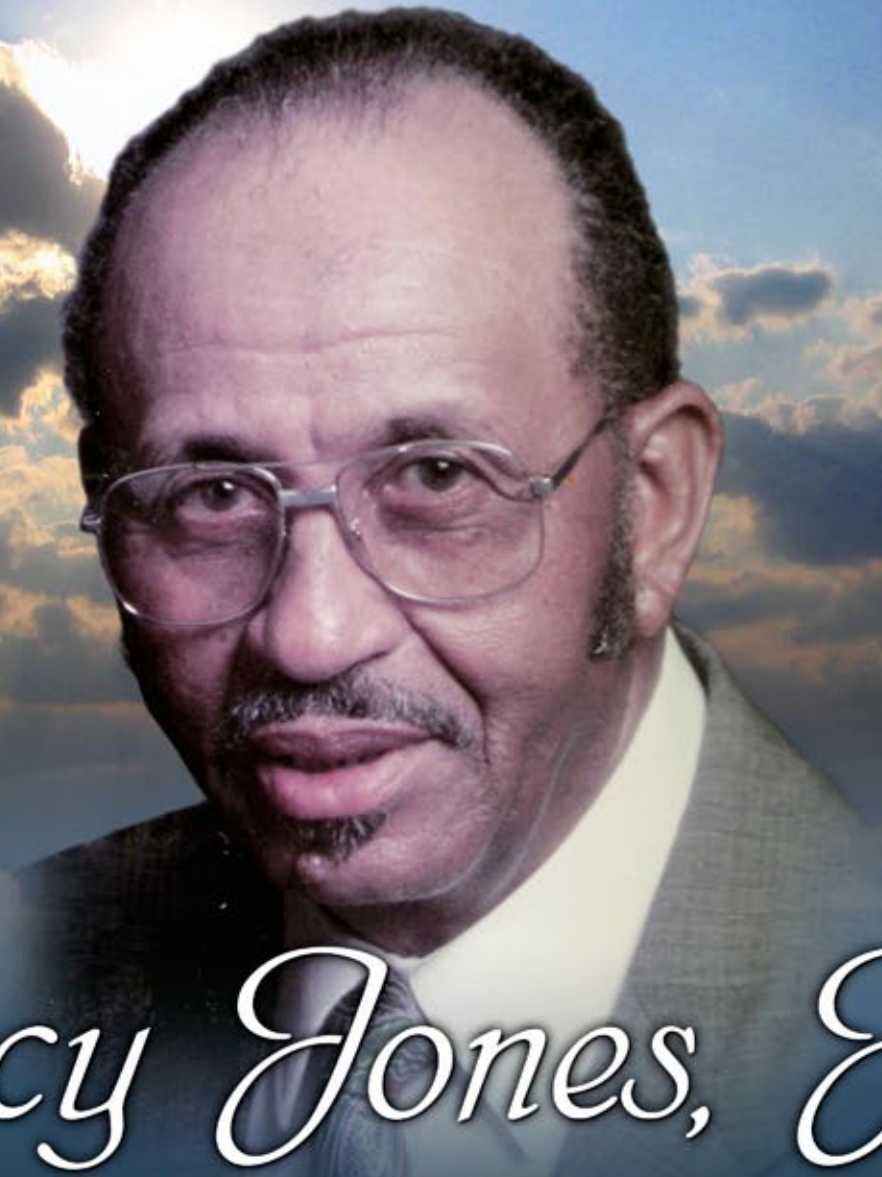


*Homegoing Celebration  
for*



*Percy Jones, Jr.*

*“Sambo”*

*Sunrise*

*March 24, 1922*

*Sunset*

*May 24, 2008*

*Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 11:00 am*

*St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church  
4699 St. Thomas Road • Bolton, Mississippi 39041  
Reverend Darryl Magee, Sr. ~ Pastor / Officiant*

# Obituary

Born March 24, 1922, Percy Gaddis Jones Jr. was the third of eight children and eldest son born to Percy and Corine Thomas Jones Sr. He was affectionately known as “Sambo”. It was a name given to him by his beloved grandfather because as a baby he ate pancakes like a man. He was born and raised in the St. Thomas Community of Bolton, MS and joined St. Thomas M.B. church at an early age. He attended St. Thomas Rosenwald School until the sixth grade when his father became ill and the duties of making a living for the family fell on his shoulders.



The year, 1942 was a milestone in his life. His mother died, he married his childhood sweetheart, Lorene Lemon, began his young family, and went into the service of the United States Army. While in service, he was able to receive a general education and acquired a skill in mechanics which served him well throughout the remainder of his life.

After serving his time in the military, Sambo returned home to St. Thomas, but decided to move his family to Chicago, IL. There he obtained employment with the United States Postal Service where he worked for 30 years, retiring in March 1980 and with Western Electric where he worked for 28 years, retiring in December 1980.



Family meant the world to Sambo. He not only loved the song, “If I Can Help Somebody”,



but he lived it. His home had swinging doors. Whenever any family member needed help, he was always there to do what he could. It has been mentioned that, “He was a hard man, but he was a fair man.” He was a loved man. When helping others, he would match his efforts to their efforts. In his home, there was always himself, his wife, his children, and other(s).

After his retirement, Sambo moved back to his beloved St. Thomas where he reunited with St. Thomas M.B. Church and served faithfully in the Deacon Ministry for 25 years. He took his role as deacon very seriously, and served respectably.



Sambo became an active member of his community. He was instrumental in establishing a voting precinct within the community, putting an end to the practice of some people voting at one precinct while their spouses and/or other family members were required to vote at another. He was a key player in prompting the local administration to build the Norrell Road interchange. He was well known for visiting the sick and shut-in and often, he would provide them transportation to and from medical or other important appointments.



Sambo departed this life on Saturday, May 24, 2008. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lorene, his youngest son, Michael, a daughter, Veronica Stewart, six sisters and one brother. He leaves to mourn his passing, his daughters: Alma Jean (Ulysses) Tate of Glenwood, IL, Oneta Jones of South Haven, MS, Dorinda (Jonas) Patterson, Percy Alton Jones, and Belinda Sue Jones, all of Bolton, MS, and Gloria Denice Jones of Oak Park, IL; fourteen grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

# Order of Service

Processional

Song..... *"May The Work I've Done"* ..... Choir

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Rev. Woody Jordan

New Testament ..... Minister Charles Ward

Prayer ..... Rev. A. G. Harper

Words of Encouragement ..... Minister Felix Anderson  
*Word of Faith Christian Center*

Selection..... *"Last Mile of the Way"* ..... Choir

Expressions

As a Neighbor/Friend ..... Bro. Walter Robinson

As a Deacon ..... Bro. Titus Saunders

As a Family Member ..... Bro. Arnold Ray Robinson

As a Community Activist ..... Bro. Doug Anderson, Representative  
*Hinds County, District 2*

As Our Dad ..... Sis. Belinda Jones, Daughter

Song..... *"If I Can Help Somebody"* ..... Debra Robinson

Church Resolution ..... Bro. Dennis Dyse

Resolution ..... Charlie Horhn  
*Office of Congressman Bennie Thompson, District 2*

Obituary ..... *Soft Music* ..... (Read Silently)

Acknowledgements..... Lorene Jones-Rucker, Granddaughter

Congregational Hymn..... *"Amazing Grace"*

Eulogy..... Pastor Darryl Magee, Sr.

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

# Acknowledgements

The Family of Percy Jones, Jr. would like to take this opportunity to thank their many relatives, neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness shown during their hour of sorrow. Whatever you did we appreciate it from the bottom of our heart.

May God richly bless each one of you.

## Honorary Pallbearers

Percy Alton Jones  
Patrick Alton Jones  
Paul Jones  
Anthony Johnson

Jonas Patterson  
Javon Cross  
Arnold Ray Robinson  
Mitchell Connor

## Active Pallbearers

Carion Neal  
Andrew Williams  
Q.C. Williams

Gregory Nichols  
Eric Nichols  
Kenneth McBride

## Flower Bearers

St. Thomas Church Family and Friends

## Interment

St. Thomas Memorial Garden  
Bolton, Mississippi

## Repast

St. Thomas Family Life Center  
Bolton, Mississippi

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