



Dr. Nancy Pearl Crayton Jones

June 30, 1932 - January 23, 2022

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Nancy Pearl Crayton Jones was born June 30, 1932, to the late Plato E. Crayton, Sr., and the late Lillie Mae (Medearis) Crayton in Austin, Texas. Nancy was the fourth of eight children. She was baptized at an early age at Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church by Pastor, Reverend N.S. Brown, and participated in all youth activities.

Nancy received her education in the Austin Independent School District. She was a member of the L.C. Anderson High School class of 1949. After graduation, she was awarded a music scholarship and attended Tillotson College. While there she met people who turned out to be lifelong friends. While at Tillotson, Nancy was introduced to the world of Greek organizations and pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST), where she was initiated as a charter member of Alpha Kappa Chapter. In 1952, the board of directors of both Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College agreed to merge and became Huston-Tillotson College. In 1953, Nancy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education, becoming a member of the first graduating class of Huston-Tillotson College. (She also earned a degree in playing bid-whist.) After graduation her first teaching position was in Taylor,

TX. During her summers, she was a lifeguard in Austin, TX (Rosewood Park), where she taught many local youths to swim. She desired to further her educational pursuits by attending summer school at Prairie View A&M College and Texas Southern University with her sister Mabel. She earned a degree in Special Education from Texas Southern University and subsequently taught students with intellectual disabilities.

She met the love of her life, the late Vernal O. Jones, Jr. in Austin, Texas. In 1959, in Georgetown, TX, with her dear friend Katherine (Sugar) Hillard by her side as a witness, Nancy and Vernal were married. Vernal was a member of the United States Air Force. When duty called, they traveled together to many domestic and international locations. Their joyful union produced three wonderful and loving sons: Christopher Quinn Jones, Stewart Royce Jones, and Vernal Stanford Jones. While the family moved around the world in support of Vernal's Air Force career, Nancy ensured the family was always kept safe and that the needs of her family were always met.

Nancy made many lifelong friends during her travels. She would not hesitate to walk up to someone and start a conversation or comment on an outfit she liked, or just say hello. She was even known to stop a random child and ask them all sorts of questions about school, activities, or just "be nosey." Nancy also loved to cook, and her exposure to various cultures enhanced her cooking abilities and techniques. She also picked up the skills and grace to be a hostess extraordinaire. Upon her return to Texas, and to the surprise of family and friends, she incorporated her newly acquired cooking skills into a dinner party of southern cooking. She never lost her touch playing a good game of dominoes, which she won most of the time. The smell of cooking was always present in her home as well as the sound of laughter, music, and her humorous "fussing." If you were to drop by, she would offer you a drink and fix you a meal in no time. Though she mastered many great recipes, she would reach out to her big sister, Anna, for advice on pie crusts.

The legacy of Delta Sigma Theta instilled the values of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action. Nancy forged forward by working tirelessly for her alma mater. She held offices in her alumni association, giving her time, giving monetarily, and establishing a scholarship in the name of her late husband. In 1994, the directors and trustees of Huston-Tillotson College awarded her the honorary degree of Doctorate of Humane Letters. She was very proud to have received this recognition. Her service to others included working with numerous organizations including Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, and the North Texas Food Bank. Her love and commitment to her illustrious sorority was shown in many ways, including becoming a lifetime member.

Nancy was one active person, she always made time to attend weddings, graduations, birthdays, football games, and other milestones and accomplishments. She was always right there – front row!

Nancy was preceded in death by her loving husband, Vernal O. Jones, Jr; her parents Plato E. Crayton Sr. and Lillie Mae (Medearis) Crayton; her siblings, Plato “Kido” E. Crayton, Jr., Mabel E. Crayton Williams, Marjorie Crayton Wilson, Mae Kathryn “Baby Kay” Crayton Washington, and Samuel “Jack” C. Crayton Sr. She leaves to cherish her memory: her sons (the heartbeats of her life): Christopher Q. Jones (Dietrich), Stewart Royce Jones (Dawn), Vernal “Scooter” Jones (Rochella); Grandchildren: Loren A. Jones (Cinor), Brandon D. Jones (Samantha), Camron D. Jones, Ellington H. Jones, London L. Jones, Bria K. Jones, Natasha R. Jones, Major V. Jones, Triana M. Jones, Manna E. Jones, Marche’ A. Baker; Great-grandchildren: Braxton L. Allen, Mason Jones, Madyson Jones, Masiah Jones, Quinn A. Jones, Bailee L. Allen. Jones, Ava J. Jones; Sisters: Anna Crayton Warren, Minnie “Baby Sis” Crayton David (Donald); Sisters-in law: Esther Jones Bell, Charlyce Jones-

Owen (Richard), Evelyn Miller (John), Minnie B. Crayton; Brother -in-law: Gregory Jones (Phyllis); Goddaughter: Alicia Childs; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Nancy will forever be loved, cherished, and missed by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Singing Hills Funeral Home
6221 University Hills Blvd
Dallas, TX 75241

Celebration Service

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Church
1701 W. Jefferson Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Nancy Pearl Crayton Jones*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *"Every once in a while, be you fortunate enough to, you'll meet a person who is a "delightful challenge". Such was the case when introduced to "Dr. Hat Wearing Nancy" by her longtime friend, Eartha Mitchelle. What an un-assuming, sage diva. I was impressed by the fact that she always took time to honor others (while pretending not to) on special occasions-- even when it took extra effort to do so. Be blessed family, by remembering your time with a legend."*

