



## Betty Jean Jones

January 26, 1940 - November 19, 2014

Peacefully on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, Betty Jean Jones transitioned to eternity after a long illness at home in Alexandria, VA. Betty was the third of four girls, born on January 26, 1940, to Sylvester and John Esther Jones in Jacksonville, FL. She was a life-long learner and graduated with honors (Bachelor of Science, Mathematics) from Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL in 1962. She was among the first-wave of young Blacks from HBCUs recruited by Lockheed Missile and Space Corporation in Sunnyvale, CA, her first stop in establishing a successful career and becoming a commanding presence in the field of engineering. After ten years at Lockheed, she was recruited by the Federal Aviation Administration, where she continued her already distinguished career. She was the first Black female to hold a managerial position in FAA's long history. She served consistently in career-advancing leadership positions on the west coast and Washington, DC. She was the first female journeyman-level electronics engineer and was the first and only woman, at the time, to serve in top management positions within the Airway Facilities Service of FAA. After thirty-two years of superior service, Betty retired from FAA as the manager of the Airway Facilities Workforce Recruitment Branch in 2001. Betty's dynamic servant leadership is spiritually enhanced by her faithful service as a Deacon at the Alfred Street Baptist Church.

No flowers, please: Memorial contributions to The Betty Jean Jones

Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Northern Virginia Delta Education and Community Service Foundation, P.O. Box 2265, Arlington, VA 22202.

Guests and friends will be received on Monday, December 1, 2014, from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at the Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA. Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jean Jones*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Betty Jean Jones*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *I'm saddened to learn of Ms Betty's passing. She was a friend of my mom's and an inspiration to me. I think that she is, at least in part, the reason I'm completely dedicated to DST and her example motivated me to redefine the trajectory of my STEM career. I am grateful to have crossed paths with such a phenomenal woman.*

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