



Mother Susie Jones Drayton

December 19, 1919 - January 15, 2021

Susie Jones Drayton, 101, was born December 19, 1919 in Ellenwood, Georgia to father, Pleas Patrick Jones, and mother, Bertha Freeman Jones. She departed this life on Friday, January 15, 2021 at her home due to natural causes.

Mrs. Drayton graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia and continued to receive a bachelor's degree in English from Spelman College, also in Atlanta, Georgia.

She was married to the late Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton on May 29, 1946.

Life Of Dedication

She worked as a secretary at the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama, after college and worked for 31 years for the Forsyth County Agricultural Extension Service. Mrs. Drayton was the wife of the pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church for 62 years. She devoted much of her free time to activities at the church and was actively involved with community organizations centered around youth development. She spearheaded an adult literacy program at New Bethel Baptist Church, soon after arriving in Winston-Salem. She also established the Journalistic Society at New Bethel, started the Spotlight church newspaper and developed Youth Day. Mrs. Drayton was instrumental in starting two events that continue at New Bethel to this day—the Annual Fellowship Day in September, which precedes the start of Revival in September and Race

Progress Promoters Day, which is an outgrowth of her idea for Race Progress Day.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church.

Precious Memories

She is survived by her son, Attorney Jerry Drayton, her daughter-in-law, Dr. Wilma T. Drayton, nephew, Eric Johnson and his wife, Gayle, her devoted caregiver, Shirley Lewis, God-daughter Brenda Witherspoon and a host of other nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **23**. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

New Bethel Baptist Church
1016 North Trade Street
Winston Salem, NC 27101

ZOOM LINK FOR SERVICE- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2835143013>

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *MRS SUSIE DRAYTON:
WAS SOMEONE WHO WAS SO SPECIAL
TO ME AND MY FAMILY AND CAN NEVER
BE FORGOTTEN
MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.
AND STAY IN THE HEART OF MANY.
FROM LINDY HARRIS-ELLIS AND FAMILY*



Lindy Ellis - January 24, 2021 at 11:54 AM

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“ *Dearest Mother Drayton,
I will truly miss seeing your quiet smile and
meeting you & Shirley at the airport to begin your two two week
stay. I was blessed to have you as a mother in law. You will truly be
missed. May You Rest In Peace 💕
Your Daughter in 💕 Wilma*

Dr. Wilma Toney- Drayton - January 22, 2021 at 09:29 AM

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“ I am saddened to read that Mrs. Drayton has left this life because she was the kindest and sweetest woman to me growing up. One of my personal examples of how to be love... Earth has lost a beautiful person but heaven has gained a very special angel. I grew up across the street. My earliest memories include her mentoring us neighborhood kids in 4H and being an extension of our own parent's teaching. I recall going through the back door for 4H meetings. She always had cookies for us--something that was hard to get at home! I remember sledding and rolling down the hill in her and Rev. Drayton's front yard and all of us kids getting in trouble with our parents, but the Drayton's were so kind and would tell us it's okay, have fun! (Unless it was a time when the yard was being treated. :)) When I went off to college, she made it a point to stop in the driveway when she'd see me, ask how it was going, and encourage me. Thank you for sharing your life and love. I pray you hear, "Well done." You deserve it. Rest well Mrs. Drayton.



Maddie C. Durant - January 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM