

### L.J. JONES

Bro. L.J. Jones was born on May 6, 1938 in Crockett, to the late George and LaVenna Jones. He attended Crockett public schools.

L.J. started singing gospel at an early age. Some of the groups he sang with were the Southland Singers, the Spiritual Allstars and L.J. Jones and Praise. His greatest joy singing with Praise, was that two of his grandsons, Christian and Nicholas, were a part of this group, to carry on his legacy.

L.J. was a former member of the Porter Springs Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Elder J.E. Reaves. Later he joined Hampton Memorial Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Superintendent J.R. Hampton, Jr., remaining a faithful member until death.

On February 14, 1959, he united in holy matrimony with the former Albertine Lacy. Their union was blessed with two children, Jeffery and Roche.

On July 29, 2001, he was

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called from labor to reward at his home, surrounded by loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, and three brothers.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving and devoted wife of 42 years, Albertine; son Jeffrey, and wife Berta; daughter Roche; three grandsons, Christian, Nicholas and Jeffrey, Jr., all of Crockett; one step-grandson Willie Love, Jr., and wife Christina of Irving; two brothers, George Jones, Jr., and Otha Jones, of Crockett; three sisters-in-law, Pauline Jones of Houston, Nettie B. Jones and Wilma DeBlaw, of Crockett; brother-in-law Sylvester

Walker of Akron, Ohio; two "special daughters," Shirley Robinson of Houston and Debra Gibson of Palestine; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Harvest Church, located on Loop 304 East, with Superintendent J.R. Hampton, Jr., officiating. Eternal resting place will be in Union Prairie Cemetery. Casketbearers were Royester Jones, Darrell Jones, Tom Jones, Timothy Parker, Rod Walker, and the Rev. Horace Kelley. Wake services were held Friday from 7-9 p.m. at Hampton Memorial Church.

**McClain-Cleburn Funeral Service**