


CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*Dr. Beverly*  
WASHINGTON  
JONES

Sunrise

December 13, 1947

Sunset

July 19, 2020

Friday, July 24, 2020

Visitation: 11:00 AM    Service: 12:00 PM

First Calvary Baptist Church

1311 Morehead Avenue, Durham NC 27703

Reverend Jerome J. Washington,

Pastor Officiating



# Order of Service

The Old and The New Testament Scripture Readings..... Reverend William McKoy  
Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Prayer ..... Minister Thad Hodge  
Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Tributes ..... Julia Fairley  
Brenda Harris  
Elton O'Neal  
Children

Music ..... Michael Jones  
Mount Vernon Baptist Church

Acknowledgments and Resolutions ..... Cheryl LeMay  
Church Clerk

Music ..... Michael Jones  
Mount Vernon Baptist Church

The Eulogy ..... Pastor Jerome Washington

Recessional

Interment ..... Beechwood Cemetery

*The family gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the numerous expressions of love, kindness, prayers, and sympathy extended to them during the death of their loved one. It has been of great comfort to know that you shared and cared. May God continue to richly bless each of you.*

*Special thanks to Hillcrest Home Health Staff and Caregivers, Duke Bone Marrow Clinic doctors and nurses, Duke Regional Hospital doctors and nurses, and Dr. Althea Massenburg at Bull City Family Medicine and Pediatrics Staff.*

# The Obituary

Beverly W. Jones, Ph.D., was born in Durham, North Carolina on December 13, 1947 and departed her life on July 19, 2020 at 12 noon.

Dr. Jones was a native of Durham, North Carolina and a graduate of the Durham Public School system. She received both her Bachelor of Arts (1970) and Master of Arts (1972) Degrees in History from North Carolina Central University, and was the first African American female to receive a Ph.D. in American History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1980).

Dr. Jones was a trailblazer as a historian, author, and educator who was inspired and encouraged by the actions and passions of her time. She rose through the academic ranks at North Carolina Central University as an Assistant Professor to Full Professor and served in several administrative positions, to include Provost and Vice Chancellor and Interim Chancellor of North Carolina Central University.

Dr. Jones was an elected official who served with distinction as a member and Chair of the Durham City Schools Board of Education. After the merger of the Durham City School System, she was elected to the Durham Public Schools Board of Education, where she served for seven years. In 1998, she chose not to run for reelection and accepted the position of Dean of the University College at NCCU.

She served as Chair of Durham's Committee on Racial Understanding and organized three Town Hall Meetings in cooperation with Chancellor Julius L. Chambers, Dr. John Hope Franklin, and Duke President Nan Keohane.

Dr. Jones is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 50 years, Clarence Ray Jones, who was her tireless caregiver for the last seasons of her life; son Garry Jones, daughters Michelle Jones (Wyatt) and Ingrid Whitaker (Michael); grandchildren Amir, Ariana, and Jeremiah; one sister Betsy Bailey (George) in Philadelphia, PA, one brother Donald Washington in Durham, NC and three godchildren Monica Davenport in Durham, NC, Victor Morrison Jr. in Los Angeles, CA and Angela Washington (niece) in Baltimore, MD as well as several other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## **Professional Experiences**

- 2005 - 2008 Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, NCCU
- 1999 - 2004 Dean University College, NCCU
- 1974 - 2008 Professor of History, NCCU
- 1998 - 1999 Interim Dean, University College, NCCU
- 1993 - 1998 Director, Community Service Program, NCCU
- 1987 - 1998 Director, Institute for the Study of Minority Issues, NCCU
- Jan 1987 - Aug. 1987 Assistant Dean, University College NCCU
- 1981 - 1985 Visiting Lecturer History Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## **Professional Appointments**

- 2003 Program Chair, Association of Distance Education Directors, National Conference
- 2000 Martin Luther King Center Committee, appointed by Chancellor Julius L. Chambers
- 1985 - 1987 Chairperson of Faculty Senate, North Carolina Central University
- 1998 Governor Jim Hunt's Crime Commission
- 1998 UNC Distance Education Forum Board, appointed by Governor Jim Hunt
- 1997 Family Community Initiative, appointed by Governor Jim Hunt
- 1997 Durham appointed representative for the Presidential Summit on America's Future
- August 1997 Co-Director "From Podium to the Community," Outreach Project funded by North Carolina Humanities Center
- March 1997 Member of Planning Committee, "Black Women's Leadership Conference,"  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1996 North Carolina Women's Agenda Commission
- June - Oct. Co-Director of "Common Differences," Conference funded by North
- 1995 Vice-Chair, N.C. Commission on National and Community Service
- 1995 Member of North Carolina Southern Association Committee
- 1995 Member, Southern Fellowship Commission on Education
- 1986 Chair of the Faculty Senate

# Publications

Co-Author, Durham's Hayti, North Carolina: Acadia Press, 1999.

