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## Beloved Family member passes on

The Life of Bari Ann Jones

Bari Ann Jones was born March 18, 1957 in Freeport Texas. At the ages of 10 Bari Ann gave her life to Christ. She was baptized at True Honor Missionary Baptist in Clute Texas, Pastor Anderson. She attends Lanier Elementary, Freeport, Texas; T.W. Ogg Elementary School in Clute Texas.

In 1969 the Jones family moved to Portland Oregon where she joined New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor A. Bernard Devers. In later years, Bari moved her membership to Berean Baptist Church, Pastor Nathan C. Barnett, Ptd, OR. and served as a faithful and devoted member until he resigned and then under the leadership of Pastor Emmett Wheatfall. Where she served as a devoted member on the Usher Board; Planning Participant for the Berean 2000 Reunion; Vocational Bible School Teacher and other auxiliaries.

She attend Martin Luther King Elementary; and J.V. Beach Elementary, upon graduating from James Monroe High School in 1975 with honors. Then she continued her education at Portland State University majoring in Business Administration. Bari Ann Jones worked for Meier & Frank and stated working for the City of Portland at the age of fifteen afterschool in the Office of the City/County Justice Coordination & Planning. She worked at various bureaus over the years until being hired by Mayor Connie McCreedy in 1979. From 1980 until 1985, she worked for Mayor Frank Ivancie. She temporarily work for Mayor Bud Clark before going to work for Commissioner Jim Francesconi as the Commissioner Assistant until 1999 upon retiring.

Bari Ann leaves to cherish her memories, son Alexander James Jones, of Portland, OR; her mother Lillie Bernie Jones (Willie Jones JR.; stepfather); deceased father James Walker JR., of Waco Texas; two sisters Brigitte Kaye Jones-Steward and Kimberly Deneen Jones, of Portland, OR; one niece Brandy Rawshea Jones, two nephews Brandon Marquise Jones, Christopher Branch Jones, of Portland Or; Grandmother Alice Mea Robinson, Clute Texas; Uncle Branch Robinson III (Ruby



Robinson), of Lake Jackson, Texas; Ruby Washington, of Clute Texas; Bertha Ford, of Houston Texas; Linda Phillips (John L. Phillips), of Brazoria Texas; Godparents Mr. Artie and Mrs. (Dottie) Wilson, Sr., Portland OR; one Godbrother Art Wilson JR., of Honolulu, Hawaii; One Godsister Zoe Wilson Price, of forsyth, Illinois. Bari leaves behind a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, relatives and friends. During her illness her favorite saying was "I'm alright" She expressed to her younger sister Kimberly on May 12th "She Was Ready For The Load To Take Her In His Arms And Rock Her To Sleep"

## A Portland legend to present gospel legends

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Once again hometown hero, and NBA All-Star Terrell Brandon of the Minnesota Timberwolves, is preparing to give back to the community that nurtured him. Terrell consistently shown his appreciation and commitment to Portland, by sponsoring several events within the inner-city, such as his Free Basketball Camps held annually at Irving Park. This is in addition to his barber shop and clothing store which sits as a beckoning something that would also benefits Portland's church community on the corner of 14th and Alberta. Recently, Terrell envisioned doing something that would also benefits Portland's church community and his vision will become reality when Tee Bee Enterprises presents: "Portland's Gospel Explosion 2000!!!!"

This will be a history-making event in Portland, and perhaps the Northwest. A two night gospel music extravaganza featuring first, the Legendary 9 time Grammy Award Winning First Lady of Gospel, Evangelist Shirley Caesar and the Caesar Singers in a live performance, on Friday night June 23rd at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall located at SW Main at Broadway in Downtown Portland. Tickets are only \$25.00 in advance and \$28.50 at the door. The praise will not stop there, but will continue on

Saturday night June 24, when, the Prince of Gospel, Pastor John P. Kee and the Portland Foursquare Church 1302 SE Ankeny right here in the City of Roses. Tickets for this event are \$18.00 in advance and \$21.50 at the door, and as of the date of this article tickets are moving very quickly. Tickets for both events are currently available at All Ticketmaster Locations, GI Joe's Meier & Frank, Terrell Brandon's Barber Shop, Christian Supply Stores, and Melodies From Heaven. For more information you may call (503) 460-0348.

