



Patricia Culpepper Jones

June 29, 1950 - November 1, 2020

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA CULPEPPER JONES

Patricia Culpepper Jones was born June 29, 1950 at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida to Naomi Livingston Culpepper and Lonnie Culpepper, Sr. She grew up in a very loving household in Liberty City Miami where she was the youngest of six children. As a young child she was a very active member of the Girl Scouts where her father was the troop leader for years. While in Girl Scouts, she learned various skills, developed lifelong friendships, and earned countless badges, as she progressed to the highest levels of the organization. Growing up some of her favorite things to do was sing, dance, roller skate, and hang out with her big sister Yvonne. She even helped to start the junior choir in her grandmother Hattie's church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Growing up amid the birth of the Civil Rights Movement and on the heels of the Brown vs. The Board of Education decision, Patricia was the only one among her siblings to attend integrated schools. She attended Orchard Villa Elementary School and Edison High School in Miami, Florida. Despite having to deal with the uncomfortable racial tension in school, she was able to maintain good grades as she matriculated. In high school, she was inducted into The National Honor Society and was a member of the Student Government Association at Edison High School where she graduated in the Class of 1968. Being from a large family her financial resources were limited, so to be able to complete her collegiate studies she had to work to pay her way through school. She worked at the post office, Sears, and during her college years participated in the work study program. In 1968, Patricia chose to attend the Historically Black College, Florida Memorial. She was a member of the inaugural freshman class at the new campus that relocated to Miami, Florida. On January 1, 1969, she was initiated into the Delta Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She also served as the First Vice President of her Alpha Kappa Alpha Undergraduate Chapter and the Secretary of the Future Business Leaders of Florida Memorial College while being a young wife, working various jobs, and carrying a full load of courses. Patricia also completed internships with the Small Business Association and the Alexander Grant Accounting firm. In four years

Patricia graduated with a Business Administration Degree with Cum Laude honors as a member of the Class of 1972 from Florida Memorial College.

In 1966, during a chance meeting through Patricia's cousin Amos Culpepper, she met a gentleman by the name of Nathaniel Jones. He eventually asked her out on a date, she said yes, and four years later they were married on July 11, 1970. In October of 1981, they welcomed Natashia Naomi Jones into their family and in August of 1984 they decided that their family was not complete and welcomed Nathaniel Patrick Jones, Jr. Patricia was an excellent mother. She made sure to give her children access to the best life that she and her husband could provide. She exposed them to people, places, and things that have given them a unique outlook on life. She took an immense amount of pride in being able to show her children the world.

After college she was hired by Burdines Department store as a sales manager and purchase buyer. It was at this point where she gained valuable experience and knowledge in retail, vendor services, and merchandising. In 1978, she got a new position with Johnson Publishing Company as a Fashion Fair Cosmetics Regional Representative that covered the Caribbean Islands, Florida, and parts of Georgia. In 1980 after her husband got a job in Ohio and due to her excellent work ethic and exemplary performance, Fashion Fair created a Regional Representative position for her that covered Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and parts of West Virginia. It is important to note that Fashion Fair Cosmetics is a company that targets African-American communities that was strategically marketed in only high-end department stores due to the growing demand for a cosmetic line designed for women of color. Patricia dedicated almost 20 years of commendable work to Fashion Fair and was undoubtedly a key player in their growth and success. After moving back to Florida, she worked as a Senior Testing Specialist at Seminole State College and retired on June 30, 2014.

Patricia loved life and she was a very hard worker, so she made it a point to enjoy the finer things and to share those experiences with her family. She enjoyed shopping, traveling all over the country and the world, playing sports like tennis and golf, as well as spending quality time with her family. Patricia was the epitome of success, and she embodied the sentiment "to whom much is given, much is required". She dedicated years of community service to church and various organizations with a high level of sophistication, dignity, and class from being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated for over 50 years to being a Charter Member of the Columbus Chapter of Charms, Incorporated. She was even a Bethune-Cookman football season ticket holder in support of HBCUs. No matter her level of success, she never lost touch of who she was.

Patricia personified what anyone would consider to be a great wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, or friend. Despite several serious health conditions over the years, with the love and support of her family and with an unwavering faith in God's healing power, she handled them all gracefully and recovered. She created a beautiful life filled with beautiful memories. She often said that she has had the best of the best, that God has blessed her to be able to enjoy all that life has had to offer, and when God calls her home she would be ready because she has truly lived.

Patricia adored her family, and she was grateful for the love and life her parents Naomi and Lonnie were able to provide. Additionally, she was thankful for the very special relationship she had with Mr. John Chaney, for he too loved her as his own. Patricia leaves behind her loving husband of 50 years, Nathaniel Jones, Sr.; her devoted daughter Natashia Naomi Jones-Vallot; and devout son Nathaniel Patrick Jones, Jr.; her grandchildren, whom she absolutely adored: Rayana Permaul, Johnnie Winston Cobb, and Jace Vallot; her brother and sisters, Lonnie Culpepper, Jr, Vivian Bennett, Mary L. Brooks, and Yvonne Smith; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Greeting of Family and Friends and a Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751.

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Greeting of Family of Friends.

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life

The family of Patricia Culpepper Jones invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her loving memory.

Events

NOV 11 **Greeting of Family and Friends** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

NOV 11 **Facebook Live Streaming** 12:00PM - 03:00PM

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Facebook Live Stream
FL, US

NOV 11 **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Nate;

Sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Our prayers are with you.

John and Helen Devitto

John Devitto - November 16, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Nate - I never had the honor of meeting your wife, Patricia. From her obituary, she obviously was a person of great achievements who touched the lives of many people.
My condolences to you and your family. May the promises of Christ comfort you and your family as you grieve her loss.

