



Donovan Lewis Jones

June 29, 1955 - February 25, 2013

Mr. Jones went home to be with the Lord on Monday, February 25, 2013 at the age of 57 years. He was born on June 29, 1955 in Saginaw, MI, the son of Raymond and the late Vernestine Jones.

Donovan accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church as a child. He later joined Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as the minister of music for nine years.

Donovan received his Master's Degree in Social Work at Michigan State University. He was employed by the State of Michigan Department of Human Services in Flint, MI and Kairos Healthcare as a Clinical Therapist in Saginaw, MI. He married Doris Burgman on October 14, 2000. She survives him.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Doris Jones; four step-children, Fredrick (Elizabeth) Kelly, Latasha (Andre) Lawson, Joseph Burgman and Brandon Burgman; four grandchildren, Jalen, Iman, Michelle and Akya; one sister, Kimberly Jones, Ph.D., Alexandria, VA; two brothers, Willard (Deborah) Jones, Alexandria, VA and Gregory (Cynthia) Jones, San Antonio, TX; five nieces, Dr. LaDonna Jones, Seattle, WA, Stephanie and Shadana Williams, both of Indianapolis, IN, Jennifer and Sara Jones, both of San Antonio, TX; one great niece, Grabiela Williams; three nephews, Gregory Jones, Swartz Creek, MI, Rollin Smith and Anthony Williams, both of Saginaw, MI; two aunts,

Erma Jones, Los Angeles, CA and Erma Jean Jones, Wilmar, AR; three uncles, Lewis Ridgel, Corpus Christi, TX, Ernest Ridgel, Dayton, OH and Harold Jones, Los Angeles, CA; two sisters-in-law, Gail Snipes and Barbara Jones, both of Saginaw, MI; his brother-in-law, Odie Kelly, Philadelphia, MS; also a host of cousins and friends, including his special friends, Lathan and Kim Wilson, the Babers and Allen families, Kenneth and TyRunda Reed and Mario Corley.

Donovan was preceded in death by his sister, Janice Williams; brother, Raymond Craig Jones; and brother-in-law, Lafarn Kelly.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church family, Covenant Healthcare and the Prince of Peace Baptist Church family.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013 at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 1111 N. 29th Street. Pastor Willie Hill, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Avenue, on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
1111 N. 29th Street
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *David - Enzell McCollum lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



David - Enzell McCollum - March 07, 2013 at 08:10 AM

MB

“ *Michelle Blair lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Michelle Blair - March 06, 2013 at 09:47 AM

SS

“ *Sharon Scott lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Sharon Scott - March 04, 2013 at 06:23 PM

RF

“ *Rita Farrell-Williams lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Rita Farrell-Williams - March 04, 2013 at 01:08 PM

RJ

“ Regina (Lyons) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Regina (Lyons) Johnson - March 04, 2013 at 11:05 AM

BJ

“ Buford V Gaiter Jr lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Buford V Gaiter Jr - March 03, 2013 at 09:18 PM

JO

“ Jacqueline Oates lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Jacqueline Oates - March 03, 2013 at 06:40 PM

JM

“ James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



James and Ola McMillan - March 03, 2013 at 08:25 AM

GW

“ *What a wonderful coworker I had the pleasure of working with at Kairos Healthcare. Always had a smile on his face. Absolutely a pleasure knowing Donovan, you just dont meet many people like him in life. You are truly missed.*

G. Williams - March 02, 2013 at 11:55 PM

MJ

“ *Mia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Mia Johnson - March 02, 2013 at 11:45 PM

PS

“ *Your loss is a shock to us. May the blessing of the almighty be with your family.*
Paul and Peter Kleinebreil (Class of SHS 1973)

Paul Kleinebreil, Saginaw - March 02, 2013 at 02:27 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Mosella Reed and Family - March 02, 2013 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ My prayers and condolences to the entire Jones Family, Donovan will truly be missed. We first met at Morley School and many years later again working at SCCMHA, he was truly a blessing to know and work with. I will keep your family in my prayers today and in the days to come. God Bless you all.

Stephanie Hall

S Hall - March 01, 2013 at 03:21 PM

SM

“ As many on this website have expressed, Donovan was a great friend and co-worker. So saddened to hear of his passing. In the short time that he worked here with us at DHS he left such a lasting impression! ALWAYS positive, smiling and upbeat, and making us laugh, even when his health began to fail. What a true inspiration! We missed you when you left and will miss you even more now. Rest in Peace Donovan....

Co-worker Friend,

Sabrina McGowan, DHS

Sabrina McGowan - March 01, 2013 at 10:29 AM

ES

“ I am so saddened to hear of Donovan's passing. He was a terrific person. From his first day at DHS to his last working day with us, he was upbeat and happy. May we all take from his life the lesson of giving of oneself. He is truly a man to emulate. May God be with all of his family and friends and keep reminding each of us of the good times spent with Donovan while he was on this earth.

