



## Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones

June 13, 1937 - January 20, 2022

The passing of Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones, age 84, at Duke Hock Family Pavilion, is being announced by her loving and devoted husband Dr. Bernell Jones.

Betty Perkins Jones was born on June 13, 1937, in Durham, North Carolina. She began her career as an LPN at Duke Medical Center for numerous years before concluding her career with IBM (1976-1993) as a Library Technician.

Betty was an active member of St. Joseph AME Church until her health declined. She loved her church and often talked about it in conversation. She was also in various community organizations to include, but not limited to Jack and Jill of America, 4-H of America, Jolly Dozen, and the Silhouettes of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Betty loved both listening to music and writing her own songs, poetry and children's books. Her jazz album *It's Happening to Me* gained national attention and accolades. Her most treasured book written for children was *Color Me Free*, a magical experience of a slave trade from a child's perspective.

Betty was known for her southern cooking (especially her signature apple pie) and gained a national reputation for NCCU homecoming after-game feasts. Her heart and kitchen were always open. But Betty's means can't be limited to just homecoming for she enjoyed feeding her friends throughout the year for all events - New Year's, Easter, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and any time friends wanted to stop by for a chat. She could and would talk to anyone, even the NCCU students that she would see on the street. Betty's love for life carried over into everyone her life touched with her signature smile, laughter, and jokes. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother to her children and any other children that crossed her path. She will truly be missed.

In loving memory, Betty is survived by her devoted husband of 38 years, Dr. Bernell Jones; her sisters, Carolyn Sue Morrow and Daisy Haskins Ashford (Sidney); her loving

children; Pamela Shekinah Perkins, Natalie Perkins, Palmer L. Perkins, III, Tony F. Perkins and De'Shaun Jones. She was preceded in death by daughters Beverly Perkins Turner and Jacqueline Perkins Askins. Betty's beautiful legacy includes thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Public viewing for Mrs. Jones will take place at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, on Friday, January 28, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

A Private Family Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

The Homegoing Service of Celebration for Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones will be streamed live via the St. Joseph AME Church's website at <https://www.stjosephame.org/>

In every effort to protect our families and their guests, face coverings are required.

Interment will be held at Glennview Memorial Park, 2515 NC Hwy 55, Durham, North Carolina 27713.

In Lieu of flowers, Dr. Jones and family gratefully request any gifts of remembrance be donated to the

Betty Perkins Jones Educational Scholarship Fund

towards the Higher Education of her great and great-great grandchildren.

Please send all scholarship gifts to:

Dr. Bernell Jones

c/o Natalie Perkins

5 Little Valley Court

Durham, NC 27704

Checks payable to:

Dr. Bernell Jones with Betty Perkins Jones Scholarship Fund written on the memo line

# Cemetery Details

## Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55  
Durham, NC 27713  
(919) 596-8102

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com  
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

## Private Family Service

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

RJ

“ *Raymond McAllister, Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones*



**Raymond McAllister, Jr** - February 10, 2022 at 07:10 PM

RJ

“ *To the Jones/Perkins Family:*

*Natalie, Pam, and Palmer, on behalf of the McAllister/Ochman family, we extend our deepest condolences on the recent passing of your mother, Mrs. Betty Perkins Jones. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding sustain you in the days, weeks, and months ahead. HHS Class of 78.*



**Raymond McAllister, Jr** - February 10, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DE

“ *To the family of Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones, my sincere condolences to you all in your hour of sorrow. I had the pleasure of singing in Betty and Dr. Jones wedding, which was such an honor. I have always felt like a family member of Betty's family. Her legacy will forever live on. With much love.*



*Doris Bass Eurquhart*

**Doris Eurquhart** - January 29, 2022 at 02:33 PM

QL

“ *To the Family of Mrs. Betty Jones: I was saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Jones. My prayers are for your comfort at this time.*



**Queen Lawrence** - January 29, 2022 at 01:51 PM

SJ

“ *Time is a precious gift from God. She lived every moment of it. Well Done.*

**Shad Jefferies** - January 28, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jones, but I knew of her through her daughter Natalie, who is my neighbor. Please except our sincere condolences on the passing of your dear loved one. May God strengthen your hearts during this difficult time.*

*The Rainey Family*

**Raineyperry Teresa** - January 28, 2022 at 08:09 AM

SC

“ *Sincere sympathy to the entire family. I have many fond memories of your loved one during the gospel choir years at West Durham Baptist Church where she used her beautiful voice as soloist in "I Made A Vow" under the direction of my late spouse Leon Cole. She always had a sweet spirit and disposition. We had a wonderful conversation the last time I saw her with her daughter Natalie at Walmart. I will certainly continue praying for you in the days ahead. RIP Shirley T. Cole*



**Shirley T. Cole** - January 27, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MK

“ *I will miss the world's best cook, joke teller and neighbor. Oh say can you see.*  
*Marsha*

**Marsha Kee** - January 27, 2022 at 10:18 AM

BT

“ *The world is a little less bright now to me because such a bright light has gone out. Betty was such a positive influence in the lives of so many people. She was a rock to her family and friends but also a source of pure joy and love. I remember the fun, the laughter, the endless conversations we shared and I will always be grateful that I knew her and that she was my friend. My condolences to her loved ones and my hope that you can draw on her strength during this time.*

*Betty Toole*

**Betty Toole** - January 25, 2022 at 08:10 PM

JA

“ I can truly say mama because that's what she is to lot of people and I'm proud to say I'm one of them, you'll never be forgotten I love you mom

James Askins - January 25, 2022 at 02:42 PM

LR

“ Pamela; sending all my prayers and condolences to you. Hang in there; God has got this in His hands.

Lynn Robertson - January 25, 2022 at 05:03 AM

BS

My prayers are sent to u and your family Pam. No one wants their mom gone but it's wonderful to see that life was full of so many generations that she got to enjoy.

Barbars Scott - January 26, 2022 at 04:55 AM

DH

“ To Dr. Bernell Jones and the Family of Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones. She will always be alive in the laughter, joy, and sweet memories that she left behind. Today, and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength. Betty will be greatly missed, but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Albert and Dorothy L. Huey



Dorothy L. Huey - January 24, 2022 at 02:30 PM

SB

The Hillside High School classmates of 1955 join together in support of the family of our classmate, Mrs. Betty Higgins Perkins Jones upon her death. Many beautiful memories of Betty have been shared and will be held in our hearts. We pray that all of us will continue to exemplify her love for people and life by sharing our blessings, joy, resources and talents with others. Peace and Love! ❤️🕊️

Sarah Bell-Lucas - January 28, 2022 at 09:39 AM

MW

“ Dearest Pam, Leroy & I would like to express our love & sincere condolences to You and Your Family. We will be in continuous Prayer for You . God is your strong tower. Always, Love, Mallory Tucker Williams

Mallory Williams - January 24, 2022 at 12:15 PM

CW

“ I wish to express my sympathy to my NCCU classmate in the loss of his lovely wife and my prayers are with the Jones and Perkins family. Stay strong and continue to remember her together. Constance Sartor Walker '64.

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**Constance Sartor Walker** - January 23, 2022 at 10:14 PM

LH

“ Our prayers go out to the family during this time. Pam please know that your classmates from the Class of 77 are sending up prayers for you at this time.

Loretta Shaw Helton

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**Loretta Shaw Helton** - January 23, 2022 at 10:16 AM