



## Charles Stephen Jones

February 11, 1953 - October 1, 2023

Charles Stephen Jones was born February 11, 1953, in Richmond, Virginia. His sunset was October 1, 2023, in Atlanta, GA. Leading the celebration of his life is his wife of 38 years and best friend of 48 years, Sabrina Allitta Rawls-Jones. Together they built an amazing life filled with love, faith, strength and LOTS OF LAUGHTER.

From a very young age, Stephen was committed to the empowerment of marginalized communities and the young. He did not sit back, he rolled up his sleeves and got to work.

Stephen went on to engage in the development and implementation of Project Schools. This program was done in partnership with the Newark, New Jersey Board of Education. The creative approach used in this effort significantly increased the percentage of high school graduates within the school system.

Stephen's work expanded beyond the walls of the US in the form of the Instituted Virtues Project - a global initiative promoting practices to transform negativity into virtue language for youth and families. The program's success was clear as they saw increases in the number of participants who learned to set clear boundaries and project increased pride and dignity. His work led to him being invited to become a member of NJ Black Think Tank.

Steve was led into the area of community activism and faith work as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry. While at the helm, he developed a state-wide coalition of over 125 interfaith ministries to feed, cloth, educate and build wealth in their individual communities by “Doing together what cannot be done alone.”

He went on to coordinate the expansion of SHARE NJ, providing nutritional and cost-effective grocery alternatives to local congregations throughout Newark and surrounding communities and created a path for the first One Stop Home Buyer education program to prepare and provide mortgages for first time Black and Brown homebuyers. His team built and sold more than 50 homes in the Roseville area of Newark which, along with his other successes, led to many honors like: National Advisor to Habitat for Humanity, World Vision Ambassador and, he was voted 49th as one of the Newark Star Ledger’s 100 Most Influential People in the State of New Jersey.

Stephen was sought after to lecture and advise Civic, religious, and educational leaders in the quest to ensure all are equally provided for. He traveled to the

territory of Bermuda to work with the CFO to begin the development of the first interfaith insurance company to branch out to the US.

In his personal time Stephen earned a Black Belt in Burmese Kick Boxing and won multiple state-wide awards. He was also an avid Comic Book collector who also enjoyed reading, cooking and jazz. More than anything else, Stephen Jones loved, and enjoyed, his wife Sabrina. Their love was truly great and one of a kind.

He is preceded in death by John Herbert Jones (Father), Ruby Galloway Jones (Mother) and Michael Herbert Jones (Brother). He leaves behind

Sabrina Allitta Jones (his wife of 38 years), Carolyn Eizabeth Jones (Sister), Jaqualine Annette Jones (Sister), and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Job well-done.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in honor of Stephen directly to his wife, Sabrina. They can be sent via PayPal at “Sabrina Rawls-Jones” or CashApp at \$SabrinaRawlsJones

We also thank you for your prayers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

## Celebration of Life

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HQ

“ I never got to meet Stephen, but we share a bloodline. I will find some endeavor he left undone and bring it to fruition in his honor. Love and condolences to all my cousins who basked in his physical presence. Peace and so much love.

*Habibah Jones Quddus*



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**Habibah Jones Quddus** - November 06, 2023 at 12:11 PM

CA

“ Sabrina you're priceless. Becoming a widow is not easy. My heart and positive vibes to you are transmitting!!

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**Carolyn** - October 12, 2023 at 12:15 PM

BL

“ Thanks for the many memories and laughs. You will not be forgotten. 🙏

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**Beverly Lee-Thompson** - October 10, 2023 at 11:04 AM

CA

“ Thank you Uncle Charlie and Auntie Sabrina for being there for all the children and generations❤️

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**Carolyn** - October 10, 2023 at 10:05 AM

CA

“ <https://www.youtube.com/live/qFpDf8vM4D0?si=7FJkrGE-RpZg4MyR>

*Dedication to Charlie*

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**Carolyn** - October 10, 2023 at 05:15 AM

CA

*He was Seminole*

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**Carolyn** - October 10, 2023 at 05:17 AM

CA

“ *Carolyn sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Stephen Jones*



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**Carolyn** - October 09, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Stephen Jones.*



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October 09, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Stephen Jones.*

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October 09, 2023 at 12:44 PM

VF

“ Sending prayers of peace and comfort to the entire family.



Vicki R Ferguson - October 09, 2023 at 11:44 AM

SL

“ Sincere condolences to all of you, continuing to lift you in prayer that the Lord will strengthen you during this season of grief.

