



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

John A. "Johnny" Jones

SUNRISE: MAY 24, 1935

SUNSET: JANUARY 27, 2021

Friday, February 5, 2021, 1:00PM - 2:00PM EST
Lee's Funeral Home, 160 Fisher Avenue, White Plains, NY

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer & Scripture Reading

Deacon Nathan Doleman, Union Baptist Church

Remarks

Grover W. Jones Jr, Brother

Craig E. Jones, Son

KJ Jones, Son

Crystal Jones, Daughter-in-Law

JoAnn Turner, Niece

Linda Robertson, Niece

Terrance Jackson, Town of Greenburgh Department of Community Resources

Officer David Zenon, Greenburgh Police Department

Wilbert Preston, Greenburgh Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Scott Nelson, Rye Country Day School

Jeffrey Wilson, Westchester Community College Athletics

Obituary

KJ Jones

Eulogy and Committal

Reverend Erwin Lee Trollinger, Calvary Baptist Church



OBITUARY

John A. Jones passed away on January 27, 2021, at the age of 85, at Calvary Hospital in Bronx, New York.

“Johnny,” as he was endearingly called by everyone, was born in White Plains, New York on May 24, 1935, the second son of Grover W. Jones Sr. and Rita E. Jones, and brother to Grover W. “Deacon” Jones Jr. Growing up in the town of Greenburgh and baptized in Union Baptist Church, he attended Greenburgh public elementary and junior high schools and White Plains High School, where, as a student-athlete, he excelled in boxing. After graduating in 1953 Johnny attended Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, for two years. In 1956, Johnny met Gladys, whom he married in 1960, and together they had two sons, Karlen J. “KJ” Jones, and Craig E. “CJ” Jones.

Early in his professional career, Johnny worked as a mortgage banker, and as a credit officer. However, he knew that working with youth was his true calling. In the late 1960s, he joined the City of Yonkers Youth Board, eventually becoming a Commissioner. After moving to Elmsford in 1968, Johnny joined the staff at the Greenburgh Youth Center. The agency would go on to become the Theodore D. Young Community Center, where he worked as a Counselor and Supervisor of Youth Activities and Services until retiring. In a full “second career,” from 1987 to 2020 Johnny served as the Official Announcer for the championship-winning Westchester Community College Vikings men’s and women’s basketball teams, and was named “The Voice of Westchester Community College Athletics.”

In a true testament to his commitment to better and to empower youth, today there literally are thousands of people throughout the United States who have achieved success thanks to Johnny’s selflessness and influence.

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Johnny devoted himself to encouraging people to strive for excellence in all their endeavors, especially education. He was a fast friend to almost everyone he encountered, and always willing to share himself with anyone who needed assistance, compassion, an ear to listen, and most importantly, his wisdom and advice.

Johnny was a founding member of the African-American Men of Westchester, a member of the Westchester Stickmen Golf Club, and also served on the Greenburgh Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners. He loved jazz and was a true sports fanatic, he loved the town of Greenburgh and its residents, and he fiercely loved his wife and sons.

He will be missed by many, but together, we will all move forward in his loving memory.

WHAT WILL MATTER?

BY MICHAEL JOSEPHSON

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours, or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.

Your wealth, fame, and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.

So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.

It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.

Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought but what you built; not what you got but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage, or sacrifice that enriched, empowered, or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories but the memories of those who loved you.

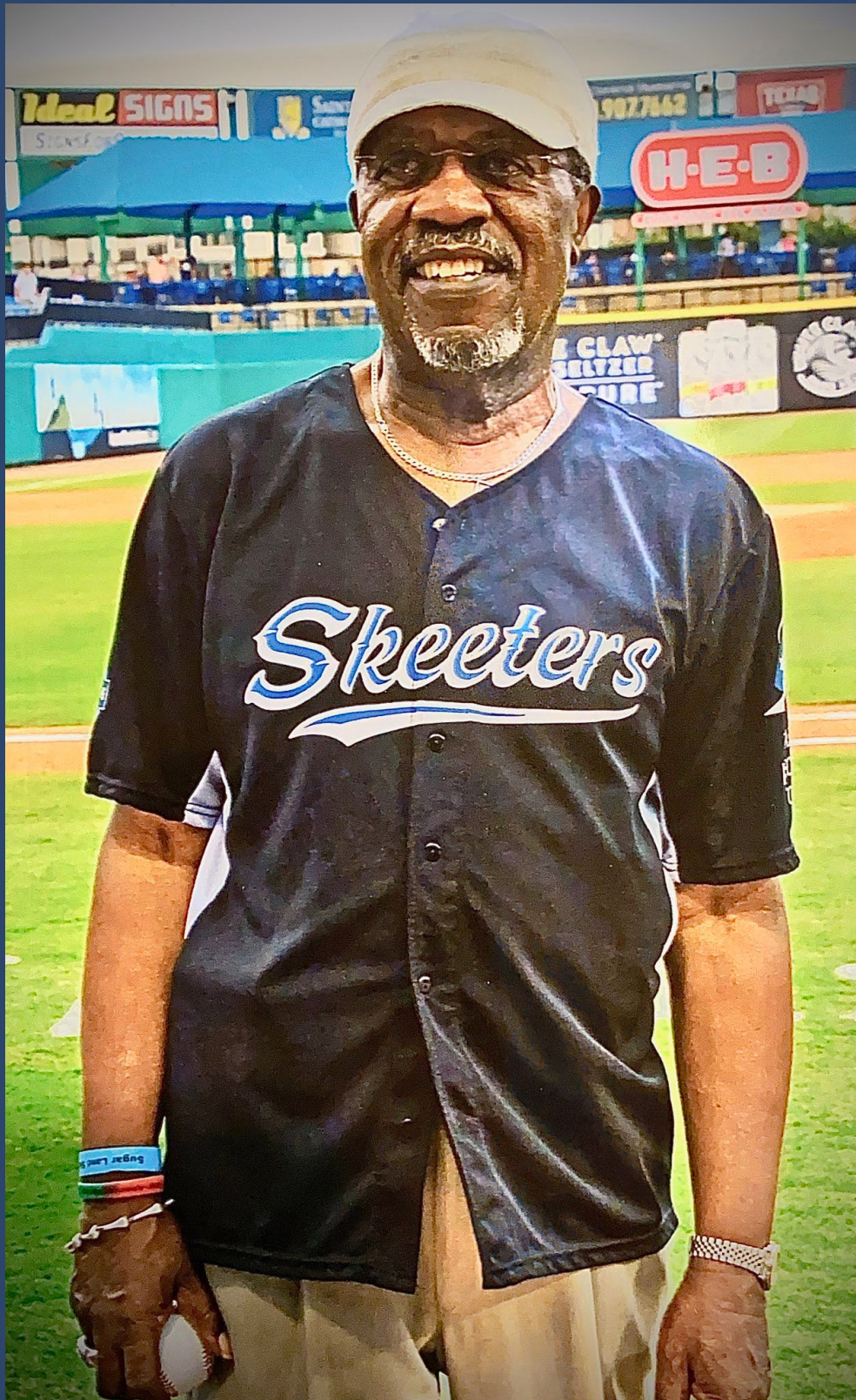
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom, and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.





The family of John A. "Johnny" Jones would like to express their appreciation for the prayers, words of support and encouragement during their time of bereavement.