

Celebrating the Life & Legacy of Leon P. Jones

Pallbearers

Miles College Sports Hall of Fame Members

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Elmwood Cemetery

Arrangements Entrusted to

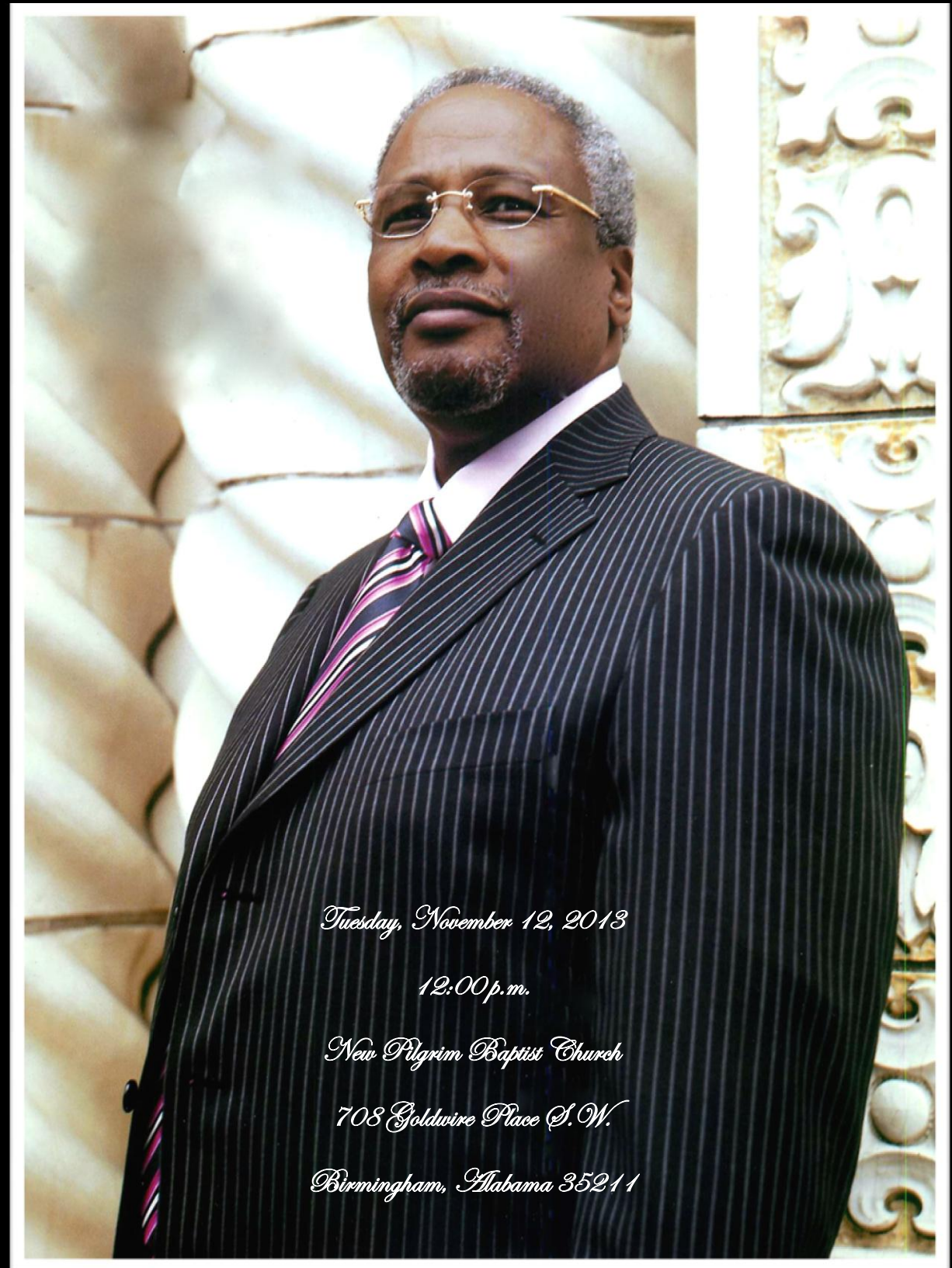
Smith and Gaston Funeral Home
102 6th Ave SW
Birmingham, AL 35211

Special Thanks

Dr. J. Stanford Faulkner, Jr., Ms. Carol Brooker, Mrs. Lesa Rayford, the staff at Lemak Sports Medicine & Orthopedics, and Trinity Medical Center.

Acknowledgements

The Jones Family is truly grateful for all of the thoughts, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Your love and support is so appreciated, and will always remain deep in our hearts.



Tuesday, November 12, 2013

12:00 p.m.

New Pilgrim Baptist Church

708 Goldwire Place S.W.

Birmingham, Alabama 35211

December 7, 1940 - November 7, 2013

Order of Service

Prelude

Musical Selection.....*Jasmine McGaha Thornton*

Scripture.....*Minister*

Prayer.....*Minister*

Musical Selection.....*Rev. Jerry C. Cunningham*

Special Tributes

*Honorable Kenneth Coachman
Mayor of Fairfield
Chief of Staff to President George French, Miles College*

*Wendell Jones
Miles College Sports Hall of Fame*

*Barbara Guyton
Moonlight Mixed Bowling League*

*Dr. David L. Beckley
President, Rust College
United Negro College Fund*

*George Sarris
Owner, The Fish Market Southside*

Eulogy.....*Rev. James H. Brooks, Senior Pastor*

Musical Selection

Recessional

Obituary

Leon P. Jones was born on December 7, 1940 in Birmingham, Alabama to Leonard Jones and Annie Bell Jones. He served in the United States Air Force in 1963 until his honorable discharge in 1967. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Social Science/History from Miles College in 1969, and obtained his Master of Education, Administration/Supervision from Alabama State University in 1975.

Leon worked as a recreation leader for the City of Birmingham Park & Recreation Board, and worked for Miles College in various capacities, including Track Coach/Administrative Assistant, Track Program Recruiter, Sports Information Director, Director of Public Relations, and Assistant to the President. He also worked as a Community Resources Officer for Jefferson County Office of Planning and Community Development, and worked as a Federal Investigator for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for 35 years.

He was involved in several civic and social organizations over the years, as follows: President, Miles College Sports Hall of Fame; President, Moonlight Mixed Bowling League; Chairperson, Time and Place Committee, United Negro College Fund NAC Board; Member, Greater Birmingham Inter-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund; Member, American Council of Public Relations Association; Charter Member, Public Relations Council of Alabama; Member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Outstanding Leaders of America; Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He also received various Outstanding Performance Awards from EEOC, and received the Outstanding Service Award from the National Council of the United Negro College Fund.

Leon passed away on November 7, 2013 at Trinity Medical Center. He is preceded in death by his parents, Leonard Jones and Annie Bell Jones, one sister, Mattie Williams, and three brothers, Willie Jones, Sr., John Jones and Robert Lee Jones. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn W. Jones, two daughters, LaTonya C. Jones and ReShea J. Balams (Emanuel), two brothers, Larry Jones and Leonard Jones (Lillie), two sisters, Shirley Murrell and Patricia Lofton, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.