

Resolution Number 309
Mother Geneva Jones

WHEREAS, Geneva Jones was born November 3, 1915 in Grenada, Mississippi to Willie and Beulah Lovings. She was the older of two children born to this union. Her parents and brother, Willie Lovings, preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones came to St. Louis at the age of five and received her early education in the St. Louis public school system. She attended the Taylor School of Cosmetology and received her license from the State of Missouri. This training was very useful having four daughters; and

WHEREAS, she married Walter Jones, Sr. in 1940 and born to this union were her children, Johnell, Virginia, Cora, Ella and Walter, Jr. Her husband preceded her in death; as did two daughters, Virginia Stegall and Ella Louise Binion; and

WHEREAS, her love of family was a top priority, often encouraging her grandchildren to love one another and to love God. She continuously prayed for each one to establish a close relationship with God; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones always enjoyed life to the fullest. She was a quite spirit and an avid reader with a wonderful sense of humor. She also loved to cook. Her homemade barbeque sauce could not be beat and her potato salad and pies varieties were divine; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones professed her faith in Christ early in her life and was baptized into the family of God. She was a disciple of Central Baptist Church for over 50 years and was active in the music ministry. Mother Jones used her rich alto voice singing songs with The Gospel Chorus, The Voices of Central as well as The Women's Chorus. She loved all types of music; hymns, anthems, gospel, Negro spirituals and even the contemporary gospels; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones was appointed to the Deaconess ministry by the late Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Huntley. She served on the Elder's Council for Kilalo Rites of Passage program, actively participated in Sunday school, early Morning Prayer service, the Mission Ministry, Women of Central, and faithfully attended TNT until her health began to fail; and

WHEREAS, she honored God by her obedience to give of her tithes, offering and talents; and he honored her with 93 years of life. On Sunday, December 14, 2008 Mother Geneva Jones made the transition from labor to reward; and

WHEREAS, Remaining to cherish her life and memory are two devoted daughters, Mother Johnell Nash; and Deacon Cora Mae Hicks, with whom she lived with; one son, Walter Jones, Jr. (Sarah); fourteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, twenty-three great great-grandchildren, son-in-law, Durell Stegall, one niece, a host of cousins; and many friends along with her Central Baptist Church family who loved and respected her.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Mother Geneva Jones to the citizens of the City of St. Louis and we join with her many friends in expressing our sorrow at her passing, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation to the Jones family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 6th day of February, 2009 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 6th day of February, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen