



# Pearl Jones

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**T**he wonderful life of our beloved mother, Pearl Reese Jones, began April 17, 1932 in Brookfield, Mississippi. She was the twin daughter of Lathers and Fannie Reese.

At the age of 3, her family relocated to Murphysboro, IL where she grew up with eight brothers and sisters. At the age of 19, she moved to Decatur, IL. In 1966, she married Richard Jones. From this union, she raised eight children of her own. She accepted Christ at an early age at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Murphysboro, IL. She continued her relationship with Christ in Decatur as a devoted member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Along with her three sisters, she became a charter member of Richland Community College. She and her sisters were some of the first students to attend the college when it first opened in downtown Decatur.

She worked as an inspector at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for almost 20 years before her retirement.

She especially loved her family and loved to host family gatherings.

Pearl was preceded in rest by her parents; Daughter, Phyllis Durant; Great-granddaughter, Jia Phillips; Two sisters: Margarite Rogers and Fannie Stewart; Five brothers: Harry Reese, Ora Reese, Nora Lewis, Sr., Walker C. Reese, and twin brother, Earl Reese, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memory, Sister, Lula Fitzpatrick; Son-in law, Tony Durant; Four sons: SturgisAnnie Jones, GaryTammie Jones, KipKathy Jones, KitaRena Jones; Three daughters: Jennifer Jones, Jill Jones, SheilaJason Flournoy; Grandchildren: ShawnJerry Phillips, Kia, Anthony, Sutton, Amber, Sturgis, Jr., Remo, Chad, Sharona, Fallon, Joshua, Kamari, Chad, Brittany, Jabree, Jurnee, Genesis, Jade; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Homegoing services celebrating her life will be 12 pm Saturday, May 3, 2008 at



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Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 10 am until the service time in the church. Entombment will take place at the Star of Hope Mausoleum, Graceland Cemetery.

The family of Pearl Jones is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur.

The family would like to give special thanks to Pastor Stuart and the Antioch Family for all prayers, gifts and support; family and friends; Dr. Perdekamp and Cancer Care staff; St. Mary's Hospital 4th and 6th floor nurses; Addis Healthcare and Nell Steele; and special Goddaughters, Ilisha West and Gwen Roundtree.



# Tribute Wall

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**Deric And Family** posted:

Growing up with Sheila, Jill and Jennifer in Antioch was a blessed experience and to know that Mrs. Jones was one of the pillars that helped mold and shape us to who we are today. She will be missed and do know that you and the family are in our prayers. Remember, God is our everything and he changes not. Look to him for strength to make it thru, not just to, your valley experience. God Bless. Decatur, IL US

May 10 at 7:00 PM



**Cassandra Carman-Boyd** posted:

In remembrance to Mrs. Pearl Jones she will be missed but never forgotten my deepest sympathy goes out to the family may God comfort you in your time of sorrow. God bless you all. Decatur, IL US

May 9 at 7:00 PM



**Margo A. Beasley** posted:

To Pearl's Kids, your mom was a woman that always showed enormous strength. Whenever times got rough, she got tough. She so loved her children and was a mother that always protected her family. I know it is hurtful and always will be, but it will get easier as time goes by. How fortunate you are to be Pearl's kids, you had a life of love and laughter no matter what. You all know how much your mom loved the Lord and depended on Him. She raised you to love the Lord as she loved Him. The Lord has blessed your family so many times that I can attest to. Your mom taught you that we all must walk this same path someday and we all must be ready if we want to see Jesus. The Bible says, Be Ye Ready; your mom was ready. Keep that in mind always. You all have your mom's strength and sense of humor, just keep your mind on God and the happy times you shared with her and your heart will be lighter. I love you Pearl and God bless Pearl's kids. Aurora, CO US

May 2 at 7:00 PM



**Panna Stein** posted:

Our prayers are with you with the loss of your loving mother. May her memory be eternal. I will always remember her support for the education of her children while they attended St. James School. Eternal be her memory. Panna Stein Decatur, IL US

May 2 at 7:00 PM



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**Elder Pamela Rogers-Mack** posted:

We will always love and cherish the life you shared with us...Thank you Auntie for being my second Mom...I will miss our talks and laughs together.....and to all my cousins of Auntie Pearl, stay strong and in the Lord as she raised you to do and she and God will be proud of you.....love you and hate I could not be there... but know you are in our prayers....Elder Pamela Rogers-Mack and family , OH US

May 2 at 7:00 PM

RD

**Rev. Wayne Dunning** posted:

Unlike gemstones, produced deep inside the earth and by creatures existing in the deep sea, this "Pearl" was created by the hands of Almighty God. We, the pastor and members of Faith Fellowship M.B. Church send our love and our prayers to the family of our beloved mother and friend Pearl Jones. We believe that God still uses people and He thought so much of Mrs. Jones that He used her mightily to touch so very, very many people. No one was a stranger to Mrs. Jones. All you had to do was look like you were hungry and you were offered a buffet. Oh, how we will miss those times. But God needed another joyful cook in the heavens, so on April 28, 2008, he called Pearl Jones and she, being ready, answered His call. We pray for strength and love during this celebratory time for the Jones family and all the hosts of friends and loved ones. May we come close to feeding His sheep like she always did. Just like the steaks and barbecued ribs she made, we can hear our Father say to her..."Well done!" Blessings and love, Rev. Wayne Dunning, Pastor Faith Fellowship M.B. Church Decatur, IL US

May 1 at 7:00 PM

RG

**Rev. Joe Greene** posted:

"And we know that All things work together for good, to them that love the Lord". To the Jones Family, the lose of a mother is a painful thing, and it leaves you wondering how will you make it? But you will, day by day, those that love the Lord find peace. Yes, you will shed tears and it seems dark right now, but remember God has promised to wipe all our tears away. "Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning". Keep trusting the Lord to be your provider and rejoice, your mother is out of earthly pain and now in heavenly bliss. My prayers and my families prayers are with you. Know that you can call on me anytime. Rev. Joe Decatur, IL US

April 29 at 7:00 PM



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

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



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