Eileen Shufelt - March 01, 2013 at 08:44 AM

RV

“ Robert (C-Boy)& Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Robert (C-Boy)& Linda Veasley - March 01, 2013 at 08:06 AM

AS

“ Donovan displayed kindness and understanding towards everyone he met. He fought a good fight, he has finished his course, and he kept the faith. (2 Tim 4:7). May God Bless Donovan's family and keep them. Alma Sykes-Edwards (Genesee County DHS)

Alma Sykes-Edwards - February 28, 2013 at 08:44 PM

VB

“ The Batts family (Bennie, Bettye, Melissa, Velissa, and Benjamin) would like to send our condolences to the Jones family.....RIP Donovan.

Velissa Batts - February 28, 2013 at 08:32 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Donovan Lewis Jones.



February 28, 2013 at 07:06 PM

LB

“ *Lorna (Suggs) Burke lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Lorna (Suggs) Burke - February 28, 2013 at 04:33 PM

DR

“ *I am sendng my Condolences to the jones family i had the pleasure of working with Mr. Donovan at Karios Health care! he was a pleasure to work with very happy Man always had smile his face! he will truly be missed !*



Danyelle Rouster - February 28, 2013 at 02:12 PM

SC

“ *Sheila R. Conyers lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Sheila R. Conyers - February 28, 2013 at 12:58 PM

MW

“ *Monica Webster-Ingram lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Monica Webster-Ingram - February 28, 2013 at 12:39 PM

JN

“ Jonathan Nagy lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones



Jonathan Nagy - February 28, 2013 at 12:33 PM

RH

“ I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live,
even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will
never die. John 11:25,26

*"Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow"*
-- Author unknown

*Sister Burgman, we are praying with you during this time and
always.....*

Robin and Riara Hunter

Robin F. Hunter - February 28, 2013 at 11:57 AM

GS

“ To the family of Donovan Lewis Jones, May God be with you, now
and forever. Gloria F. Smith, Yolanda Y. Jones, Sylvesta and Nicole
N. Liggins.

Gloria F. Smith - February 28, 2013 at 10:33 AM

LD

“ I am grateful that I knew you and very blessed that I had the opportunity to work with you upstairs in CPS Intake. I so enjoyed your smile, your friendly personality, your wife's sweet potato pie, all of the stories about your little granddaughter and it was very impressive that you knew all of the words to the "Sponge Bob Square Pants" song! I will forever cherish your memory and my thoughts and prayers are with your family and many friends at their time of loss and sorrow.



Linda Terryah, DHS

Linda Terryah, DHS - February 28, 2013 at 10:13 AM

KD

“ Kelly Clark-Huey, DHS sent a virtual gift in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Kelly Clark-Huey, DHS - February 28, 2013 at 09:28 AM

MW

“ Mechelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Mechelle Williams - February 28, 2013 at 08:21 AM

MR

“ I feel blessed that I got to have the opportunity to call you my friend. I know that you are in heaven smiling down on us all but my heart still hurts for your loss. Thank you for all of the laughs and amazing memories!!

Margie Rico-DHS - February 28, 2013 at 08:09 AM

AR

“ As a college student going through a rough time, Donovan offered me words of encouragement. He was a positive, honest person. Years later our paths would cross again at DHS. You were a great person and co-worker. Even with all that you had on your plate, you remained upbeat. Family was of the utmost importance to him. May god be with you all and take comfort in all the lives he touched, including mine. God Bless.

Amber Ragland - February 28, 2013 at 07:35 AM

MO

“ Melissa Oginsky lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Melissa Oginsky - February 28, 2013 at 07:02 AM

JV

“ Janie Villarreal lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Janie Villarreal - February 28, 2013 at 06:53 AM

JD

“ Janet Latunski - DHS lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Janet Latunski - DHS - February 28, 2013 at 06:43 AM

KM

“ God Bless you Donovan Jones!! You are one of the sweetest men I have ever met! You always made me laugh in intake, you kept a positive spirit around you and I am very saddened to hear of your passing. I know you are in peace now and resting. I will be thinking of your family and sending them prayers. Kelly Millar- DHS

Kelly Millar - February 28, 2013 at 05:22 AM

LD

“ Donovan was one of the truly nice men of this world. Rest in Peace.

