



## Viola Jones Hatcher

July 8, 1922 - January 17, 2022

### VIOLA LEONIDA JONES HATCHER

Viola Leonida Jones Hatcher, formerly of 38 Bronson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut, was born on July 8, 1922 in Baltimore, Maryland to Joseph Allen Jones and Fannie Moore Jones (Cross). She was the youngest of three children. She married Theodore William Hatcher, Jr. on September 14, 1943. From this union three children were born, Barbara Jones Hatcher, Gwendolyn Janice Hatcher and the late Viola (Vicki) DuBois Hatcher; and one grandchild, Watani Abdul DuBois Hatcher.

Viola graduated from Driggs Elementary School and Crosby High School both in Waterbury. She advanced her education at Virginia Union University and Post Junior College. She attended Grace Baptist Church for many years and then joined her husband at the Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church both in Waterbury.

After taking ill and several years after the death of her husband, she moved to the Washington DC Metropolitan area with family. She resided for ten years at the Vitality Living Arlington (formerly Emeritus Assisted Living facility) in Arlington, VA. She attended church with her daughter Barbara at Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington DC - the place where she is being eulogized today.

Viola Leonida Jones Hatcher transitioned from labor to reward on January 17, 2022 at the blessed and sweet age of 99 years and six months. She was a

phenomenal woman who loved to sing, was quite a dancer and was always so elegantly dressed. She traveled the world and loved her family, friends and associates. She loved the Lord first and foremost serving as Sunday School teacher and singing in the choir. Those who knew her characterized her as a great and wonderful lady - sweet, soft-spoken, patient, fashionably dressed with a beautiful smile.

She leaves to cherish her memory her two daughters, Dr. Barbara J. Hatcher of Washington, D.C. and Rev. Gwendolyn J. Hatcher of Tucson, Arizona; her grandson, Watani A. DuBois Hatcher of Washington, D.C.; and a host of cousins, extended family, associates and friends. She touched so many lives and she will be truly and sadly missed. She was predeceased by her parents, the late Joseph Allen Jones and the late Fannie Moore (Jones) Cross; her stepfather, the late Charles Cross; her husband, the late Theodore William Hatcher, Jr.; her daughter, the late Viola DuBois Hatcher; and her brothers, the late Oliver (wife Minnie) Jones and the late Joseph Jones; and many, many more.

Viola was very active in the Waterbury community and belonged to many organizations. She served in numerous positions with the high position as Grand Worthy Matron of Prince Hall Grand Chapter – Order of the Eastern Star – State of Connecticut. Other Prince Hall affiliation achievements included Past Matron of Calisto Chapter #4 Order of the Eastern Star of Connecticut; Past Most Ancient Matron of Jeroham Court #3 Heroines of Jericho; Past Commandress of Arabic Court #95, Daughters of ISIS; member of Miriam Court #11, Order of Cyrenes; and Past Loyal Lady Ruler of New Haven Assembly #42 – Order of the Golden Circle. Her other positions include Past President of the Waterbury Women’s Civic League and a life member and former Secretary of the Waterbury Branch of the NAACP. She later served as an ambassador at the Vitality Living Arlington (formerly Emeritus Assisted Living facility) in Arlington, Virginia. Over the years, she received numerous awards and recognitions for her service.

10 am Family Hour

11 am Funeral @ Shiloh Baptist Church 1500 Ninth St NW ( 9th & P Sts NW)  
WDC

10:45 am Livestream <https://shilohbaptist.org/livestream/>

Covid-19 protocols are in place. Temperature check, sign-in, vaccination, and masks are required if attending in person

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
1500 9th St. NW  
Washington, DC

## Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
1500 9th St. NW  
Washington, DC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Viola Jones Hatcher*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Hatcher Family,  
With heavy hearts, we The Sanders Family of  
Waterbury, Connecticut ( Annie, Jamie,  
Michael, Jimmie, and Cupcake) send our  
Love and Prayers to a Grand Women whom  
we have grown to Love, Honor, and Respect. Our Community knew  
The Hatchers and will remember them for what many fond  
memories and friendships they left behind. God who has united two  
beautiful people together has now reunited them for eternity. Oh,  
how happy they must be now. May God watches and keeps all of  
you with memories to share with so many other that will only bring  
you happiness and more love. God Bless.  
Mr. James R. and Annie E. Sanders and Boys and Granddaughter  
Cupcake of Waterbury, Connecticut.*



**Deacon James R Sanders** - February 01, 2022 at 01:53 AM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May God  
comfort you to his word the Bible and the gift of prayer truly sorry for  
your loss.*

**Evans family** - January 25, 2022 at 04:57 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - January 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM