



Dr. LaTroya U. Jones

August 25, 1982 - December 23, 2023

Doctor LaTroya Unquonette Spencer Jones, also known as “Pooh,” was born in Star City, Arkansas on August 25, 1982, to Jacqueline Spencer and Troy Gaines. She departed this life on December 23, 2023 peacefully in her home in Forrest City, Arkansas surrounded by love.

LaTroya accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. She was a member of Westside Missionary Baptist Church in Star City, Arkansas where Reverend Archie Dolls was her pastor. She received her education at Star City Schools and East Valley High School in Spokane, Washington, and graduated from Star City High School in 2000. It was there in Star City that she met her first true love, her husband, Chris Jones.

LaTroya moved to Spokane, Washington after graduation. From there, she graduated from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resources Management and General Management at Eastern Washington University. Later, she received her Master’s in Business Administration at the University of Phoenix. LaTroya went on to receive her Doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Grand Canyon University.

Although she was physically located in Spokane, her heart was still in Star City. In December 2010, Chris went to Washington to get his wife. They got married in Las Vegas, Nevada and moved home to Tarry, Arkansas to start

their family and new life together. LaTroya was very passionate about helping the community and church grow. She became a grant writer, an author, former Star City County Clerk, former President of the Star City Chamber of Commerce, Business Consultant, and the owner of U. Life Academy. She also tried her hand in politics by running for mayor of Star City in 2022.

LaTroya was a strong God-fearing woman who could be found on any given Sunday leading praise and worship and giving her testimony to the masses. She handled all things in stride and accomplished so much all while fighting stage-4 breast cancer. Through it all, she never lost her faith in God or her addictive smile.

LaTroya leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted husband- Chris Jones, her 2 wonderful daughters-Andraya Craig and Amilya Jones, her 2 awesome sons-Christopher Jones and Quinn Jones, mother-Jacqueline Spencer and father-Troy Gaines, three sisters-Thekla Gaines, Jayla Gaines, and Erica Torrence, three brothers-Brandon Lawson, Jamaine Ayala and Don Deshazer, Grandpa-James Spencer, and a host of cousins, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who supported and loved her dearly.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to her children: Cashapp: \$pumajones26 or Zelle: 8703705005.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
1026 S Missouri Street
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Tribute Wall

TL

“ *My condolences to the family. I pray for comfort & the peace that surpasses all understanding.* ”



Tanishia Lewis-Lambert - January 01, 2024 at 02:23 PM

EG

“ *Elaine G. lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones* ”



Elaine G. - December 31, 2023 at 01:35 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Gardner lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones* ”



Kathy Gardner - December 30, 2023 at 09:16 PM

FW

“ *Francesca Williamson lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones* ”



Francesca Williamson - December 30, 2023 at 09:03 PM

KS

“ *Kerron Simpson lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones*



Kerron Simpson - December 30, 2023 at 06:17 PM

BJ

“ *My sincere condolences to the Jones family. Latroya was such a kind and genuine soul. She fought the good fight and has received her reward. Latroya, your babies and Chris will be alright* ❤️❤️❤️

Brenda Jacobs - December 30, 2023 at 01:05 PM

OS

“ *Olynda K Stone lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones*



Olynda K Stone - December 29, 2023 at 08:26 PM

OS

Sad but, rejoicing that Troya has superceded the angels as the child of the Kings of Kings. RIL Beautiful. ❤️ ☐ My prayers and condolences to The Family.

Olynda K Stone - December 29, 2023 at 08:33 PM

ST

“ *JOnes family, My sincere condolences at this most difficult time, you left your children in GOD Perfect hands.*



Shirley W. Thorn - December 29, 2023 at 05:25 PM

TR

“ *Prayers and comfort to the Jones/Spencer family. She was a true warrior.*



Tamera Robinson - December 29, 2023 at 04:57 PM

RS

“ *One of the most beautiful, God fearing people I've known in my life. Your spirit and beautiful smile will never be forgotten. My heart hurts so bad right now friend, but I know you're no longer in pain. Rest in peace beautiful.*



Ryan Smith - December 28, 2023 at 01:28 PM

LH

“ *My thoughts, prayers and love go out to Dr. LaTroya U. Jones family.*



Laura Gasaway Holthoff - December 28, 2023 at 12:52 PM

LP

“ *Life-Coach "Mama P" Phyllis lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones*



Life-Coach "Mama P" Phyllis - December 28, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Kimberly Jordan lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones*



Kimberly Jordan - December 28, 2023 at 08:46 AM

TW

“ *Terrica Waits lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones*



Terrica Waits - December 28, 2023 at 07:32 AM

TW

“ We never know why we cross paths with one another, but we do know that we should cherish the time we are allowed with one another because we never know when the journey ends! LaTroya U. Jones and I met through a mutual friend and she intrusted me to do several projects for her over the years, including her books, her mayor campaign graphics, special events and more, but what I cherish the most is our talks on the phone. They were never short conversations either, she always shared her heart with me even while she was getting treatment or in the hospital! We only had one chance to link up and have lunch and I will always remember the fun we had! Our babies had a blast and me, her and her mom enjoyed the food and laughs! Sis, you fought the good fight and you finished strong 💪 I will always remember your love, your strength and tenacity to never quit! Take rest and thank you for including me & Harrison on your journey 🙏👍👍

One funny thing I remember about her is that we didn't always agree on design layout because she wanted that rainbow 🌈 and she had a set vision that would challenge me to make it happen, lol 😂 I am now glad I did it her way because that rainbow was her sign from God for promise and favor for every obstacle she faced!



Terrica Waits - December 28, 2023 at 07:30 AM

KL

“ *Katherine Lyons lit a candle in memory of Dr. LaTroya U. Jones*



Katherine Lyons - December 28, 2023 at 05:19 AM

TU

“ *Such a beautiful spirit inside and out!
We meet Troya nearly 20 years ago, when the lord led me and my husband to unspeakable Joy in Spokane Wa. Our spirits immediately connected. She has always been like a daughter to me, because in a lot of ways she reminded me of our beautiful daughter! They hit off right away, and their spirits connected as well!
Troya you are truly going to be miss by the TUCKER FAMILY IN SPOKANE WA. We love very much! Truly truly gonna miss you'*

Praying Gods strength and Peace to ms Jackie Chris and the kids!

tucker - December 28, 2023 at 12:54 AM

SA

Praying for my nephew Chris strength. Remember Philippians 4:13

Shirley Atkinson - December 28, 2023 at 06:21 AM