

*Homegoing Celebration  
In Loving Memory  
Of*



*Reverend Frank Jones*

*Sunrise*  
March 23, 1918

*Sunset*  
June 26, 1999

*Services*

*Saturday, July 3, 1999*  
11:00 a.m.

*New Zion Baptist Church*  
1202 Cain Street  
Lufkin, Texas

*Rev. Cedric Kenebrew, Pastor*  
*Officiating*  
*Dr. T. W. Berry*  
*Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Crockett, Texas*  
*Moderator, Palestine Bowen Baptist Association*

*Heaven is prepared for People  
Who are prepared for Heaven*

*To my family, my brothers and sisters in Christ and my many, many friends, I have traveled many dirt roads and paved highways preaching and teaching the word of the Lord. I was never alone, God was always with me. Even now as I begin my last journey to heaven's rest grieve for me if you must, but do not grieve too long.*

*I WOULD NOT GRIEVE TOO MUCH*

*I would not grieve too much. The promise tells  
That rest is his who sleeps so sweetly there;  
Beyond the dull, slow tolling of the bells  
Which marks his passing, life is free from care.*

*You would not mourn if one you love should rise  
To wear the royal purple and the crown.  
Should gain the glory of the great wise  
And out the tools of humble service down.*

*Suppose that life should call some friend you know  
Out of the ranks, and end his days of care,  
You would rejoice and smile to see him go,  
Though you remained to work and struggle there*

*Should high promotion call some friend away  
To crown with conquest all his earthly years,  
You not plead and beg with him to stay,  
But, thinking of his joy, you'd hide your tears.*

*So when death comes, though hard it seems to bear  
And long the years with all their loneliness  
The loved one has been called away from care  
- To high promotion, rest and happiness.*

*He has been called from pain and hurt and strife,  
From all the ills which fall to flesh and clay,  
He has been raised unto an ampler life.  
Nor should we mourn too much who still must stay.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

*God's Child*



*Rev. Frank Jones*

# Obituary

## The Life of Rev. Frank Jones

Frank Jones was born in Shepherd, Texas (Drews Landing) on March 23, 1918. He was the sixth (6th) child of ten (10) born to the parentage of Fred and Letha (Griffin) Jones.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, wife, Helen S. Jones; daughter, Annie Pearl; grandson, Ricco, sisters, Mercy Lee Carey, Letha Roundtree, Josephine Long, Mae Ella Massey; Fannie Wooten; brothers, Fred Jones, Jr. and Andrew Jones.

He was married to Jewel Stanton in 1938 and to this union five children were born; Frank Jones, Jr., Freddie Lee Jones (Bubba) Annie Pearl Sullivan, Othella Johnson and Joyce M. Kirby.

He later moved to Livingston, Texas, where he pastored a local church and united in marriage in 1960 to Helen Holmes Shotwell, who was an educator in the local area. She remained faithfully and loving beside him for over three decades until her death on March 16, 1991.

He received his formal education in Shepherd and Cleveland, Texas. He moved to Lufkin and worked in the foundry for a short while before being called to the ministry in 1952. He was ordained Reverend Frank Jones in 1953 by Rev. L. N. Neal (Moderator). He received his Bachelors of Theology from Union Baptist Bible College in Houston, Texas.

Although his ministry duties carried him from his home church he remained a faithful member and friend to New Zion Baptist Church, from 1953 until his death. He received his fifty year membership award from Rev. Harry E. Fowler on November 23, 1991.

He was the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Lufkin, Texas, from 1957 to 1960 before resigning to split his time on alternating Sundays between two churches for over twenty years, before retiring on January 13, 1996, from both churches due to his failing health.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Grapeland, Texas and St. James Baptist Church, Elkhart, Texas. He has extended family and loyal members in both communities.

Rev. Jones was an active member of the Palestine Bowen Baptist District Association where he held several positions and traveled extensively with the organization.

**DISTRICT WORK:** Served as President of Minister's Conference instructor in District Congress, Vice Moderator at Large of Palestine Bowen Association.