Co-Author, Journal of Minority Issues and Economic Development, 1999, North Carolina Central University: Institute for the Study of Minority Issues.

In Their Own Words: Working in Tobacco, Durham, North Carolina, 1988. Oral History Project Funded by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Quest for Equality: The Life and Writings of Mary Church Terrell, 1863-1954, New York: Carlson Publishing Company, 1990.

The History of Stanford L. Warren Public Library, 77 Years of Progress: A Phoenix in the Durham Community, North Carolina: Durham County Library 1990.

## Articles

"Statistical Abstract of Durham, NC", N.C. Statistical Publication, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2001.

"Rediscovering Our Heritage: Community Service and the Historically Black University by Beverly W. Jones. Ed Zlotkowski, ed. Successful Service Learning Programs (Massachusetts: Anker Publishing Company, 1998), 109-123.

"The Nekoda Mack Family," Durham-Orange Genealogical Publication, 1996.

"Race, Class, and Sex: Black Female Tobacco Workers in Durham, North Carolina and the Development of Female Consciousness," Feminist Studies, Fall 1984, 441-451. Reprinted in Women Struggles, 1996.

"James Edward Shepard," and "History of North Carolina Central University," listed in Black Heritage Series in North Carolina, 1989.

Lugenia Barnes Hope, Book Review, North Carolina Historical Review, Fall 1989. "In Pursuit of Higher Education," Book Review, Planning for Higher Education, Volume 17, Number 2, January 1989.

Living In and Living Out, Book Review, North Carolina Historical Review, July 1995, 374-376.

"National Council of Negro Women," "Mary Church Terrell," and "National Association of Colored Women," listed in Women's Encyclopedia, 1998.

"Mary Church Terrell and the National Association of Colored Women, 1896-1901," Journal of Negro History, Summer 1982, 20-33.

"Before Montgomery and Greensboro: The Desegregation Movement in the District of Columbia, 1950-1953," Phylon, June 1982, 144-154.

# Community Organizations Memberships

2000-2004 Member, Durham Housing Authority

2002-2003 Downtown Durham, Incorporated

1987-present Member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Graduated Chapter

1990-present Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People

1998-present Mutual Community Savings Bank

1997 Chair Committee on Racial Understanding

1990-1996 Member, Operation Breakthrough Board

Member, Durham Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Community Collaborative

1992-1994 Member, Durham Public Schools Board of Education

1991-1992 Chair, Durham City Schools Board of Education,

1988 Member, Durham Youth Advisory Board

1985 Board President, Academic Help Center

1979 Member, Education Committee of the Durham Human Relations Commission

1995-1997 Vice Chair, North Carolina Commission on National and Community Service

## Accolades and Honors

Named one of the 25 Most Influential Black Women in Business by *The Network Journal*, New York tri-state area's premier business magazine for African American professionals and business owner, March 2008.

Elected President of the Association of Chief Academic Officers of the Southern States, December 2007

Served as Interim Chancellor of North Carolina Central University, June 2007

Received national acclaim for her efforts to provide science and math instructors for Durham's Southern High School when the school faced a critical teacher shortage, 2006

Named by the News and Observer "Tarheel of the Week" for her outstanding leadership throughout the Durham Community, September 2006

