



Lorene Florence Jones-Bell

January 29, 1927 - January 15, 2022

Lorene Wallace Jones-Bell, 94, of Charles City, Virginia, departed this life January 15, 2022 at her home. Lorene was born in Charles city, but spent much of her childhood in Richmond, Virginia with her mother and her siblings. On Lorene's tenth birthday, January 29, 1937, her mother died of sickness and Lorene and her siblings soon returned to Charles City to live with relatives.

In Charles City, Lorene attended Little Elam Elementary school and Ruthville High School, where she graduated Valedictorian of her class in June 1944. In high school she sang with the glee club, was a member of the debate team and president of her senior class. Lorene loved to read, read, and read some more. This caused much anguish for her younger sister, Marian, who wanted to play. However, she could not move Lorene from the corner where she sat reading. Books continued to be Lorene's best friends until her eyesight began to fail in her later years.

Lorene attended the Union Hall Sunday school for a short while before going to Sunday School at Little Elam Baptist Church. She served in many capacities at Little Elam such as Sunday School secretary, teacher, superintendent; Women's Missionary Union, choir director of Senior Choir, co-sponsor of the youth choir; Chairman of the Trustees, Board of Christian Education and Budget and Finance; and the first sponsor of the Senior

Citizen's programs and celebration at Little Elam. The celebration included seniors from Charles City, New Kent and the St. Francis Home in Richmond, Virginia. Lorene retired from Thalhimers Department Store after forty years plus.

As a concerned citizen of Charles City, Lorene worked with the Civic League and served as the first female president of the Charles City Branch NAACP. Luckily, Lorene was not a gambler because she had a fascination with numbers. No matter if she was counting people, calculating numbers, remembering page numbers in the hymnals or comparing identical greeting cards she had received, she counted everything!

Lorene is predeceased by her father, Lazarus Wallace and (2) mother figures; Ethel (biological mother) and Helen (stepmother); (2) husbands, Andrew Jones (the father of her four children) and Rudolph A. Bell, Sr.; (2) brothers, James and Charles Wallace; (2) sisters, Vernell Jones and Anna Crewe; and (2) children, Sylvia and Reginald Jones Sr.

Many are left to remember her kind heart, giving spirit and "never ending" instructions. Lorene leaves two daughters, Agatha Porterfield of Atlanta, Georgia and Susan Miles and her husband, Anthony of Charles City; five grandchildren, Sylvia Royster and her husband Kelley, of Woodbridge, Virginia, Reginald Jones, Jr., of Varina, Virginia, Rendell Jones and his wife Donna of Olney, Maryland, Tiffany Harper and her husband Kevin of Moore, South Carolina and Ronnetta Bell of Atlanta, Georgia; ten great-grandchildren, Andrew Porterfield and his wife Anna, Ciera and Kyan Royster, Sophia and Miles Newby, Keira Jones, Alexis Patterson and Desiree Jones; four great great-grandchildren, Alexandira, Andrew II, Arianna and Austin Porterfield. Since Lorene's mother had five children and her stepmother had five children, she was excited to marry Rudolph who also had five children whom she loved and enjoyed having around. They are Rudolph Bell, Jr, and his wife Marian,

Warren Bell and his wife JoAnne of Charles City, Joyce Bell of Sandston, Virginia, Connie Barnes of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Helen Charmae Jackson and her husband Melvin of Memphis, Tennessee; four sisters, Luitia, Gloria and Carol Jones and Marian Bowman, all of Charles City; one brother, Howard Wallace; and two brothers -in-law, James Jimmie” Crewe and Vernon “Skee” Jones. Lorene is also blessed to have two first cousins, Mary Carther Crewe and Thomas E. Carter, Jr.

A funeral service will be held 11AM Thursday, January 20, 2022 at Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge, VA. A viewing will take place from 5PM-7PM Wednesday, January 19th at the funeral home.

****Masks are required when attending services****

*A recording of the funeral service for Mrs. Jones-Bell can be found at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/672406635>

Cemetery Details

Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Daemion lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Daemion - December 02, 2022 at 03:27 PM

JH

“ *To Sue, Brother and family, my heartfelt condolences to you in the loss of your mother. Keep her forever in your memories.*

Joie Howell - January 21, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *Cousin Lorene was such a lovely person. I know she will be greatly missed. Sending love to the family. Lois & Michael Jones*

Lois Jones - January 21, 2022 at 07:10 PM

HC

“ *H. Hugo Charity sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



H. Hugo Charity - January 20, 2022 at 06:25 PM

YB

“ Yvonne Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell



Yvonne Bradby - January 20, 2022 at 01:05 PM

EB

“ Esther Bradby-Carter lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell



Esther Bradby-Carter - January 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM

EH

“ She was a treasure in my Church life at Little Elam Baptist church. Condolences to her family and loved ones. Eileen Miles Hill- Gwynn Oak Maryland.

