



Henry C. Jones

Henry C. Jones was born in Orange County, NC to the late Willie and Annie Cooper Jones. He is married to Hazel Breeze Jones, and they have six children: Anthony (deceased), Karen, Derrick, Kelvin, Barbara, and Christopher, two sons-in-law: Andre' and Thomas, one daughter-in-law: Margaret, and two granddaughters: Taporchia and Shannon. He is a member of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church of Hillsborough and Rev. Shelton T. Miles is his pastor.

After graduating from Central High School, Henry joined the United States Army. During his 20+ years of service in the military he successfully completed many military training courses including NCO Training, Parachuting, Artillery, and Meteorology School. His military career took him to many parts of the world,

including England, Korea, and Vietnam. He received numerous awards including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal W/7 Campaign Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign W/60 Device, Parachutist Badge, 3 Oversea Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), and Republic of Vietnam Technical Service Medal. He is also a 2nd degree Black Belt in Karate.

After retiring from the United States Army March 1, 1977, Henry continued his education under the G.I. Bill and received Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Merchandising from Kings College in March 1980, and in Management from Rutledge College in December 1980. He received a Pharmacy Technology Certificate from Durham Technical Institute in December 1981. His honors included Dean's List (GPA 4.0), Excellence in Accounting, and Outstanding Performance in Merchandising.

In 1982 Henry received his Funeral Directors License from the North Carolina State Board of Funeral Directors in Raleigh. At that time Jones Funeral Home was established in Chapel Hill and has been in existence for 34 years and continues to serve the community, surrounding counties, the United States, and abroad. He is a licensed Notary Public and Insurance Agent.

He was the recipient of the James Brittan Award presented April 28, 2012 by the Chapel Hill Chapter of the NAACP. On March 28, 2015 Henry was honored with a banquet held at The William and Ida Friday Center, where he was awarded with the Community Service Award presented by the Chapel Hill Community Outreach Ministry. He also received the Five Star Award from the Chapel Hill Community Outreach Ministry. For his service to the community, Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt proclaimed March 28, 2015 as Henry C. Jones Day.

Henry feels that the most rewarding part of his community service has been helping people. As a military veteran, he has helped many fellow veterans re-enter civilian life, apply for benefits, and find jobs. "If you help them," he says, "they will start off on the right foot."

Henry believes in the importance of education. Success in school starts with the home, and getting parents involved in their children's education by working with the teachers. One of his most gratifying experiences has been seeing "kids from the wrong side of the tracks improve themselves."