr., daughter, Cynthia Jones, grandson, Ray Jones, aunt Clara Jones, his Phillips Temple Church family, and a host of relatives, friends, neighbors, and community.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Willie, there’s sadness in my heart at seeing N. Ray’s obituary. I was privileged to work with Ray for more years than I’d like to admit. He truly made city Parks and Recreation.a joy to work for and with him. A kinder man one cannot meet. I was fortunate to also enjoy him on the ball diamond. My favorite memory...Ray was umpiring behind the plate as I was the catcher. I tried to lose my balance a couple of times and he asked if I was okay. I told him once he starts being at the same game I was my balance I would probably return. The world has lost a gem. “Gone but not forgotten, although we are apart, youR spirit will remain with us forever deep in our hearts.”

Marge Dembowski

Marge Dembowski - July 27, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ May your heart find comfort knowing that your loved one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones & Family

Gwendolyn E.March Jones - July 26, 2020 at 08:16 AM

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“ My deepest Condolences to the Family of Mr. N. Ray Jones. Mr. Jones played a major part in my life. He was my first Superintendent with the City of Toledo. He was an Awesome Leader, Instructor, and Motivator. Mr. Jones showed me what it looked like to work for/with a Great Supervisor. In addition to that N. Ray was one of my Father's (Brother Turner) closest friends, you will be missed. Thank You Mr. Jones.
Rest Well
Bridgette

Bridgette - July 25, 2020 at 08:27 AM

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“ Phillips Temple CME Trustee's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of N. Ray Jones Sr..



Phillips Temple CME Trustee's - July 24, 2020 at 09:47 PM