



## Deby Jones Sr.

June 7, 1935 - July 2, 2017

Deby Jones, Sr. peacefully departed this life for eternal rest on July 2, 2017. He was born in Brunswick County in Lawrenceville, Virginia on June 7, 1935. He was the only child of the late Grace Butts and the third child of the late Chalmer Coleman. He was predeceased by his wife, Mamie B. Reynolds, a brother, a sister, a daughter Sandra Blackwell and a sister-in-law Betty Jean Austin. Deby is survived by his first wife, Barbara Grittings; two daughters, Deborah Butler and Karen Edwards (Richard); one son, Deby Jones, Jr.; an adopted brother, Larry Austin; a son-in-law, Reginald Blackwell, nine grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

A country boy at heart, he was raised by his aunts and uncles on the family farm where he learned the importance of family unity. After high school, Deby enlisted in the United States Navy as a cook and served hundreds of sailors amongst various ships. His progression in the military ranks was extensive and he retired after thirty plus years of service as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. Deby also worked for Norfolk State University as the Warehouse Manager before retiring in the early nineties.

Trustee Deby Jones was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist Church for numerous years. He served on the Trustee Ministry until his health became a concern. Due to his inability to serve to his fullest capacity, he later became

Trustee Emeritus. He had compassion for everyone, especially the youth. He was an intricate part on the Young Male Ministry as well as the Friday Night Ministry where he would expound on life experiences. Trustee Jones was also diligent in his study of God's Word by attending the weekly Wednesday Night Bible Sessions. His generous heart helped assist several youth members to further their education with monetary contributions.

Deby was very outspoken and his wealth of knowledge was generously shared. One thing he was known for was telling those he cared for to "leave folks alone" which was his way of telling them not to involve themselves with unsavory people, as well as being careful who you let into your personal circle. Family meant a lot to Deby, whether in his core family, church family or in his neighborhood, Deby always showed his love. Though you will be greatly missed Deby, you will never be forgotten.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd  
Chesapeake, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **9**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

JUL **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (Pughsville)  
4260 Pughsville Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Deby Jones Sr.*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - July 17, 2017 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Betty Cox lit a candle in memory of Deby Jones Sr.*



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**Betty Cox** - July 09, 2017 at 08:17 PM

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“ *I will always remember Deby as a kind and fun loving person. He always had a smile for every one that he met. Deby lived life to the fullest. Our sincere condolences to the family. rest in peace Deby. Norman & Barbara Brodnax and family*

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**Norman Brodnax** - July 09, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 07, 2017 at 04:34 PM



“ Condolences to the family of Mr. Deby Jones Sr. ,  
may you find comfort in knowing that God really does care for you  
(1 Peter 5:7) READS : " while you throw all your anxiety on him ,  
because he cares for you "..  
He will give you comfort because he cares for you , that's why he's  
inviting you  
to allow him to help you get through this difficult time as well as  
helping you  
your problems ...

Cee David - July 05, 2017 at 04:50 AM



“ Pamela Smith lit a candle in memory of Deby Jones Sr.



pamela smith - July 04, 2017 at 02:16 PM