



Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones

July 15, 1983 - July 14, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Marcus Spencer Jones was born on July 15, 1983, in Detroit, Michigan to the union of Ronald Allen Jones Sr. and Marilyn Jean Jones. He was delivered early and the smallest born of their 3 boys but Marcus's heart was larger than life, and his love, always, right on time. "He was special"... says mom. A close confidante to many and a pillar of joy in his household, Marcus loved music, movies, games shows, breakfast, sports, retreating to his room by 10p, cracking jokes and taking jabs (he had some great comebacks!), and most important, spending time with family and friends.

Marcus grew up in Detroit and Bloomfield, MI with his parents and brothers Ronald Jones II and LaVarro. Surrounded by a tribe of grandparents and uncles/ aunts, and relatives and friends- much like siblings- Crystal, Tony, Kareem, Dwayne, and honorary mom Joyce. As a pre-teen, he was happy and curious, wanting to do everything his brothers did, like learning basketball. He loved going to the movies and watched Coming to America a LOT (along with Friday and Bad Boys). LaVarro remembers a time where he and Marcus would wake each other up for months with a scene they re-enacted from the movie.

In 2001, Marcus graduated from Andover High School (Bloomfield Hills), after which he attended Lamphere Center for about eight years where he continued

his education and gained necessary skills and prep training for joining the workforce and life in community. Soon after, he took a job at Arkay Inc. for a short time before transitioning to New Horizons Rehabilitation Services Inc., where he worked diligently, packaging shipments and tagging store clothing apparel, for the last 10 years of his life. Marcus loved his job, where he'd also hang out with friends and run the show. He had so much fun at work that it was a running joke w/ his brothers and dad saying "you ain't got no job!". But leave it to Marcus, he knew how to make life and work fun, appreciating the present moment, giving it all he's got... against every single odd.

When Marcus was only 11 days old he suffered a serious brain injury at the hospital, causing cerebral palsy, leading to epilepsy and some very difficult years ahead to say the least. Around 6 months old, Ronald and Marilyn were urged to institutionalize Marcus, with doctors saying he would never walk or talk. Well... Yahweh had a very different plan. If you know Marcus, then you saw he lived his life against ALL those assumptions, with his days full of much movement, loving conversations, and then some. This shows his tremendous courage, grit, resilience, faith, and protection. Marcus was blessed, yes, but in all honesty, HE was the blessing. Everybody loved Marcus. His impact is without question.

Marcus was the one who listened, who asked, the one who remembered little things, who didn't take advantage of the moment or a person. If you told Marcus when your birthday was and he locked it in, you'd get a call on that day.... for the rest of your life. "He was a friendly guy," says Grandma Jimmie. "Always wanted to know how you feel, asking did you sleep well?, any nightmares? and didn't forget anything anyone said". His love was tremendously unconditional. Just ask the Pistons and Lions whom he watched every game - for years- no matter what!

Marcus was a truly special person. Unique in that he can light up a room of all

ages. He was the center of his household and liked to take care of loved ones in his own way; Taking 5am morning walks with his mom (they are going on over 8 -10 years walking together now and had just hit a new mile mark last week), being a game show/Young & The Restless buddy to his grandma, taking care of mundane yet imperative house tasks, teasing and checking in on his brothers, being his father's "roll dawg", down for rides through Detroit/ to Jones family reunions, etc. Marcus was a golfer and enjoyed playing whenever he could, with his father and great friends Dennis and Michael, another great father and son team from his high school days. He grew up attending The Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research, had a rich spiritual life, while also forming a great friendship with Dr. Debra & Derrick Hanna. He was also really happy to be Best Man at both his brothers' weddings. "Marcus lived everyday, that day." He had accomplished a real happiness where he was content with life. Not like many, who are "waiting" to be happy. He lived and loved courageously, and was grateful - NOW.

A real explorer, one of Marcus's most favorite things to do was hit the road/sky/rail with his travel partner Aunt Kay. They've hit California (to see Price is Right), Sea World, and much more! He's missed her and their excursions since she transitioned herself, and looked forward to a trip to Hawaii at some point in his lifetime. Well my brother, as you take your final trip from this place please know that we love you, honor you, see you, and are lifting your spirit up.

Marcus made his transition peacefully in his sleep on July 14th, 2024. He was 40 years old, a day from 41. This is a great inexplicable loss, and the hole left is vast. We wish you rest and peace Marcus. We'll be okay, together. We'll take the torch now, and commit to keeping your blazing legacy of kindness, play and love in-action alive; staying curious, and showing up fully, with a smile, in the ways we are meant to. You were too joyful for us not to carry that

part of you on. Thank you for all you gave to us.

Preceding Marcus in death and greeting him in Spirit are his loving Grandparents; Napoleon and Novella Jones, and Melvin Fountain; Aunts, Carolyn Jones (Kay), Canara Jones; Uncle, Alric Smith, and brother, Dwayne Redford.

