

Celebrating The Life of
Vyrtle Lea Jones



Sunrise
May 6, 1925

Sunset
July 13, 2019

"Granny"

Services

Friday, July 19, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.

Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel

2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Deacon Bruce Davis - Officiating



Pallbearers

Kevin Graham
Ozzie Hamilton
Eugene Jackson

John D. Taylor
James Moore
Lamon Kirksey

Michael Dillon

Flower Bearers

Charlene Dillahunty
Dorothy Nelson
Judy Cross
Rose Watson

Rose Watson
Corrilla Long
Stella Carter
Valma Burns

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery
5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73136-1604

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Acknowledgement

The family of Vyrtle Lea Jones wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God Bless each of you.

Repast

Holy Temple Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1540 Northeast 50th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

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"We Care"

II Timothy 4:8



Obituary

Vyrtila Lea Jones was born May 6, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska to Tobe French and Olivia Bizzell French. She was the third child of four children born to this union.

The family moved to Foreman, Arkansas when she was a small child. Her mother passed away when she was eight years old. She and her siblings were raised by their grandmother, Lovie French.

While living in Foreman, she met and married Leroy Williams. To this union, one daughter was born. This union ended in divorce.

She later moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where she met the love of her life, Judge William Jones. They were happily married for 55 years.

After arriving in Oklahoma City, she accepted Jesus Christ and was baptized. She united with the Fifth Street Baptist Church, under the direction of Reverend Wynn, where she served as a dedicated Usher. She later united with the 6th & Jordan C.O.G.I.C., under the direction of Bishop W.E. Jefferies and continued to serve as an Usher. She served there faithful for many years. After the death of her husband, she started attending Church of the Harvest, Integrity Voice of Victory Church and People's Church with her family. She attended People's Church faithfully until health problems caused her to have to move to Tuscan Village Nursing Center. Vyrtila loved Jesus Christ with all of her heart. You could always find her, reading the Word, praying and praising God.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was always happy, uplifting, and always had a big smile.

She kept all of her grandchildren and great grandchildren from infancy to school age, while their parents worked. She loved and adored her babies.

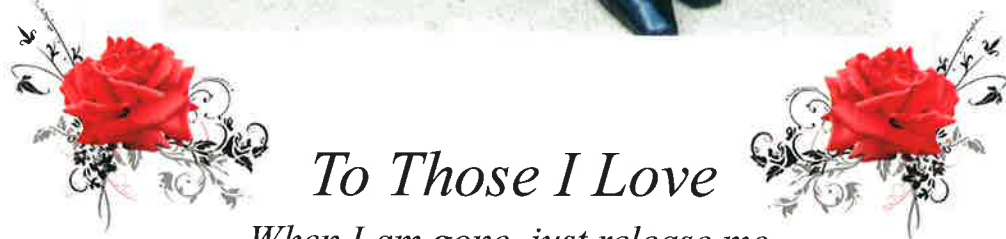
Vyrtila was a very classy lady, who loved to dress eloquently from head to toe. She loved shopping. She kept Earl's Department Store and Rothchild's Department Store very busy.

She loved traveling and going on vacations. She loved going out to dinner. She loved going on picnics. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She loved going to church.

She was full of hospitality. She loved being a homemaker. She loved to cook for her family and anyone else who came to visit. She would cook big dinners every Sunday and every holiday. Her home was always open to anyone who wanted to stop by. She made everyone feel welcome. She loved life and enjoyed every aspect of it.

She was called "GRANNY" by everyone who knew her. Granny was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 13, 2019. She will be missed greatly by those who knew and loved her.

Vyrtila was preceded in death by her parents, Tobe and Olivia French; husband, Judge William Jones; grandson, Eric J. Thurmond; sister, Myrtle Beaver; three brothers, Otis French, Stacey French and Lawrence Haywood. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Doris L. Thurmond of Oklahoma City,; son, William Michael Jones of Los Angeles, California; granddaughter, LaShonda Thurmond of Oklahoma City; grandson, Kevin Graham (Wanda) of Oklahoma City; six great granddaughters, Tiffany Thurmond of Orem, Utah, Ashley Graham of Oklahoma City, Natasha Graham of Dallas, Texas, Michelle Jones of Atlanta, Georgia, Lisa Jones of Los Angeles, California, Tyra Jones of Los Angeles, California; two great grandsons, Christopher J. (Adriana) Thurmond of Oklahoma City; Eric J. Thurmond, Jr. of Edmond, Oklahoma; granddaughter-in-law, Gayla Thurmond, of Edmond, Oklahoma; four great, great grandsons, and a host of loving nephews, nieces, family and friends.



To Those I Love

*When I am gone, just release me,
Let me go - so I can move into my afterglow.
You mustn't tie me down with your tears;
Let's be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted with trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "WELCOME HOME".*

Order of Service

- Organ Prelude Minister Terry James
- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Old Testament Scripture Sister Charlene Dillahunt
- New Testament Scripture Pastor Bob McClendon
- Prayer of Comfort Minister Carolyn Buckner
- Selection Shannon Lancaster
- Acknowledgements & Resolutions DeLois Anderson
- Special Remarks by Granny's Babies Tiffany Thurmond
Christopher Thurmond
Eric J. Thurmond, Jr.
LaShonda Thurmond
Kevin Graham
- Selection Darlene Reid
- Remarks by Special Friends Linda Muse McClendon
Nadine Smith
- Words of Love Doris Thurmond
- Selection Kristi Moore
- Eulogy Deacon Bruce Davis
- Video Tribute Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Final Farewell Temple & Sons Funeral Directors
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family