Ruth Self

Ruth Self - February 24, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Nancy Pearl is when she decided she wanted to play guitar and I was able to "hand down" the guitar my father had bought for me because I already had some new instruments. I was so proud to know that my cousin Nancy was playing "my" guitar.*

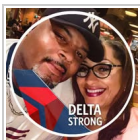
Cicero Carlton Lowe - February 24, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Margarette Bell Spears -Family Friend lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nancy Pearl Crayton Jones*



Margarette Bell Spears -Family Friend - February 24, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ Nancy P. was a hard task master, and she told it like it was (in her opinion). Whenever we spoke whether in person or over the phone, I always heard the love in her voice or saw it in her eyes. I love and loved her so much. My heart is broken, but also mended knowing she’s no longer suffering. Momma Nancy, I love you to the moon and back!
Always,
Mickey Hiaka



Trish Needom - February 23, 2022 at 06:35 PM

SS

“ I'd looked forward to attending Huston-Tillotson's Reunion Weekend every May because I was going to see Ms Nancy P. and boy did we have fun. Everybody's checking in at the registration desk at the host hotel and you would know when Ms Jones had arrived. I loved her voice. She would light up a room. She had a way about her that made you feel like you were her special friend. She had alot of special friends. I miss her already. When we talked on the phone we joked and laughed. She loved to laughed. Wonderful memories 💕💕 Wonderful Lady. Rest Ms Nancy P.💕💕 Forever in our hearts 💕💕



Sharon Tate Stone - February 17, 2022 at 12:59 AM

TF

“ *The Overton Family lit a candle in memory of Dr. Nancy Pearl Crayton Jones*



The Overton Family - February 09, 2022 at 09:13 AM

ML

“ *Extending the comfort of God, condolences and sympathies to the family of Nancy Crayton Jones. Miss Crayton was my favorite P.E. teacher and a friend to my mother, Ruby Lewis Townsend, my uncle C.B. 'Uncle Bubba' Lewis. Rest peacefully in heaven.*



Madeline Townsend Lee - February 04, 2022 at 05:57 PM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Jones. She was my Physical Education teacher as well as my sister in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her wit will forever remain a memory. She will be sorely missed .*

Macy Mays-Roberson - January 30, 2022 at 10:58 PM

BH

“ *I offer sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of my dear soror and friend, Nancy Crayton Jones. Our HTC(U) and DST bond made dir a remarkable friendship. Like many others, Nancy adopted me into the Crayton Clan and as an Austin implant, I am eternally grateful for her life.*

Brenda Cooper Hanson - January 28, 2022 at 07:44 PM

DM

Hardy, Gerald, and Debra Murphy extend condolences to Cousin Nancy Crayton Jones's family. Her personality was immeasurably infectious.

From the family of the Late Claudie Mae Medearis Murphy

Debra Murphy - January 30, 2022 at 02:25 PM

MA

“ Nancy never met a stranger. I will miss her calls to check on my family. and to discuss HTIAA. Rest in peace

Mary Ashford - January 28, 2022 at 08:29 AM

FA

Nancy will forever be in our hearts!❤️ Deepest condolences to our Texas family.🙏 Thank you so much for opening your hearts and homes to us. Know that we are here for you during these trying times. Much love and blessings to you all. Sincerely cousins Jonathan, Fran, Nathan, Jovonne, Steve, Michael, Olivia and Sophia❤️

Family - February 01, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



A Life Celebration by Franklin - January 28, 2022 at 03:00 AM

DL

“ *CONDOLENCES to the family of Mrs. Nancy Crayton Jones. I am a graduate of 1966 class, Miss Crayton was my 3rd grade teacher at O. L. Price. Great teacher, instilled and demanded that you ALWAYS did your best. Fun side memory: if you didn't walk "The Bridge" to get home, you could take a short cut, walk the big pipe or the skinny pipe. Miss Crayton was Gutsy she took the higher skinny pipe; if she was not around some of us would too. Silly kids not realizing we could have fallen, broken our neck or seriously injured ourselves. Also remembering an "in class" rule after lunch, come in place you head on your desk, eyes closed and relax for a minute. Air condition class room was unheard of, while we relaxed Miss Crayton would walk up and down the aisles fanning each student. Loved her and will never forget her for inspiring me to always be the best I could be. Delphine Cummings Lee.*

Delphine Cummings Lee - January 28, 2022 at 01:48 AM

DL

Excuse me... Family of Dr Jones

Delphine Cummings Lee - January 28, 2022 at 01:54 AM

EF

“ *Dr. Jones was known to her third grade class in Taylor, Texas, as Miss Crayton. Through the years, I would contact her to join The Class of 1965 of O.L.Price, as one of our former teachers. She was always in contact with us. At our 50th year class reunion in Dallas.Texas,she joined us and presented her former students with silver dollars. They were her first class,as I learned later. We, the Class of 1965 offer our Deepest Condolences to her family.*



Ethel Ann Fletcher-Cook - January 27, 2022 at 12:22 PM