**STATE WORK:** Served on Foreign Mission Board, served as Leader of the Foreign Mission Board.

He was a member of the Dawn of Light Masonic Lodge No. 79

Rev. Jones was blessed with five generations. He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons, Frank Jones, Jr., L. A. and Freddie Lee Jones (Bubba), Kountze, Texas; two daughters, Othella Johnson and Joyce M. Kirby, San Antonio, Texas; two sisters, Clara Wooten, San Francisco, Calif., and Helen Hadnot, Houston, Texas; a faithful daughter in law, friend and caregiver, Nanny Jones, Lufkin, Texas; 24 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren, sisters in law, brothers in law, numerous, nieces, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Clergy and Family

Soft Music

Master of Ceremony

Rev. T. L. Dilworth  
North Star Missionary Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas

Choral Selection

New Zion Choir

Prayer

Rev. S. R. Dominique

Comfort of the Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Rev. Fred Foster

Rev. Jesse Clark

Solo

'I Won't Complain'

Rev. Cedric Kenebrew

Life Epitome

(Please read silently)

Resolutions Participating Church

New Zion Baptist Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, St. James Baptist Church  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Bro. John W. Stell

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Tribute and Remarks

District Association

State Convention

State Mission Board

Foreign Mission Board

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, St. James Baptist Church

Palestine Bowen District Association

Rev. Delvin Foster

Dr. G. W. Daniels

Dr. F. M. Jefferson

Rev. H. Dolphus

Expressions (Two minutes)

Choral Selection

'Amazing Grace'

New Zion Choir

The Message of Comfort

Dr. T. W. Berry

Solo

Albert McDaniels Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Requested Tribute

Psalm 121

Rev. Willie Terry

Recessional...Postlude

In life's eventide, at twilight,  
At His door I'll knock and wait;  
By the precious love of Jesus  
I shall enter heaven's gate.

GOD'S PEOPLE NEVER SAY GOOD-BY  
FOR THE LAST TIME

## Tribute To Our Brother:

### "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye"

Even though we knew our father and who he was, you were so close to his image that it was a mirrored duplication.

When we were children you disciplined us as a father, as we grew into teenagers, you disciplined us as a brother, as we grew older you disciplined us as a friend.

We will miss you "father" "brother" "friend."

Prayer: Blessed Father, help us to offer up to you the things we can not understand and to entrust those we love to your eternal care. Amen.

Your sisters,  
Clara Wooten and Helen Hadnot

Special "Thanks" to Rev. and Mrs. Willie Terry and Ms. Nanny Jones. You'll were Christians and soldiers during our fathers time of need. We can never express our gratitude enough with words, but we will always remember your contributions.

Frank, Jr., Freddie, Othella and Joyce

## When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not on your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I'm waiting for you in the sky!

Life is a gift from God  
To be given back to God



# THE BODY BORNE IN HONOR BY:

*Ireland Beazley  
James Brown  
Don Houston*

*J.W. Johnson  
William Neuls  
John W. Stell*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS:

*Members of  
Dawn of Light Masonic Lodge No. 79  
Palestine Bowen Baptist Association*

## FLOWER BEARERS:

*New Zion Baptist Church Choir  
New Zion Baptist Church Ushers  
New Zion Baptist Church Deacons*

## INTERMENT

*Final Resting Place  
Davis Memorial Gardens  
Cedar Grove Community  
Lufkin, Texas*

## PROFESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND PERSONAL COUNSELING

### ENTRUSTED TO

*Colonial Mortuary of Lufkin, Texas  
1600 Sayers Street, Lufkin, Texas 75901  
(409) 634-2261 FAX (409) 639-4320*

*Funeral Directors: Ozell Davis and Ronald Davis  
Secretary-Treasurers, Willie M. Davis  
Staff Advisor: Don Boyd*

*Attendants: Donald Davis, Rodney Davis, Thomas Davis, John Moore*



# Acknowledgment

*There's such a great comfort in the assurance that we are not alone in this hour of our loss....And that assurance is made manifest by the many warm and sincere expressions of care and concern.*

*Your personal visits, telephone calls, telegrams, and other messages, the beautiful floral offerings and the proximity of your presence during this solemn hour of worship. And most especially, your fervent prayers whispered in our behalf. Each kind deed, makes real the promise of our Saviour. "Blessed are they that mourn...for they shall be comforted."  
May God richly bless each of you for your loving concern.*

*The family of Rev. Frank Jones*

## God Saw You

*God Saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb;  
He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."  
And weary hours, the days of pain,  
The sleepless nights are passed;  
The ever-patient worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.*



*God saw that he was getting weary  
So He did what He knew best.  
He came and stood beside him  
And whispered, "Come and Rest."  
He bade no one a last farewell,  
Not even a good-bye;  
He was gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.  
Sleep on, and take your rest,  
We loved you, but God loved you best.  
The family*

*Sunset in one land is Sunrise in another*



*Food will be served at the family home, immediately  
following the services, 500 Shady Pine  
Lufkin, Texas (409) 632-5035*