Marcus leaves to celebrate his life on this side: his parents, Marilyn and Ronald Jones Sr.; grandmother, Jimmie Pearl Fountain; brothers, Ronald II and LaVarro (Phakiso) Jones, Tony and Kareem Dixon; sister, Crystal Renee Swanson (Christopher and Kendall Malone); dear friend, Joyce Carmouche; uncles Dr. William (Petra) Smith, Frank Smith, Clarence (Dorothy) Jones, Melvin (Helen) Fountain, Author (Tommie) Jones; and many other cherished family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Jul. **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Monday, Jul. **22**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Monday, Jul. **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Shenetta Harmon lit a candle in memory of Marcus Jones*



Shenetta Harmon - July 22, 2024 at 09:43 AM

CD

“ *So so sorry to hear of your loss, Marilyn. May your memories of him remain in your heart forever. I will keep you in my prayers.*
Cheryl E. Daniel

Cheryl E. Daniel - July 21, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DM

“ *Darlene May lit a candle in memory of Marcus Jones*



Darlene May - July 21, 2024 at 11:44 AM

EA

“ *ET Alumni Association purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.*



ET Alumni Association - July 21, 2024 at 12:25 AM

GR

“ Deepest Sympathy to the Jones Family 🙏



Gloria Reid - July 20, 2024 at 07:01 PM

TF

“ The Collins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.

The Collins Family - July 20, 2024 at 12:16 PM

TF

“ The Collins Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.



The Collins Family - July 20, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.



July 19, 2024 at 11:20 PM

KD

“ Kelly and Dennis Dehn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.

Kelly and Dennis Dehn - July 19, 2024 at 06:49 PM

KD

“ Kelly and Dennis Dehn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.



Kelly and Dennis Dehn - July 19, 2024 at 06:49 PM

MB

“ Marcus brought joy to so many people; everyone who knew him! His presence made every day a little brighter. I cherished our playful banter.

When Marcus moved to a paid position in the sewing department, I jokingly called him a "traitor" for choosing to make money rather than volunteer in the community with me. He laughed and called me a "complainer." This back-and-forth continued for a while, eventually becoming our daily greeting: "Good morning, traitor," and "Good morning, complainer." At the end of the day, it was "Bye, traitor," with his response, "Bye, complainer," and always accompanied by his contagious laugh. I wish I could tell him he's an even bigger traitor now for leaving earth to go to Heaven, but I already know what he would say.

Marcus was always excited in the weeks leading up to his birthday. One year, he kept asking what I was going to get him. I jokingly said, "a box of rocks." He found it hysterical and would make me repeat it to anyone who would listen. On his birthday, I wrapped up some rocks and gave him a literal box of rocks. His expression was priceless. He said, "Thank you, but I really don't know what I'm gonna do with these!" I suggested he could keep them as "pet rocks," use them as paperweights, or make "stone soup." He just laughed and shook his head; he brought it up several times over the years... and we would laugh about it all over again! This year, I found him the perfect card that said, "You Rock!" with a bunch of rocks on it, and inside it read, "Thank you for being you! Happy Birthday!" I was looking forward to seeing his reaction, but instead, on his birthday, I got the news that he had passed.

Marcus was the kind of person that could turn your whole mood around just by being near him. His laugh will echo in my heart and the hearts of countless others forever and ever. His memory will live on, and his infectious joy and laughter will never be forgotten. I hope his family finds peace and comfort in knowing how much happiness he brought to those around him, and may his spirit continue to bring

warmth and happiness to all who remember him. He will truly be missed!

Martella J Busch - July 19, 2024 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Marcus was the most pleasant young man funny respectable that I enjoyed taking out in the community bowling he loved it he will be miss*

Zeela Peterson. (Ann) - July 19, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dawn - July 19, 2024 at 07:00 AM

CI

“ *A wonderful person who will be missed*



Cindy - July 19, 2024 at 06:59 AM

DA

“ *Hanging out with friends*



Dawn - July 19, 2024 at 06:56 AM

BB

“ *Bob Winters and Sarah Burrows planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.*

Bob Winters and Sarah Burrows - July 18, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.*



July 18, 2024 at 01:33 PM

SH

“ *Sylvester L. Hester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.*

Sylvester L. Hester - July 18, 2024 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ Sylvester L. Hester purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.



Sylvester L. Hester - July 18, 2024 at 12:30 PM

AG

“ Alvin Grier lit a candle in memory of Marcus Jones



Alvin Grier - July 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM

AW

“ AZ Fam- Harmons, Eugenues & Woodruff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.



AZ Fam- Harmons, Eugenues & Woodruff - July 18, 2024 at 12:30 AM

JC

“ Joyce Carmouche purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Marcus Spencer Jones.



Joyce Carmouche - July 17, 2024 at 06:18 PM

KS

“ *Kris Silvas lit a candle in memory of Marcus Jones*



Kris Silvas - July 17, 2024 at 02:13 PM