Order of Service

Pastor Jack Matthew Peterson, Presiding
New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
Lake City, South Carolina

Prelude ..... Musician

Processional ..... **"Pass Me Not"** ..... Clergy and Family

Final Viewing

Opening Hymn ..... **"Amazing Grace"** ..... Combined Choir

Scriptural Readings:

Old Testament ..... Minister James McFadden
Associate Minister of New Bethlehem Baptist Church

New Testament ..... Elder Ilene Avery
True Mission Ministries

Prayer ..... Reverend John Kennedy
John Tabernacle Holiness Church

Solo ..... Sister Annie Lou Eaddy

Reflections **(Three minutes, please)**:

Church ..... Elder Hattie Josey
True Mission Ministries

Friend ..... Elder Calvin Gee
True Mission Ministries

Family ..... Maria Sanders, Niece

Reading ..... Elder Alice Rolstone
True Mission Ministries

Acknowledgements ..... Samuels Funeral Home

Tribute ..... Samuels Funeral Home

Solo ..... Sister Margureen Evans

Words of Comfort ..... Elder Calvin Gee
True Mission Ministries

Directions of Funeral Director ..... Samuels Funeral Home

Benediction

Recessional ..... Medley of Songs ..... Combined Choir

Committal and Interment ..... Florence National Cemetery
803 East National Cemetery Road
Florence, South Carolina

A Loving Tribute

Auntie, you were truly one of a kind. You had a strong presence, a firm voice, and a way of commanding everyone's attention. Whenever our family gathered, we could count on you to lead the discussion and tell us exactly what was on your mind — whether we were ready to hear it or not! You were a woman of strength and conviction, never afraid to speak your mind, yet you had a sense of humor that could catch us by surprise and bring a smile to our faces. Your wisdom, strength, and unmistakable personality made you someone we will never forget. We will miss your voice, your laughter, and those unforgettable family discussions. Our gatherings will never be quite the same without you. Although our hearts are saddened by your passing, we are grateful for the memories, the lessons, and the love we shared. You will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

~With Love, The McNair Family

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Casket Bearers
Nephews



Aunt Oceal,

There are not enough words in the English language to describe your life and legacy. You were a woman of God, a devoted sister, and a caring aunt. You loved us all unconditionally and encouraged us to excel in school and in our careers. You pushed us to walk honorably in the footsteps of Jim and Curlee Jones. I will always remember the times you talked about your parents and how hard they worked to take care of their children. You spoke with pride about how your parents made the most of what they had and how they always gave to others. You wanted all of us to live as they lived. I will miss our Sunday afternoon phone calls. Thank you for your example, love, and encouragement.

~Love, Marla

My Loving Aunt,

Thank you for being a second Mother to us all, for sharing your wisdom and generously supporting your family while never asking for anything in return. Yes, you often set us straight when we needed guidance. You were very blunt, but you always spoke with love. We always knew that you cared for us and loved us like your own. I love you and I pray you get your rest.

~Love, Samecia

In Appreciation

We would like to extend special thanks to Latisha Brown, CNA; Janeisha Blaine, RN; Sherilyn McFadden, NP; and the homecare team in Stratford, Connecticut, for all of the help, care, and support provided to Oceal during her illness. We would also like to express our gratitude to the many friends, family, and church and community members who loved and befriended her during her life. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving care!

~Sincerely, The Jones Family

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Life Reflections

Elder Oceal Jones Jefferson was born on March 25, 1941, in Estill, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Jim Jones and Mrs. Curlee Wallace Jones. **Oceal** was the third of ten children born to their union. She had seven sisters: Earlet, Edest, Marjorie, Jane, Beulah, Betty, and Mamie. She also had two brothers, Jim and Lacie.

Oceal was educated in the public schools of Lake City, South Carolina, and graduated from Carver High School in 1960. Following the example of her loving parents, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior while faithfully attending the New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. O**ceal's** parents were diligent servants of Christ who taught their children to love God and each other. Because of the lessons she learned from her parents, **Oceal** dedicated her life to the service of God, teaching the Gospel and serving others through her ministry.

