



## Sarah Spivey Jones

November 6, 1938 - April 14, 2020

Sarah Jones of Upper Marlboro, Maryland passed away on Tuesday April 14, 2020 peacefully at home.

Sarah Spivey Jones was born on November 6, 1938 in Windsor Township, Bertie County, North Carolina, to the late Alex and Tazzie Spivey. Her siblings, Jack, Levelman, Alex, Jr., Muriel, Berkline, Bennie, Jimmie, and sister Rachel, have all preceded her in death.

Sarah was raised in a Christ-centered home. She was baptized and worshipped with her family at Zion Bethlehem Baptist Church and Sandy Point Baptist Church. Sarah showed intelligence and talent at an early age. When she was just four (4) years old, she would sing the Alphabet song, in reverse, during special programs at church. She also began to read and write early. While in grade school, Sarah and her sister, Muriel, were invited to attend school in Newport News, Virginia. They lived with their uncle and aunt, who taught them how to play the piano. After a few short years, Sarah returned to Windsor to attend W.S. Etheridge High School. In her Class of 1954 yearbook, Sarah was voted Best Scholars, Best Voice, Shortest and Most Likely to Succeed.

At just 15 years old, Sarah graduated from high school and was accepted into North Carolina Central University to study Business. Sarah continued to be

active on campus, singing in the choir and helping fellow students with their studies. She became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Sarah met fellow student, Ronald L. Wilson, from Teachey, NC and they married shortly after graduation. They moved to Washington, DC to begin their married life and start a family. Their union produced three children, Ronald, Jr., Renita, and Derrick Wilson.

Sarah joined First Rock Baptist church in Southeast, Washington, DC in the sixties. The family was active and walked to services with neighbors that were also members. Later, the family joined The New Macedonia Baptist Church in Southeast and Sarah served as a faithful member until her retirement.

Sarah began working for the federal government in 1958 at the U.S. Government Publishing Office. Sarah was quickly promoted into various positions within the agency and her career took her to Chicago and other places for training and special projects. She received numerous awards and special recognition. Sarah was promoted to Chief of her division and served in that role until her retirement in 1993.

Sarah married Lawrence Jones in 1989 and embraced two stepdaughters, Lydia Nunn and Laureen Mullins. Sarah and Lawrence retired and relocated to Ahoskie, North Carolina near Sarah's childhood home in Windsor, NC. While in Ahoskie, Sarah spent time with her mother and reconnected with cherished friends and relatives. She joined the Piney Wood Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and immersed herself in several of the church's ministries. She sang in the in the choir, directed and played piano for the youth choir and helped organize many of the church's events. Sarah also played piano at some of the area churches and frequently asked to play for funerals, weddings, and other events.

Sarah and Lawrence returned to the Washington, DC area in 2002 and settled into Upper Marlboro, MD. She loved spending time with her children,

grandchildren, relatives, and friends. Sarah indulged in her passion for gardening and was very proud of her roses, peonies, lilacs, and azaleas. She spent many mornings and afternoons tending to her plants and resting by the fishponds in the backyard.

Sarah was known for her faith, sharp wit, and her passion for helping and teaching others. Wherever she lived, Sarah took time to minister to those around her. She believed that faith, education, financial discipline, training, hard work and commitment were the tickets to success and a peaceful life. She was involved in community groups and often spoke with children and adults in the neighborhood about their life, jobs, and relationships. She encouraged and coached them with love and acceptance to better their circumstances. Sarah's legacy lives on in those whose lives that she impacted.

Sarah leaves to mourn her children, Ronald Wilson Jr.(District Heights, MD) Renita Wilson (Bowie, MD) and Derrick Wilson (Upper Marlboro, MD) ; four grandchildren, Briana Cleveland (Marcus), Alexander Strachan (Emily), Tyrik Strachan and Brayden Strachan; great-granddaughter Logan Cleveland; Sister-in-law, Rose Spivey; step-daughters Lydia Nunn and Laureen Mullins; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews and family members, along with many cherished friends.

The family of Sarah Jones will be hosting relatives and friends on Monday April 27, 2020 at Pope Funeral Homes 5538 Marlboro Pike Forestville MD 20747

Viewing 10:00 am

Service 11:00 am

Interment Delayed Burial at Maryland Veterans Cheltenham

Her service will be streamed on Pope Website.

# Cemetery Details

## MARYLAND VETERANS CHELTENHAM

11301 CRAIN HIGHWAY  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Homes - Forestville Chapel  
5538 Marlboro Pike  
Forestville, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

POPE FUNERAL HOME  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Sarah Spivey Jones*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - April 27, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sarah Spivey Jones*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Sarah Spivey Jones*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Our family is so sorry to hear of the passing of Sarah. Our prayers are with you all.*  
*Laureen Mullins & family*

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**Laureen Mullins** - May 06, 2020 at 11:16 PM

JB

“ Growing up in the same neighborhood as your family I got know your mother very well being a close friend to you Ronald. We spent many a day playing in your yard and in your basement also. Your mother was always very nice to all of us kids in the neighborhood and she always had a big smile on her face. She never complained about us playing street football on your street and would move her cars to lets us play in the whole block from Alabama Ave to Chaplin st. I remember as a kid playing croket in your yard and her offering us cookies and milk when she was home May her spirit rest in peace with God.

