



Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.

October 16, 1943 - February 8, 2022

Mr. Leo "Lion" Freeman Jones, Sr. entered this life on October 16, 1943, in Madison County, MS. He was the seventh child of thirteen born to the union of Walthall Jones, Sr. and Mary Lee Jefferson Jones. His childhood was spent between Madison County and Jackson, MS where he became known affectionately as "Lion Jones" and enjoyed playing football for Jim Hill High School.

In 1965, Leo joined in holy matrimony with Willie Lean Parker. Together they shared a legacy for caring for and entertaining their family, both immediate and extended as well as friends and neighbors. They made their home in Flowood, MS and later relocated to Brandon, MS in the Fannin community. In his later years, Leo remarried Ida Neal and became a member of Fannin Baptist Church, dedicating his life to Christ through holy baptism.

Leo was definitely a family man and a hard worker who always opened his heart and home for celebrations and family gatherings. There was nothing more important to him than two things: family and work. A self-described workaholic, he enjoyed a career in varying professions, spanning nearly his entire life. As a young man Leo was employed by Knox Glass Containers in Flowood, MS. Later, Leo also enjoyed a long career with A & A Excavating Contractors in Brandon, MS where he served as Chief Superintendent for nearly thirty years.

In his downtime, as an avid JSU fan, he faithfully attended Jackson State football games for many years. Leo even shared his passion with others, often taking family members along to cheer on his beloved Tigers. To know him was to love him and his heart was as big as his smile. He was funny, witty, generous, and kind. He loved to read, and would often claim that he in fact, knew everything-although his family sometimes jokingly referred to him as "Professor Don't Know." Leo shared so much wisdom with those whose lives he touched. He was a gregarious person others loved being around. This is evident in the very special relationship he shared with his siblings and his nieces and nephews. He loved being able to spend Sundays sharing food, fun, and laughter with a house full of family. He cherished every single opportunity to show those he loved how much they meant to him.

Leo is preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of 46 years, Willie Lean Jones, and his siblings: Jessie "Ann" Mangum, Lillie Ree Greer, Mary Brown, Walthall "Jake" Jones, Jr., Leon "Slick" Jones and Rosella "Sugar Mama" Jones.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Ida Neal Jones; Leo and Willie Lean's four children: Leo Jones, Jr., of Flowood, MS, Sharron Jones Smith (Simeon) of Brandon, MS, Ervin Jones of Jackson, MS, and Sharetia Jones Adekanye (Timothy) of Dallas, TX; and his siblings: Tommy Jones (Edith), Joyce Palmer, Jack Jones (Shanda), Lois Smith, Diane Jackson and Bobby Earl Jones (Betty). His legacy will live on through his nineteen beloved grandchildren: La Taurus, Ashley, Nicholas, Jamal, Christian, Rashaad, Enissa, Eric, Earon, Courtney, Chelsi, Austin, Chloe, Ella, Jayden, Jayvious, Eelijah, Gabrielle, Anahla and fourteen great grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Paradise Gardens Memorial Cemetery
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - February 14, 2022 at 03:10 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.*



Brenda Love - February 23, 2022 at 08:56 PM

GA

“ *Gail sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.*



Gail - February 14, 2022 at 10:22 PM

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SS

“ Condolences to the Jones family. We will continue to lift you up in prayer.
James and Shornita Shavers



Shornita Shavers - February 14, 2022 at 06:39 PM

RW

“ Rogert, Minyonia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.



Rogert, Minyonia Williams - February 14, 2022 at 05:49 PM

BH

“ I will miss my uncle. Whenever i cone in town. I look forward to seeing him. Last time was when my sister Ruby had them all over. It was so joyful..Everyone eating and laughing. What a great time...

Barbara "Kay" Greer - Hemphill - February 14, 2022 at 05:03 PM

NB

“ *Neva J Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.*



Neva J Bryant - February 14, 2022 at 04:03 PM

VA

“ *Vertie Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Freeman Jones Sr.*



Vertie Adams - February 14, 2022 at 11:43 AM

RW

“ *I worked with Mr Leo for a few years he was a hard working man who loved his family dearly. My prayer is that God will continue to strengthen you and your family during this difficult time*

Randy Wallace - February 13, 2022 at 04:25 PM