After graduating high school, **Oceal** moved to New Jersey and later settled in Stratford, Connecticut. She enrolled first in high school classes and then in community college to further her education. She began a long career in health care, working as a nurse in the neonatal care unit and retiring as a cardiac technician at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Connecticut. During her 45 years of service at St. Vincent's, **Oceal** was recognized as a distinguished employee.

Oceal also attended the Bible Institute of America where she studied Theology for five years. Using her training, she founded and served as Pastor of the True Mission Ministries. She served faithfully in this role for 27 years. As an Elder, Pastor, and Bible study teacher, **Oceal** faithfully shared the word of God and never wavered from it. She was a devoted servant of God who dedicated many years of her life to ministry. Elder Jefferson had an extraordinary thirst for knowledge of God's Word, and she generously shared her wisdom and Biblical understanding with those around her, leaving a lasting spiritual impact on many lives.

While living in Connecticut, **Oceal** met and married Mr. Joseph Jefferson. They were married for more than 40 years until his death in 2016.

On October 24, 2026, **Oceal Jones Jefferson** passed away peacefully at her home in Lake City, South Carolina. She was predeceased by her loving husband, her parents, and her siblings: Lacie Jones, Annie Jane Sanders, Earlet Graham, and Marjorie Jones. **Oceal's** life was a testament to resilience, integrity, dedication, and kindness. She worked hard, cared deeply for others, and led by example, leaving an enduring impact on family, friends, and her community.

Oceal was a devoted wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, who leaves to cherish her memories: her brother, Mr. Jim (Julia) Jones; her sisters: Edest McNair of Fort Lauderdale, FL; Minister Betty Ross and Mamie Everly of Lake City, SC; and Beulah Jones of Pamplico, SC; sister-in-law, Angela Jones of Cades, SC; two goddaughters: Debra Monroe and Evangelist Shirley Gee; her church family; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In Loving Memory
of
Elder Oceal Jones Jefferson



Tribute to My Family

Remember me with smiles… not tears,
For all the joy through all the years,
Recall a closeness that was ours,
A love so sweet as a field of flowers.
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
Trust and have faith that we'll meet again,
I am at peace…. try to believe,
It was my time…. I had to leave.
And when God calls you…you'll be here,
Right by my side…forever near,
Till Then, I'll wait by heaven's gate,
For the great reunion, so worth the wait.
Take care, Bye now.

~Love, "Oceal Jones Jefferson"

Tributes

To Our Sister

Because of your strength, we learned to be strong. Because of your generous spirit and your loving heart, you showed us how to live with unconditional love. We will miss you in so many ways for so many reasons. Thank you for being such a mighty woman of God, and for being our wonderful sister whom we will love and keep in our hearts forever.

~Love Always, Your Brother, Jim, and Sisters,
Edest, Beaulah, Betty, and Mamie

To our Dearest Aunt Oceal

Growing up, you always held us to high expectations, and today we realize what a gift that was. You made sure we knew our worth, our heritage, and what we were capable of. Your standards shaped us into stronger individuals, and our whole family is better for it. Everything you built from your career to your leadership in your ministries showed us what success, strength, and devotion look like in action. You walked the walk and you led by example every step of the way. You taught us to take pride in who we are and where we came from. Thank you for believing in us and for leaving such a powerful imprint on our lives. We love you and we appreciate everything you poured into us. We are forever grateful and blessed to have you as our dear aunt.

~Love you forever, Your Nephews Travis, Donald, and Clevon,
and Nieces Sylvia, Jamelia, Oceal, and Jembral

A Legacy of Love

Though we must say goodbye today,
Your love will never fade away.
In gentle acts and words so kind,
You leave your warmth in heart and mind.
With strength and grace, you faced each day,
And showed us all a better way.
Through hard work, faith, and selfless care,
You gave your love beyond compare.
The lessons taught, the lives you touched,
The gifts you gave meant so very much.
Though tears may fall and hearts may grieve,
Your legacy will never leave.
For in our memories, you remain,
A source of comfort through the pain.
And in the love you freely gave,
Your light will guide us all our days.
Forever loved, deeply missed, and always remembered.

~Love, Your Nieces Loraine, Ophelia, and Jamie