



Samuel I Jones

October 17, 1944 - April 3, 2022

Rev. Samuel I Jones ,Jr., age 77, of Gainesville, FL, died Sunday, April 3, 2022, at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. He was the founder and pastor for over 50 years of Open Door Ministries. He ministered to souls all over and lived by a motto of one of his favorite sermons: " My problem is not on the outside, but on the inside".

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years; Mother Margaret Jones, loving children, grandchildren, siblings, a vast extended family, parishioners and friends. .

Arrangements are being handled by Chestnut Funeral Home, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL . The Funeral service for Pastor Jones will be held at 10am on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Greenhouse Church in Gainesville, with a burial immediately following in Evergreen Cemetery. There will be a public visitation from 3-6pm on Friday, April 15, 2022 at Open Door Ministries, with a Wake from 5-6pm at the same location. Sympathy posts and floral tributes may be ordered via links at www.chestnutfh.com/obituary; additionally the family has coordinated with The Plant Shoppe for floral arrangement orders. For further information please email: admin@chestnutfh.com or call 855-5-CHESTNUT.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Priscilla Monroe lit a candle in memory of Samuel I Jones*



Priscilla Monroe - April 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Lilia Santiago lit a candle in memory of Samuel I Jones*



Lilia Santiago - April 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My condolences to the Jones family. Pastor/Reverend Jones was very impactful as a pastor for me when I attended Open Door and even after I left the state. His support through wise counseling and care for others was always the one thing I admired about him. He was so REAL as a pastor. He brought the word to everyone's level and presented application that I could always take home to inform how I lived my life. You will be missed. I will remember you always fondly. Thank you for living your life reflecting the Good News of Christ. To the Jones family, I will continue to pray for strength and love during this difficult time.*

Lilia Santiago - April 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Jones Family, Parishioners and Friends. He touched so many lives in a good way. I got the chance to know him at Lincoln High, during our school years. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayer. The Milligan Family Rutha Milligan-Mims*



Rutha Mims - April 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with your Family Oliver & Marilyn Watson Tucker*



Marilyn Tucker - April 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *To Sister Margaret and Family!! We were sad to hear that Reverend Jones passed, but we know where he is right now. Our family was Blessed to have been a part of the Open Door Family and thank God that all of us were saved through his ministry!! Children hold on to your mother. She will need all of you in the days and months to come!! Your dad loved your mother and all of you!! He was one of a kind and will be dearly missed, but never forgotten!! We Love you all!!! We also thank Reverend Jones for eulogizing the girls dad, Floyd James Jr.'s funeral. Donna James & Family*

Dr. Donna Wintons-James - April 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Ernestine Dorsey..Gainesville FI lit a candle in memory of Samuel I Jones*



Ernestine Dorsey..Gainesville FI - April 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *Condolences to the Jones family during this most difficult time. May God continue to bless you all and keep you all in his care*

Agnes Akins - April 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM