



Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones

December 30, 1991 - December 21, 2024

JONES, Mr. Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" - age 32, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Family hour 10:00AM Saturday, January 4, 2025 at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, 143 Oneida Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Pastor Douglas P. Jones, Host Pastor. Pastor Derick L. Jones, Eulogist. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble 10:00AM at the church Saturday. Mr. Jones will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, and may be viewed between the hours of 12:00PM - 6:00PM Friday.

Mr. Jones leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Pastor Derick L. and Clara M. Jones; siblings, Ricky Lawrence Jones, Brandon Lamar Jones and Amber Briann Jones; nephews, Kamrick Lawrence Jones and Jakob Jovan Jones; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lela Mae Kirkwood, Richard Lee Davis, Willie Allen Wright and Martha Ann Wright; and cousin, Javon Jarrel Jones.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac
268 North Perry Street
Pontiac, MI 48342
(248) 758-1913
lemoonfhpontiac@gmail.com
<https://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhomepontiac.com>

Family Hour

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Welcome Missionary Baptist Church
143 Oneida St
Pontiac, MI 48341-1626
(248) 335-8740

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ One year ago...

One year ago my son went home to be with the Lord. Life could never have prepared me for something so unnatural to us as human beings, the loss of a child. I never imagined I would have to learn how to live while carrying a pain that no words could ever fully describe.

I have learned that no two losses are alike, and even grief itself changes. One year ago I cried differently than I cry today. The tears now come from a place of deep yearning, of missing him, of love still searching for somewhere to go.

My son was truly a light. I treasure every conversation, every laugh, and especially every time he would ask, “Mom, how ya holding up?” Those words live in my heart.

Today, even though my heart has been forever transformed and will never return to what it once was, I am so incredibly proud of my son and the life he lived. I carry him with me—in love, in memory, and in faith—always.

One year ago... 



Derrick's Mom - December 22, 2025 at 01:44 AM

MJ

“ *Derrick was an amazing son. He was very special to our family. He had a quiet strength that was evident to everyone he came across. He was full of love for his family and to those that needed a helping hand he provided support. I miss him tremendously. Until we meet again rest in God's care. My love will never end. May God continue to strengthen and keep our family.*

Mom Jones - March 11, 2025 at 11:37 PM

DM

“ *On behalf of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Western Michigan University we express our sincerest sympathy for the family of Derrick Jones. It is our prayer that God bless and keep his family in their time of grief and take comfort in knowing Derrick has returned home to his Heavenly Father.*

Sincerely,

Dr. Candy McCorkle-Boughton

Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Candy McCorkle-Boughton - January 06, 2025 at 12:03 PM

FM

“ *Praying for the family and friends of Derrick. As you go thru this difficult time. I first met Derrick at KVCC on my way to a MSFAA event and later on met him at conference events. Always a pleasant guy and kind. He was great to talk to. Our profession has lost a bright light. We pray for comfort for his colleagues and those that he associated with.*

Fares Magesa- MSFAA board member

FARES MAGESA - January 04, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DJ

“ I have know the Pastor Jones when we where children at True Church House of Prayer." I do not know the pain the lost of child, no words can express your lost. But know this God is able. Please know you have my prayers and condolences. We Love you all,
Denice S. Jackson and Family

Denice Jackson - January 04, 2025 at 01:22 PM

KD

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of Derrick, a dedicated and valued member of the MSFAA Board. As Assistant Chair of Donor Support, Derrick brought unwavering commitment, thoughtful leadership, and a genuine passion for advancing our mission.

His contributions helped shape meaningful connections with our donors and strengthened the foundation of our organization. Beyond his professional excellence, Derrick's kindness, integrity, and collaborative spirit left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of working with him.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to Derrick's family, friends, and all those who mourn his loss. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy of service and impact will continue to inspire us.

*With deepest sympathy,
Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA)*

Kemmoree Duncombe - January 03, 2025 at 06:20 PM

MS

“ MSFAA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.



MSFAA - January 03, 2025 at 06:08 PM

MS

“ From: MSFAA planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.

MSFAA - January 03, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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“ Love and prayers to Cousin Derick and Cousin Clara and family We love you 🙏🙏🙏
🙏 Cousin Tiffany, Mike and Little Terry



Tiffany Shoate (Davis) - January 03, 2025 at 07:42 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.



January 02, 2025 at 12:01 PM

NB

“ I knew Derrick both as a colleague and as a fellow student, being in the HESA program together. Derrick was such a bright and amazing person. Abby and I send our thoughts and prayers to your family at this time.

Nathan Baxter - January 02, 2025 at 10:12 AM

BR

“ Beverly Rollins lit a candle in memory of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones



Beverly Rollins - January 02, 2025 at 04:06 AM

SS

“ SCS 5th Grade Parents & Students purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.



SCS 5th Grade Parents & Students - January 01, 2025 at 03:03 PM

SS

“ SCS 5th Grade Parents & Students planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.

SCS 5th Grade Parents & Students - January 01, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.



December 31, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Derrick Lamont "DJ Jones" Jones.

December 31, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ My heart grieves with Pastor Jones and Lady Jones and family. May the Holy Spirit comfort you all during this time and the days ahead. I love you all very much and Brian and I will continue to cover you all in prayer.

Lakeishion - December 31, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ So many memories watching Derick grow up. My mom started calling him Professor and it stuck. What a beautiful soul. Rest in Peace with our Heavenly Father. You will be missed.
Love, Ràmona Mayberry

Ràmona Mayberry - December 30, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ The Jones family have been in my life for a long long time. I know this hurts and no words can express how we all feel. Please know you have my prayers and condolences. We Love you all 🙏🏾

Adrian Bass - December 30, 2024 at 06:52 PM