Sonya Lackey - October 09, 2023 at 11:37 AM

CA

“ Jefferson Davis Jones begat Rev John Herbert Jones Sr who Begat John Herbert Jones Jr who begat Charles Stephen Jones ❤️

Carolyn - October 09, 2023 at 11:08 AM

KR

“ Kyle Richardson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Stephen Jones.

Kyle Richardson - October 09, 2023 at 09:10 AM

KR

“ Kyle Richardson purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Charles Stephen Jones.



Kyle Richardson - October 09, 2023 at 09:10 AM

CA

“❤️

Carolyn - October 09, 2023 at 07:42 AM

CA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carolyn - October 08, 2023 at 11:52 PM

YR

“ *I've always valued our conversations and all the wisdom you'd impart. The memories from childhood to recent years...ugh. This is so hard to write. I know you may have left this earth but take comfort in knowing you'll never be too far from my kids and I. Here are some of our happier times...you've always poured into me and been a great pillar of strength in my life as well as my kids. He was known as Steve to many... but to us you'll forever be our beloved Uncle Charlie*💙💙💙

*With all our love from Yazzy, Kai, Kaari, & Msemaji*



Yasmine Roberson - October 08, 2023 at 10:53 PM

CA

*It was a great day 🥰*

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**Carolyn** - October 08, 2023 at 11:54 PM



“ *Charlie, you have always been my Hero and Best Friend. You were my protector even when I didn't want you to because a you kept me safe even from myself! You shared opportunity to me so many times and I can only be grateful. I was always so proud of you and each of your courageous milestones. Mom was more proud of you and everyone knew it when she walked into the room and you were speaking and you could see her put her chest out and hold her head high.*

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**Jacqueline Jones** - October 08, 2023 at 08:48 AM

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**Carolyn** - October 08, 2023 at 08:49 AM

CA



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**Carolyn** - October 08, 2023 at 05:57 AM

CA

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 11:12 AM

CA

*Charlie & Jackie....Mom adoring Charlie 🥰🌟*

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**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 11:13 AM

CA

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 11:08 AM

CA

*Charlie changed to his Developer hat. His signature project. His wonderful wife and sister worked side by side. Charlie the Way Shower*

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**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 11:10 AM

CA

“ *Charlie was a great uncle. He went over and above to show love and care to his nieces and nephews. Charlie was a good brother to me!! I thank God for sharing his light*

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**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 06:51 AM

EB

“ *I send love and Light to the Jones family. Stephen was my 1st cousin whom I was so fond of. I am 13 years older and respected his calm and humble demeanor. He was kind and understanding to everyone. I will miss him . I ask his family to stay in touch with me. His father Uncle Doc and Aunt Ruby were special and loving to me. May the "I Am Presence" be with all. Elizabeth Johnson Rice (Betty) and the Rice family.*

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**Elizabeth J. Rice, Founder BPOS foundation** - October 06, 2023 at 08:17 PM

CA

*That's is loving Betty. TY. Charlie was special to us*

**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 06:53 AM

CA

“ *Invictus*  
*He was the master of his ship*  
*And the captain of his soul.*  
*An original*

**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 08:07 PM

CA

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 03:05 PM

JJ

“ *You stand amongst the greats ! As I look back at all of your accomplishments I feel great pride and am glad to have shared in your journey! Mom was always so proud of you!*

**Jacqueline Jones** - October 06, 2023 at 11:48 AM

CA

*Oh Mom was always bursting with pride of her boy*

**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 12:11 PM

CA

*Charlie was part of the solution!!*

**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CA

*Charlie achieved having a wonderful wife and life. He was happy 🤔*

**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 12:13 PM

CA

*“ I called him Charlie O'Donnell. He had a keen sense of humor...he was brilliant and determined as he danced through. He was adored by our Mother Ruby, and he was adored by me!!*

**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 11:48 AM

LK

*“ Rest on Mr. Jones. You will be missed here at Walmart 3401*

**Lynette King** - October 05, 2023 at 07:32 AM



*You will truly be miss MR. Charles. Samantha 3401.*

**Samantha Ellison** - October 06, 2023 at 08:19 AM

JJ

*My brother, my hero, my best friend! You made a difference in so many lives.*

**Jacqueline Jones** - October 06, 2023 at 11:39 AM

CA

*Double salute to a fallen warrior!!*

**Carolyn** - October 06, 2023 at 11:49 AM

MJ

*Mr. Charles was an outstanding greeter at Wal-Mart always pleasant and willing to help make your shopping experience a great one.  
Mildred jones*

**Mildred jones** - October 06, 2023 at 06:03 PM



*Thank you for your kind words 🙏*

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**Carolyn** - October 07, 2023 at 09:30 PM