Dave Eldridge

Dave Eldridge - November 16, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Sincere condolences to you and your family Nate. Patricia was a very accomplished woman. May your cherished memories comfort you during this difficult time.
Blessings

Sherri Pearse - November 16, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ With heartfelt condolences to Nathaniel Jones and Family as we pray for your strength and comfort going forward. You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Joyce Sidney - November 12, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Rochelle "Shelly Tillery" Ford and family purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



Rochelle Ford - November 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Pat was an amazing and inspirational woman. She was poised and professional. I feel fortunate to have known her. May she rest in peace, free of pain and sickness. May she rejoice in the arms of our God and savior.

Rochelle "Shelly Tillery" Ford

Rochelle Ford - November 11, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Hello to my family I want to give you and All my condolences from my family and Myself better late than never Love you ALWAYS and forever from Terrence and family I keep me and my family in prayers I appreciate it and may God continue to keep you all in prayer ALWAYS

Terrence Livingston - November 13, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ Pat was a very sweet and fun person. We have had several fun times together and she will be truly missed.

Tina Tucker - November 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Peace and blessings to the Jones family! Pat will always be remembered for her love of family, charm, integrity and humor. Thankful to have spent many a joyful time with her.

Saudi and DJ Ellis

Saudi Ellis - November 11, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ I will never forget the warmth of your love you showed me the times we talked. I was so grateful for how you encouraged and supported me with what I was doing. We are sad that you had to leave, but pray that we will see you again. Flai & Jaydee Richardson

Flai Richardson - November 11, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ We were all so lucky to have such a fantastic person in our family and our lives. A strong black woman with a beautiful warm smile. It's difficult to imagine life without her. Please know that we are praying for you and your family. Our Condolences and Love, Doie and Herb

Delores Baker - November 11, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Miss Pat was a great co-worker, friend, and mentor. She always gave me motherly advise. Her wit and sense of humor were a perfect balance to her no-nonsense work ethic. My condolences to you Nate and all the family. She will be truly missed. Sending virtual hugs and kisses.

Anthony & Valeria Penny



Valeria Penny - November 11, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Dearest Pat, there were so many times, I truly enjoyed being in her company & listening to how she loved her life and family. My deepest condolences to her Nate and family. She will be so missed. Rest in peace, Pat. Love, MarieR

Cynthia Marie Rolley - November 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ There were so many times, I truly enjoyed being in Pat's company & listening to how she loved her life and family. Her memory will always be treasured. My deepest condolences to her Nate & all family members. Cynthia Marie Rolley.

Cynthia Marie Rolley - November 11, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Ms Pat
A sweet and wonderful person. She was such a joy to me and will be missed dearly. My heart is heavy. Condolences to Nate and Family. Love Sonja

Sonja - November 10, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ I'm so sad to learn of Pat's passing. She will always be missed at our family reunion. May God comfort and keep you all. We send our love and you remain in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Crystal Long

Crystal Long - November 10, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ As Pat journeyed through this life she left footprints of kindness, compassion, thoughtfulness, courage, bravery, joy and love. Now, the trail she leaves behind will continue to inspire us all. Pat, Rest In Peace in the bosom of the almighty as you join hands with the circle of friends who have gone on before you. Love you my sister friend. Patry

Ptry - November 10, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ From: Elizabeth, Darren, Malakai, Maleah & Lil Man purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



Elizabeth Desjardins - November 10, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Elizabeth Desjardins lit a candle in memory of Patricia Culpepper Jones



Elizabeth Desjardins - November 10, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ The Joneses had a huge positive impact on mine and my children’s lives. There is no truer friendship than that of the Pat and Nate Jones family. We respect and honor Pat’s life. Her thoughts and advice were always solid, no-nonsense, thoughtful, and given with love. She was hard-working, devoted to family, had an abiding faith, and still managed to have time, thought, and love enough to extend to me and to my children. Matter-of-fact, she was a protector of all children and did what she could to put and keep each one on a productive, well-intentioned path that was buttressed by education and deep faith. Her passion for life was accompanied by thoughtful compassion and deep understanding. When she took on a friend, she took on the children, as well, and all were then taken up by her entire family. My children and I are grateful for Pat’s life and attitudes. I can hear her even now encouraging a 6 year-old Patrick when he danced in the kitchen eating area: “You go, Patrick!” She told me her grandsons can dance! She well-appreciated the joy expressed by dance. She and I took turns taking our daughters to horseback riding lessons. I recall coming home to see both girls getting their hair done by Felicia in the Jones’s home. Felicia was Pat’s friend and a cosmetologist. Pat was all about the girls’ attending to those things that give little girls joy. Pat spoke often about her Ray. I still see the children looking for the carefully placed Easter eggs in their Ohio back yard. Thank you, Pat, for your care, your no-nonsense in taking care of “business,” for your kindness, your appreciation of having and promoting pure joy, and for your humanity. We love you guys. May Pat continue to show us all the way, and may we honor her by doing only what is right.

Barb, Mike. and Sarah

Barb Kadunc - November 10, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



November 10, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ OJ and Dorothy purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



OJ and Dorothy - November 10, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



November 10, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ My deepest condolences on the loss of cousin Pat May your hearts be filled with the wonderful memories and joyful times spent together as you celebrate a life well lived
Love you all cousin Cookie

Michelle Adderley - November 09, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ Kashif Vallot & Britney Thompson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



Kashif Vallot & Britney Thompson - November 09, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Culpepper Jones.



November 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM