

State University of New York College at Buffalo - Buffalo State University

Digital Commons at Buffalo State

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Church Collections

7-4-2006

Obituary; 2006-07-04; Jones, Carlita Murphy

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/bethel-ame>



Part of the [History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

"Obituary; 2006-07-04; Jones, Carlita Murphy." Bethel A.M.E. Church. Monroe Fordham Regional History Center, Archives & Special Collections Department, E. H. Butler Library, SUNY Buffalo State. <https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/bethel-ame/235>

This Papers is brought to you for free and open access by the Church Collections at Digital Commons at Buffalo State. It has been accepted for inclusion in Bethel A.M.E. Church by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons at Buffalo State. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu.

*Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee?
Be strong and of a good courage; be not
afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the
Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever
thou goest.*

Interment

*Forest Lawn Cemetery
1411 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209*

Pallbearers

<i>Leeland A. M. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>Rodger M. Matthews</i>
<i>Anthony J. M Jones, Esq</i>	<i>Benjamin M. Phillips, IV</i>
<i>Mahari M. Jones</i>	<i>Franklin E. Muhammad</i>

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to thank all who have called, prayed,
and shown any acts of kindness to us during this time of
bereavement.*

Professional Services Entrusted To:

*Snowden Funeral Home
(301) 762-2500
246 N. Washington Street
Rockville, MD 20850
George Snowden*

*Memorial Chapels of Buffalo
(716) 882-5310
66 E Utica St
Buffalo, NY 14209
Charles Simmons*

COMMUNICATION EXPERTS 410.547.2525

*In Loving Memory
of Our Beloved*



Carlita Murphy Jones

Sunrise: January 9, 1921 ~ Sunset: July 4, 2006

Monday, July 10, 2006

Wake: 12:00 Noon ~ Service: 1:00 p.m.

*Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209*

Rev. Richard Stenhouse, Pastor

Order of Service

Pastor Richard Stenhouse, Officiating

Prelude Bethel AME Church

Processional Pastor Richard Stenhouse, Officiating

Opening Hymn Bethel AME Church Choir

Prayer Rev. Dr. Frances Murphy Draper, Pastor, Neice
John Wesley AME Zion Church, Baltimore, MD

Scripture Isaiah 61: 9-10
I Corinthians 15: 51-58

Selection Pastor Kitt Brewington & Victorious Praise
Victory Christian Church, Gaithersburg, MD

Family Remarks Jennifer M. Jones, Granddaughter,
Candidate for Ministerial Degree,
Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

Acknowledgements/Resolutions Bethel AME Church

Selection Pastor Kitt Brewington & Victorious Praise
Victory Christian Church, Gaithersburg, MD

Eulogy Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, Niece
Presiding Prelate 13th Episcopal District AME Church

Recessional Pastor Kitt Brewington & Victorious Praise

Obituary

Carlita Murphy Jones, 85, a Buffalo, N.Y. School teacher for over 30 years and the wife of Buffalo's first Black councilman, Leeland N. Jones Jr., died July 4 at the Germantown, Md. home of her daughter and son-in-law, Charles and Carlita "Candy" Perkins.

Some 62 years ago, May 5, 1945, Carlita Murphy was married to Leeland Jones at St. James' Episcopal Church in Baltimore by the Rev. Cedric Mills.

They met in 1942 when Leeland was the star quarterback on the University of Buffalo football team. The team went to Baltimore to play the Johns Hopkins University. Leeland was not allowed to stay in a Baltimore downtown hotel because of his race so journalists brought him to the Morgan Park home of Carl Murphy, Carlita's father, who was publisher of the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS. Leeland went off to officer's training school during World War II and their romance blossomed.

Mrs. Jones graduated with honors from Dunbar Junior High School '36 and Douglass High School '38 in Baltimore.

In 1942 she graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin Madison, a university she attended on full scholarship with room, board, tuition and books paid for by the state of Maryland because of her race. Black students back in the 1930s and 40s were not allowed to attend the University of Maryland so the state paid for them - including three of her sisters - to attend universities out-of-state. She also earned a masters degree in education from the State University College of Buffalo.

Before moving to Buffalo, Mrs. Jones worked as a copy editor on the family-owned AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, newspapers started by her grandfather John H. Murphy Sr. back in 1892. In later years, she was a major stockholder and a co-trustee of her father's estate.

Her feature stories about her parents and their various sayings are precious gems which appeared in this newspaper from time to time.

Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold in her book, "Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western, N.Y.", describes Mrs. Jones as an immortal queen "who led subtly, quietly and discreetly."

The book states, "For more than 30 years, Mrs. Jones took extra delight in teaching children in the Buffalo Public Schools the importance and techniques of reading, writing and using the English language correctly."

It said, "To this day, she has her own written, unpublished thesaurus, to which she regularly makes additions. She continues to proof-read the writings of her spouse, her children, and friends who unashamedly seek her assistance."

Mrs. Jones was a life member of the NAACP; since 1941, a diamond life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (this is the sorority of which her mother Vashti Turley Murphy was one of the 22 co-founders); since 1967, a member of The Links, Inc.; and a former member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

She was, as a wife, an associate of the following organizations: University of Buffalo Council (trustees), AAA of Western and Central New York, the Erie County Board of Supervisors, the Buffalo Common Council and AME Pastor's Wives. (Her husband, the Rev. Leeland N. Jones, Jr., is the associate pastor of Bethel AME Church in Buffalo).

Mrs. Jones was a competitive bridge and pinochle player. She took great delight in winning and when she did her beautiful laughter could be heard around the room.

*In Loving Memory
of Our Beloved*



Carlita Murphy Jones

Sunrise: January 9, 1921 ~ Sunset: July 4, 2006

Monday, July 10, 2006

Wake: 12:00 Noon ~ Service: 1:00 p.m.

*Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14209*

Rev. Richard Stenhouse, Pastor

She also loved the color blue and one of her last parties was a "Blue Party" held in Buffalo right after she entered hospice. At that party the tablecloth, napkins, plates and wine glasses were all blue surrounded by blue flowers sent by family and friends.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her loving husband Leeland N. Jones, Jr.; three children: Dr. Leeland AM (Patricia) Jones, Sr. M.D.; Johnaaron M. Jones, Esq.; and Mrs. Carlita CMJ (Charles) Perkins, senior executive vice president, Success Results Consulting, Inc. in Germantown, Md.; one sister, Frances L. Murphy II of Baltimore; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Her twin sister, Vashti Murphy Matthews, one of the nation's WACS of WWII, preceded her in death as did her other two sisters, Elizabeth "Bettye" Phillips Moss and Ida Murphy Smith Peters.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in care of Carlita Murphy Jones Scholarship Fund to The Buffalo Chapter of The Links, Inc. or The Buffalo Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