Because of his genuine love for gospel music, Terrell is also forming a Tee Bee Enterprises Mass Choir that will be featured on nights, along with these legendary artists. To register and participate in the Mass Choir you may call (503) 727-2677.

Proceeds from this event will once again, be donated to assist with the continues building, growth and renewal of our inner-city.

While the vision for this project was solely Terrell's some credit must be attributed to his parents, which obviously facilitated a solid foundation for NBA star to rise from.

Terrell's dad, Elder Charlie Brandon currently serves as Assistant Pastor of the Walker Temple COGIC, and his mother who is also one of Portland's legendary gospel voices, is the founder and president of the NBA Mother's Association. Portland we have something to be proud of.

## Church celebrates new organ with a concert

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The recital will be Sunday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m. The church is located in

downtown Portland at 1200 SW Alder. His program emphasizes music of the Twentieth Century, and will also include several old masters.

David Higgs is one of American's leading concert organists, performing extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He is inaugurated many important new instruments including St. Stephan's Cathedral, Vienna; the Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas; and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City. Since 1987 he has played annual Christmas recitals to full capacity audiences at San Francisco's Davies

Symphony Hall.

Higgs is also Chair of the Organ Department of the Eastman School of Music.

Dan Jaeckel, Inc, of Duluth, Minnesota built the new 52-stop organ. The organ took 30 months to build and another seven months to install in the historic church at Twelfth and Alder. Twenty different woods and over 3500 pipes form a striking and handsome addition to the beautiful Carpenter Gothic sanctuary. Tickets will be on sale through Fastixx or through the church. Prices are \$10.00 for adults and \$7 for students.

## Young woman organizes local, Christian women's conference



Virtue, a nationally known gospel group, will perform at the Woman to Woman conference scheduled for June 23-24 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport.

• **Nationally known presenters and renowned gospel group Virtue scheduled**

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At 21, Camillia Murphy is a mother, a wife, a homemaker and a visionary. As Camillia Murphy gently rocked her infant daughter Jaira, she reached for the navy blue, leather bound Bible that set amid mounds of paperwork that represent a command, Murphy says, she received from God.

After watching her husband, Kory and Eric Knox, organize an urban youth Christian conference in October, Murphy decided women in Portland should have a Christian conference especially for them, too. She decided to plan a conference for women that would build bridges and forge new relationships.

"I want to give women in the Portland area a chance to get together and have fellowship outside their church life and be united as one," said Murphy, who attends Genesis Community Fellowship. "We go to our churches and to our Bible study. But this is an opportunity to network with women you may not know and to

meet women who have something in common with you."

The conference, titled, "Woman to Woman 2000" will be held on June 23-24 at the Holiday Inn at the Airport. The theme of the conference is Proverbs 31:30, which says, "Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting. But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

Some of the guest speakers include Leslie Hara of Western Seminary in Portland; Dr. Angel Smith of Detroit and Dr. Cheryl Burns of Colorado Springs. The gospel singing group Virtue will perform at the conference. To develop the workshop topics, Camillia said she prayed and tried to

think about issues that impact women. Some topics include relationships, being a single parent and dating. The conference is for girls and women. The workshops for women and girls are separate. Early registration is \$35. Registration after June 15

is \$50. All proceeds from the conference will go toward the cost of the event. Murphy currently is paying for the conference through in-kind donations, fund-raisers and individual donors. Financial help is still needed, she said.

Camillia Murphy, whose mother lives in Portland, came to this city in 1997, to get away from her life in California. Murphy said her life of acting, modeling and money was not what God wanted for her.

"That life took me away from Christ," she said. "I woke up one morning and

said this isn't the life Christ has for me."

She attended church with her mother and began to see the changes in her life. "God moved me out here and out of my comfort zone," she said. "And I haven't been the same since." Rather than focus on fame and recognition, Murphy has silently organized this conference with the help of friends and an assistant. She insists that the conference is a way for God to receive glory, not her.

As she finalized plans for the conference, she watched her 8-month-old daughter play with toys and simultaneously answered the questions of her husband, to whom she has been married for three years.



Camillia Murphy

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