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**James Burgess** - April 30, 2020 at 12:27 PM

 Angela Puryear

“ Your Mom was an amazing neighborhood Mom she embraced all of gave us advice and sometimes comical commentary on our lives, the parties she'd host for us on Fridays, my first trip to TNMBC and how she'd laugh with or at us sitting in her kitchen. Even after we'd grown at your dinner table at our first reunion of reconnecting she made us laugh at dinner reminding me of those days long ago What an awesome Lady, she has a special place on my heart. ❤️ Love y'all

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**Angela Puryear** - April 28, 2020 at 02:09 PM

SH

“ May God Bless you and your entire family. You are in my prayers.  
Suzette H.

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**Suzette H.** - April 28, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KH

“ Sarah was my Godmother and will always be such a large part of my life. I learned so much from her and have many precious memories to cherish. I am so sorry for her loss and wish Ronnie, Renita, and Derrick an abundance of peace during this difficult time. Love you all, Karen Thompson (Jim and Clarice’s daughter).

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**Karen Hendrix** - April 28, 2020 at 07:30 AM

CD

“ Your mom was such a lovely person! Sending condolences and prayers to you family- a beautiful service!  
Crystal D

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**Crystal D** - April 27, 2020 at 12:22 PM

JH

“ Derrick ,Ronnie,and Renita my condolences go out to your and family , your mother was blessing , she was an angel on earth , brought life into everyone, my prayers are y’all love from James Harris

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**James Harris** - April 27, 2020 at 12:03 PM

CT

“ Ronnie, Renita and Derrick,

*What a beautiful service! Please know that my arms are wrapped around you at this time.*

*I've lost my friend but my many memories will always keep me close to her. So "Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God. " I love you💕💕💕*

*Clarice*

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**Clarice P Thompson** - April 27, 2020 at 11:48 AM

PB

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to you during this time. I shall always remember Sarah's smiling face and friendly greetings. Our children playing together, memories of school activities at Woodson High School, neighborly fun are all fondly indelible in my mind. God be with you Ronnie, Renita and Derrick  
The Bonds Family*

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**patricia bonds** - April 27, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MK

“ *Ronald, Renita, and Derrick, you have our deepest sympathies on the loss of your mom. She was one of the most kind and beautiful of neighbors. Praying for your strength, peace, and comfort. - Maria Keyser, John Clark, and Isaac Clark.*

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**Maria Keyser** - April 27, 2020 at 11:24 AM

DT

“ I am so sad to see you go. I will always remember how beautiful you were inside and out. I am blessed to have known you and I will remember you always.

Debra Taylor - April 27, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JH

“ Joyce Howerton lit a candle in memory of Sarah Spivey Jones



Joyce Howerton - April 27, 2020 at 10:26 AM

RC

“ Our Most Sincerest Condolences Ever to the Family of Sarah Spivey Jones, my Friend, my Family and my Homie from Windsor NC Sarah was Sooooo Sweet, Kind, Caring & Most Loving to Everybody. She helped me in my DayCare in Clinton MD before she became ill. The children loved & cherished her to pieces. She will be greatly missed by All. Remember God is Still IN Control, and He IS Always With You!! Be Blessed my Friends and Family. Rest in Paradise Sweet Sarah, until we meet Again. Love Y'all Always Ronald Jr, Renita & Derrick A Wilson  
Our Prayers and Thoughts will Be With You Forever God Bless!



Ruth Bond Cherry - April 27, 2020 at 10:21 AM

MH

I met Sarah through her home girl.Ruth Cherry.Sarah had a beautiful personality and I will never forget her.Peace love and faith to her family.  
Merrill Hayes

Merrill Hayes - April 27, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SG

“ *Renita, Ronnie & Derrick with my deepest sympathy, I pray that your Family heals through & with the Grace of God. Love Always Sue Gaskin & Family.*

Sue Gaskin - April 27, 2020 at 10:20 AM

YJ

“ *Yvette And David Jackson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Spivey Jones*



Yvette and David Jackson - April 27, 2020 at 10:19 AM

LP

“ *Louis P lit a candle in memory of Sarah Spivey Jones*



louis p - April 27, 2020 at 10:06 AM

JC

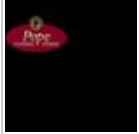
“ *You were a light on our block growing up. You were always kind when I rang the door for Renita to play. You were the best to see shining bright with your smile. Thank you for raising beautiful gifts to our world. Rest in Peace. JAN CARSON*

Jan Carson - April 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM

LP

“ again derrick sorry for your lost i know what it is to loose your mom love you.Louis.p

louis p. - April 27, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Online Program



Website Admin - April 27, 2020 at 09:16 AM

HS

“ Renita, Ronald, and Derrick-- my deepest sympathy to each of you and your extended family. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to know your mom – she was a beautiful lady. I wish you all comfort in the days ahead.

Harriet Smith

Harriet Smith - April 26, 2020 at 09:12 PM

YC

“ Yvette Collins lit a candle in memory of Sarah Spivey Jones



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**Yvette Collins** - April 26, 2020 at 03:04 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You



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**Thomas Widgeon** - April 24, 2020 at 08:04 AM