Lori Buss, DHS - February 28, 2013 at 05:21 AM

LJ

“ Lela And Wilson Jones lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Lela and Wilson Jones - February 27, 2013 at 09:06 PM

SD

“ *Suzanne Diaz lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones*



Suzanne Diaz - February 27, 2013 at 08:05 PM

DW

“ *Deborah A. Williams lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones*



Deborah A. Williams - February 27, 2013 at 07:56 PM

TD

“ *Theresa Barnes Jackson, DHS lit a candle in
memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Theresa Barnes Jackson, DHS - February 27, 2013 at 07:27 PM

NS

“ *Rest easy Donovan.*

Nancy Smith (DHS)



Nancy Smith - February 27, 2013 at 07:22 PM

CD

“ You were always so positive and never let anything stand in your way, not even your health. You were always such a joy to see at the office. May you rest in peace and know that you will be missed my friend!



Christina Dowd- Genesee County DHS - February 27, 2013 at 07:19 PM

Beth Jarema

“ Beth Jarema lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Beth Jarema - February 27, 2013 at 07:17 PM

Mrs. Goodman

“ Donovan you were truly a very nice person. I will miss your jokes and you being my work counselor when things got rough. You touched many lives including mine. You will be greatly missed. Rest in peace my friend.



Lakisha Goodman (Genesee County DHS)

Mrs. Goodman - February 27, 2013 at 07:04 PM

YC

“ Yvonne Corley lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Yvonne Corley - February 27, 2013 at 04:51 PM

M(

“ Donovan was a very nice man, never a bad word to say about anyone. He always was happy, smiling and friendly. He will be missed.

Mary Smith (DHS) - February 27, 2013 at 03:00 PM

MP

“ Michelle Peerboom lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Michelle Peerboom - February 27, 2013 at 02:52 PM

DD

“ Debra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Debra Dillard - February 27, 2013 at 02:47 PM

DD

To Doris and Donavsns family. God will be there every step of the way through your sorrows, in time he and only he can heal your worn. We know that death is prosses of life and i thank God for sharing with us a good man. I will never forget my choirs days with Donavan and Doris and my visits to your home. I will lift the Jones family in prayer. And mom and i love you all

Debra Dillard - February 27, 2013 at 02:53 PM

DD

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Debra Dillard - February 27, 2013 at 02:53 PM

MF

“ You will be missed. I always enjoyed riding the elevator with you upstairs in the morning. You always had good stories and made me smile!



Michelle Finney - February 27, 2013 at 02:42 PM

ES

“ Eron Schoolcraft lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones



Eron Schoolcraft - February 27, 2013 at 02:39 PM

FK

“ Donovan was an amazingly happy man to be around. I loved to laugh with him.



Fran Key - February 27, 2013 at 02:39 PM

RB

“ Rodney Berry lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones



Rodney Berry - February 27, 2013 at 02:21 PM

CH

“ Chanda Henderson lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones



Chanda Henderson - February 27, 2013 at 02:19 PM

ME

“ Michelle Essix lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones



Michelle Essix - February 27, 2013 at 02:13 PM

TS

“ I will keep the family lifted in prayer in your time of bereavement.
try to stay together and strong as a family.

Tamara Sumpter - February 27, 2013 at 02:07 PM


Geralda
Tunstall

“ *Geralda Tunstall lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones*



Geralda Tunstall - February 27, 2013 at 02:04 PM

SH

“ *Sarina Harris lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones*



Sarina Harris - February 27, 2013 at 01:39 PM

RC

“ *Rilla Caldwell lit a candle in memory of
Donovan Lewis Jones*



Rilla Caldwell - February 27, 2013 at 12:19 PM

RW

“ *Blessings to Sister Doris Jones and family*



Regina Williams - February 26, 2013 at 09:26 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Primas lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Michelle Primas - February 26, 2013 at 09:06 PM

BW

“ *Buddy & Kim Wilson lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Buddy & Kim Wilson - February 26, 2013 at 08:33 PM

CJ

“ *CHRIS, WAYNE JERNIGAN lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



CHRIS, WAYNE JERNIGAN - February 26, 2013 at 06:21 PM

JW

“ *JUNELL WEBB lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



JUNELL WEBB - February 26, 2013 at 05:36 PM

MB

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Larry G. (Marilyn) Bowman lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Mr. & Mrs. Larry G. (Marilyn) Bowman - February 26, 2013 at 04:58 PM

MB

My prayers & condolences are with you Sis. Doris Jones and family

Mr. & Mrs. Larry G. (Marilyn) Bowman - February 26, 2013 at 04:59 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Smith lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Barbara Land-Smith - February 26, 2013 at 01:19 PM

BL

TO THE ENTIRE JONES FAMILY; DONOVAN WAS A WONDERFUL MAN OF GOD, THROUGH IT ALL HE NEVER STOPPED TRUSTING HIM AND HIS GOODNESS. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU THROUGH THIS TIME OF SORROW. GOD BLESS

BARBARA LAND-SMITH - February 26, 2013 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Linda Troutmon (SHS Class Of 1973) lit a candle in memory of Donovan Lewis Jones*



Linda Troutmon (SHS Class of 1973) - February 26, 2013 at 10:05 AM