



## Odessia Jones

September 9, 1922 - April 29, 2014

Odessia Mae Windley was born on September 9th 1922 in Adams Creek, Craven County, N.C. to Alice Harkley and Jessie Windley. As a young woman growing up in Adams Creek, she began a lifelong passion to serve the Lord. From a young age she knew Jesus was the light. Odessia or "desi" as she was known, worked in the tobacco fields not far from her home. Every day she would accompany her father Jessie to the fields on his horse drawn wagon; along with her other siblings. They would work long hours. This is where she got her love of what she called "bacca". Over the months while working in the fields she caught the attention of a strong dashing young man named Alexander Jones. Alexander asked and received permission to court Odessia from her father. He got 1 hour a day to court her, but little did Alexander know that that one hour would be spent riding in the horse drawn wagon back home with Odessia's father Jessie sitting between them. Odessia and Alexander wed in 1939. They had their first child in 1942. In 1948 they moved from North Carolina to Port Monmouth, NJ. Between the courses of 1942 through 1963 they had 15 children. Odessia attended Pilgrim Baptist Church in Red Bank, NJ until she found her own personal church home at St. Paul Baptist Church, Atlantic Highlands in 1976. She was a faithful member until her passing. Odessia was a pink nails, bingo, crocheted for The Lord. She made the best sweet potato pie, collard greens, and fried fish sandwiches this side of Jersey. One thing for sure she was a soldier for The Lord. She was predeceased by a son Curtis Jones. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Mary

Medler, Theora O'Neal, Lee Jones, Elvin Booker, Randy Jones, Blondey Osborne, Nate Jones, Bennet Jones, Eddie Jones, Johnny Jones, Bernard Jones, and Lucille Godette all of New Jersey, Fredd Simmions of North Carolina, and Rudy Jones of Alabama.

# Cemetery Details

## Shoreland Memorial Gardens

State Route 35 North  
Hazlet, NJ 08750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Baptist Church  
7 W Highland Avenue  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

## Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Odessia Jones*

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