



Inez Jones

September 12, 1928 - March 24, 2013

Inez was born in Boynton, Oklahoma on September 12, 1928 to the late Gertrude Espy-Palmer-Richardson and Luther Palmer. She was the fourth child born to this union. She has one sister, Nada Mae Heard, and three brothers, Grover Palmer, Leon Palmer, deceased half brother, and Jack Palmer, deceased half brother.

She grew up in Roswell, New Mexico where she attended segregated public schools. She graduated from George Washington Carver High School in May 23, 1952. After completing high school, she met and married Johnnie Jones, deceased, on July 19, 1946, at the home of Inez's parents by the Rev. O. F. Dixon, deceased. She became a member of Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church at a young age. At age 14, she won first place for a bible school essay contest at Mt. Gilead and received a new Holy Bible as her prize which was awarded to her by Will Purdy on July 16, 1943. Inez cherished that bible and died with it beside her. She was a faithful and active member in the Church for over 70 years. She served as an Usher, Treasurer and member of the church choir. Inez was recently honored by Mt. Gilead For Faithfulness on its 100 year anniversary. She was given a plaque for this honor by Rev. C. Robinson, former Pastor. Also, Inez became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in New Mexico.

On June 1, 1956, she began working at Mountain Bell Telephone Company where she received numerous service and appreciation awards. Inez loved Roswell and became active in the community. She joined the

TelecomPioneers (Jinglebob Pioneers) and became a life member. As an active member of the Pioneers, she served as a mentor for students to help improve literacy. She was devoted to the Pioneers patriotic philosophy in helping military families and veterans. She also contributed to numerous charitable organizations and causes. She was an active member of the Communications Workers of America AFL-CIO Local No. 8609. Inez later worked, part-time, for the Roswell Police Department where she became the first African American female police officer. According to Mr. Richard D. Lucero, Community Relations Representative of the Roswell Neighborhood Crime Watch, "She may be the first female Auxiliary Police Officer in Roswell." She received an award from the Honorable James B. Lewis, Treasurer of the State of New Mexico appointing her Guardian of the Treasury in October, 1990. On June 28, 1985, she retired from Mountain Bell. Inez loved to travel. So after her retirement, she traveled around the world to visit friends with her sister and late brother, Jack Palmer. She traveled to exotic countries such as, Kenya and Nigeria, Africa, Mexico, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, Canada and Germany.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter; Marcella C. Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico, her son; Hon. Johnnie A. Jones III, Esq. of Chestertown, Maryland/Washington, D.C.; her grandsons: Sterling Nichols II of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Marquis Aaron Jones of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her granddaughters; Jacqueline Inez Bagwell of Dallas, Texas; Jerika Rebekah Lynn Selph-Jones of Albuquerque, New Mexico and numerous great-grandchildren as well as many other relatives and good friends. Inez will be remembered for her love for family, friends, church and community outreach. We Love You Inez! May you rest in peace with God.... Funeral services will be held at 11 am Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church 700 E. Summit with Pastor Allen officiating. Burial to follow in South Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 10 am – 5 pm and Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 8 am – 8 pm at the funeral home.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

To view the memorial video click here. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLJuABHGleQ>

Tribute Wall



“ *Inez Jones*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I love you grandma...*

Jacqueline - August 09, 2013 at 04:51 AM



“ *I knew Inez from all her good works. That sweet face in all her hats kept me happy and we had talked often over the years. My condolences to her family. I am sorry I will be unable to attend but what better time than Easter.*

Jena Amaral - March 27, 2013 at 12:03 AM



“ *I am one of the bus drivers for Villa Del Rey. I had the pleasure of transporting Inez to her appointments and to Church many times. She was always so gracious and kind to me. What a wonderful example of a Christian lady. She is in God's hands now as she always was here on this earth.
P.S. My wife, Anne remembers walking to school with Johnnie and Marcella as a kid. She grew up on Frazier Street. Anne Shaw at that time. Bless you all.*

Chris Hicks - March 26, 2013 at 10:14 PM



“ *Inez Jones*

Windell Middlebrooks - March 26, 2013 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Marcella, you and the rest of the family are in my prayers! Stay encouraged, God will comfort you.*

Monica "Middlebrook" Houston - March 26, 2013 at 06:37 PM

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“ *I have known Inez all of my life. She was a WONDERFUL person to know and to talk with about her work that she did at MT. Gilead. She will be GREATLY missed by one and all who knew her. May she REST IN PEACE.*

verna brown white - March 26, 2013 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Our harts are saddened. Cousin Inez was such a sweet person. We will ever remember her sweet spirit. We are praying for the family.*

Rev.Juston v. and Wanda A. Middlebrooks - March 25, 2013 at 06:44 PM