Eileen Hill - January 20, 2022 at 09:58 AM

BB

“ Brenda Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell



Brenda Bailey - January 19, 2022 at 09:03 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Brenda Bailey - January 19, 2022 at 09:02 PM

CB

“ *Cecelia W Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Cecelia W Bradby - January 19, 2022 at 07:45 PM

RE

“ *My dear grandmother was beautiful soul. She lived her life as an example in service of Christ. I will miss her dearly.*



Rendell - January 19, 2022 at 02:07 PM

RO

“ *To the family; what a Christian giant person Mrs. Bell was such character, kindhearted truly genuine, and a pleasure to know her. Blessings of Peace and comfort to the Family.*

Ronald Banks and Family



Ronald - January 19, 2022 at 12:33 PM

MF

“ *Mrs. Eva Bell And Family lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Mrs. Eva Bell and Family - January 19, 2022 at 11:03 AM

CJ

“ *Aggie, Sue & Family:
Our deepest condolences on the loss of Cousin Lorene. We are at a loss for words as she was a lady deeply admired and respected by us. Her wisdom is irreplaceable and we loved her just like another mother. It is our prayers that God comfort you with all the memories you've shared with her for almost 95 years. With love and prayers,
Archer Jr. & Cheryl Jones*

Cheryl Jones - January 19, 2022 at 09:34 AM

CP

“ *Jones-Bell family
Deepest sympathy on the loss of your love
one. Keep your memories of her close.
Charlotte and Wesley Peterson*



Charlotte Peterson - January 19, 2022 at 09:03 AM

SB

“ *Dear Aggie, Sue and family. Aunt Lorene had a long and beautiful
life and have definitely left her mark on this world. My deepest
sympathy. Loving regards, Sherry Bowman*

Sherry Bowman - January 18, 2022 at 10:37 PM

AB

“ *Agnes Bradby lit a candle in memory of
Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Agnes Bradby - January 18, 2022 at 07:17 PM

DC

“ *To The Family of Mrs. Lorene Jones-Bell:
Please accept my sincere condolences. Miss Lorene’s children, Agatha, Sylvia, Reginald, and Susan, are/were my first friends. Miss Lorene did not have a child that I did not love and adore. As her family grew, I had more friends to love. Later I learned that we were relatives as well.
Today, I am feeling more pain. I could go and talk with Miss Lorene any time and she never fell asleep on me. She was a wonderful role model at Little Elam and she wanted us to improve ourselves. She kept us active and explored our talents through the Young People’s Improvement Club. Miss Lorene and my Mother waited in the personnel office while I was being interviewed for my first job as a secretary at Thalhimers. I was so proud to be working with her and we rode together. I even drove her car to work.
Thank you, Family, for all the love and care you gave to Miss Lorene.
May it comfort us all to know how many relatives and friends are sharing with us during this difficult time.
Doris Charity and Family*

Doris Charity - January 18, 2022 at 03:19 PM

MC

“ *Sue and family I will miss bumping into her and our "short" talks. Sending prayers your way.*



Marilyn B Crump - January 18, 2022 at 12:50 PM

KB

“ *Katrina Bradby lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Katrina Bradby - January 18, 2022 at 11:27 AM

RJ

“ *Our condolences to the family in your loss of Mrs. Lorene Jones-Bell. We are praying for peace and comfort to you at this time.*



Loretta and Alfred Quarles, Jr.

R. Loretta Johnson-Quarles - January 18, 2022 at 07:13 AM

CB

“ *My condolences to the family may you find comfort in the memories you share of her. Ella&Cecil Banks*

Cecil Banks - January 17, 2022 at 09:40 PM

CE

“ *Corlissr El-Fakhri lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



corlissr El-Fakhri - January 17, 2022 at 08:53 PM

CE

“ *Miss Lorene was a lovely women. Always pleasant and a smile. My condolences and prayers to the family.*

Corlisse Calhoun



corlissr El-Fakhri - January 17, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Charlene Redman sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Charlene Redman - January 17, 2022 at 05:54 PM

EC

“ *To the Jones and Bell families we are so sorry for your loss. We are sending our prayers and condolences to you May God continue to bless you and give you the comfort you need Your mother was a very special and wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her. Sending our love Eugene and Judy Crump*



Eugene and Judy Crump - January 17, 2022 at 04:31 PM

FB

“ *Many blessings to Sue, Aggie, and the family. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. We know for certain that we never lose the people we love, not even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. Aunt Lorene's life was a Blessing, her memory a Treasure, she was loved beyond Words and will be missed beyond Measure. It was our pleasure to know her. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

*Our warmest condolences,
Danny and Frances Banks*



Frances Bell Banks - January 17, 2022 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ *Lloyd & Elaine Carter lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell*



Lloyd & Elaine Carter - January 17, 2022 at 02:36 PM

WB

“ Aggie, Sue and Family, we were so sorry to learn of Mom Lorene’s passing and extend our sincerest sympathies. Your mother was so sweet and kind, short in stature but tall and mighty in wisdom, faith and perseverance. She will be sorely missed! We are in prayer that God will grant you peace that surpasses all understanding during this trying time. Cherish your precious memories forever! We love you! Warren and JoAnne



Warren and JoAnne Bell - January 17, 2022 at 12:15 PM

RC

“ Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell



rev sheila crump - January 17, 2022 at 11:43 AM

KT

“ Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Lorene Florence Jones-Bell



Kenneth Tabb - January 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM

VI

“ Sue, Aggie, & Family - Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your Mother. May you find comfort in knowing that Aunt Lorene lived an incredibly purposeful, rich, and vibrant life, and is now resting peacefully.

~Vernon Jones III, Marlton, NJ

Vernon Jones III - January 17, 2022 at 08:43 AM