Received the University Shepard Award, 2006

## Honors and Awards

- 2019 Certificate of Merit (50 year member), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- 2018 John H. Gattis Trailblazer Award, Hillside High School
- 2018 History Maker Award, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
- 2013 Faithful Membership (50 years), Mount Vernon Baptist Church
- 2010 Legacy Preserver Award, Merck Black Employee Network Durham Chapter
- 2009 Hall of Fame Inductee, The National Alumni Association of Hillside High School
- 2008 A Notable Woman Award, Durham County Women's Commission
- 2008 Recognition of Outstand Service and Dedication upon Retirement, Alpha Kappa Alpha Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
- 2006 James E. Shepard Award, North Carolina Central University
- 2005 Elna B. Spaulding Founder's Award Nominee
- 2004 Hillside High School, Outstanding Alumni Award
- 2004 NCCU Award of Excellence for Outstanding Proposal Writing and Grants \$1 Million Dollars of More
- 2004 Martin Luther King Leadership Award
- 2003 Making a Difference Award, Ebonettes Service Award
- 2003 Woman of Note Award, African American Cultural Complex in Raleigh, NC
- 2000 Durham Section, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., The 19th Bethune Recognition Service Award
- 1999 Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People Leadership Award
- 1999 Stanford L. Warren Outstanding Service Award
- 1998 Martin Luther King Leadership Award, Trumpet of Conscience
- 1998 Outstanding Women at NCCU, Women's Association
- 1998 Nominee, Elna B. Spaulding Founders Award
- 1998 Outstanding Educator Award, Masjid Ar-Ruzzaq
- 1997 Today's Woman Organization, Inc. Leadership Award, Durham NC
- 1997 Educator Award for Outstanding Service In the Field of Education, 44th Mid-Atlantic Region Conference Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- 1995 James E. Shepard Community Service Award
- 1995 City of Durham Award, Northeast Durham Central University, Outstanding Research Award
- 1994 Community Service Award, Emmanuel Tabernacle Church
- 1994 Leadership Award, Association of Black Historians
- 1992 Academic Help Center Award
- 1992 Durham Public Schools Board of Education Service Award
- 1990 John Avery Boys and Girls Club Leadership Award
- 1990 Academic Health Center, Inc. Service Award

### Listed In

Who's Who Among Women, 1999

International Directory of Women, 1992

Who's Who of Women In The World, 1990

Who's Who in American, 1998

Director of American Scholars, 1982

Who's Who in Education, 1979

### Editorial Boards

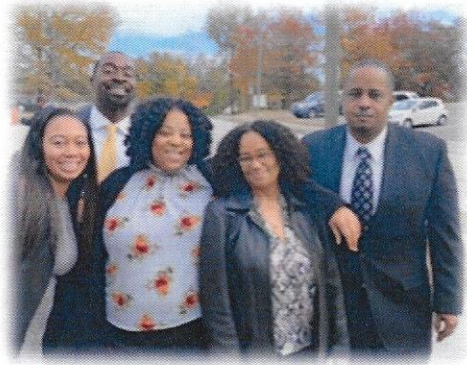
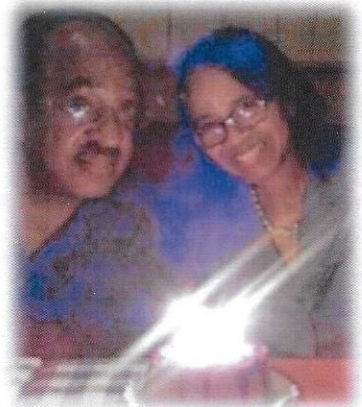
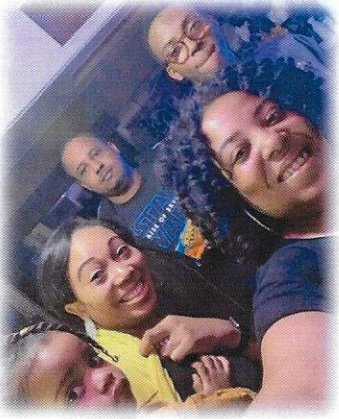
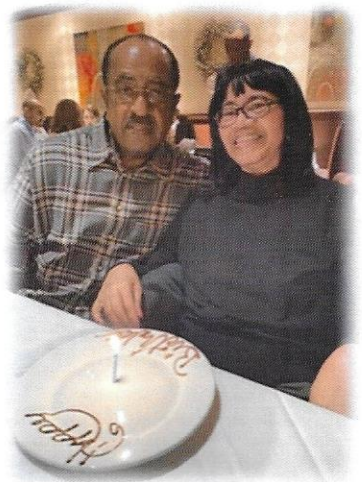
Editor, Journal of Minority Issues

Members, North Carolina Humanities

Editor, Journal of Minority Issues and Economic  
Development

Co-Editor, ABWH Truth

Editor, Signs: Journal of Women and Culture



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