



**Flower Bearers**

Nieces

**Casket Bearers**

Nephews



**Acknowledgements**

*Our family would like to express our heartfelt humility and kindness to all the love shown during the loss of our loved one. To the nurses, caregivers, meal on wheels, NPBC, Gist Mortuary and everyone who assisted we are forever grateful. Your compassion will never be forgotten.*

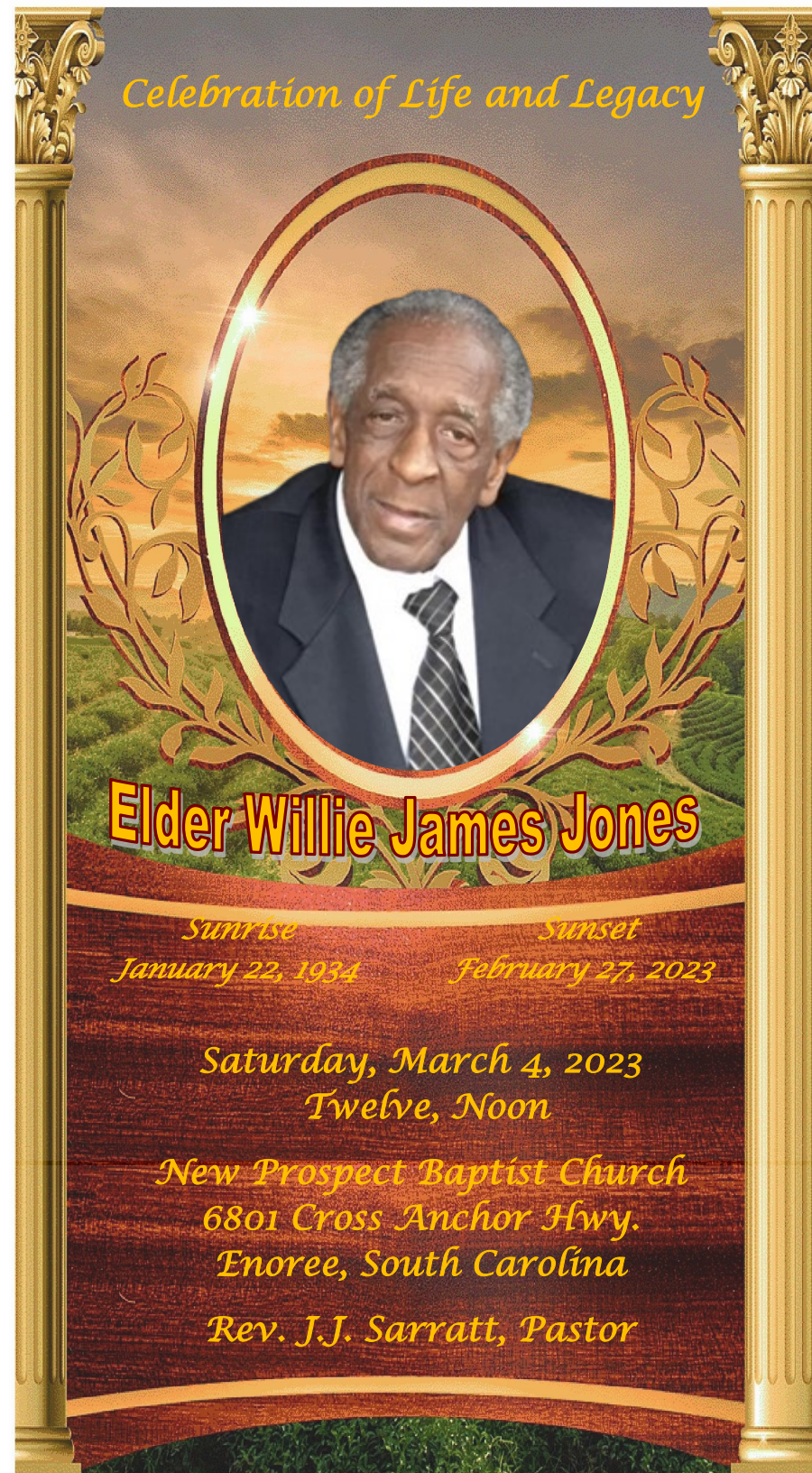
*~The Family~*

Arrangements Entrusted to:

**The W. J. Gist Mortuary**  
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*Celebration of Life and Legacy*



**Elder Willie James Jones**

*Sunrise*  
*January 22, 1934*

*Sunset*  
*February 27, 2023*

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
**Twelve, Noon**

**New Prospect Baptist Church**  
**6801 Cross Anchor Hwy.**  
**Enoree, South Carolina**

**Rev. J.J. Sarratt, Pastor**

## Honoring His Legacy

**Elder Willie James Jones** was born January 22, 1934 to the late Lenora Rookard and Willie Jones Sr. in Spartanburg County. He entered eternal rest February 27, 2023 at Spartanburg Medical Center, Spartanburg, SC. He was the husband of the late Frances Macomson Jones.

He was preceded in death by a son, Willie Alvin Brewster; two brothers, Joe Jessie Fant Jones, George Means; and four sisters, Mattie Gossett, Thelma Goodman, Minnie Underwood, and Estelle Gilliam.

Elder Jones was of Baptist Faith. He joined Lower Shady Grove Baptist Church, Woodruff, SC at an early age and later joined New Prospect Baptist Church, Enoree, SC, served faithfully. He loved to worship by singing and praying. He accepted the call of Pastorship at the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC for several years.

In his spare time, Elder Jones enjoyed his family and friends and a continued praise!

He leaves to cherish fond and loving memories of his life; his daughters, Ruth Elaine Brewster of Simpsonville, SC, and Janice Hunter Degraffinreid of Moore, SC; and son Terry Lee Jones (Gloria) of Simpsonville, SC; also, Cynthia (Greg) Landrum of Inman, SC, and Brian Macomson of Mauldin, SC; three grandchildren, Angela Gregory, Stephanie Degraffinreid, and Josef Jones all of Simpsonville, SC; two great-grandchildren, Gianna and Guion Gregory; He also leaves to mourn four sisters and seven brothers, Margie Jones Dandy, Lillian Jones Murphy (Ralph), Lucille Gossett, Faye Gossett Murphy (Robert), Charles Edward Jones, Kent Jones (Carolyn), Sonny Jones (Faye), Casey Jones (Diane), Charlie Mack Gossett, Granvel Gossett, and Johnny Gossett and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

## Order of Service

*Min. Betty Beaty, Presiding*

Prelude

Professional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing.....Family and Friends

Selection..... *"Battle of Life"* .....NPBC Choir

Scripture

Old Testament.....Min. Connie Walton

New Testament.....Min. Carolyn Alexander

Prayer of Comfort.....Min. Ulius Gilliam

Remarks...*3 Minutes*.....Kent Jones, Family

Charlie Mack Gossett

Acknowledgments.....Mrs. Ursula Wright

Musical Selection- *'Packing Up'*.....NPBC Choir

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Timothy L. Hunter

Closing Prayer of Strength...Rev. Terrance Bruton

Selection..... *"Welcome Me Home"*...

Mr. Ronald Browning

Recessional

## Committal, Benediction & Interment

*New Prospect Baptist Church*

*Enoree, South Carolina*



### *I MADE IT HOME*

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home.*

*Everything is pretty here, so fresh, so new.  
I wish that you could close your eyes, so you could see  
it too.*

*Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand.  
God is taking care of me...I'm in the shelter of His  
hands.*

*Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow and no pain.  
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.*

*Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing.  
I really have to go now...I've just got to try my wings.*

