

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Calvin C. Jones

Class of 1948

CALVIN C. JONES - was an all SIAC basketball guard for four consecutive years, an all-American three times, team co-captain for three years, and led the team to three regular season championships and two conference tournament championships.

Coach "Monk" Jones won the first integrated basketball championship (1966) in the State of Georgia. Since that time he has one of the best records in the state for basketball. His record is 227 wins and 14 losses, two state and five regional championships, one 4th place and one 5th place in the state. For five years he was selected Georgia's Coach of the Year. He has been honored by the Mayor of Atlanta and the Governor of Georgia; and was chosen by the Atlanta Hawks to head up their youth program.

"Monk" has done further study at Atlanta University. He is presently writing a book on basketball for Parker Book Company, one of the largest sports publishing companies in the world. He has conducted basketball camps and clinics for the Y. M. C. A., Atlanta Parks and Recreation, high schools and colleges throughout the State of Georgia.

His wife, Sara, is also a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and they have a lovely daughter, Nannette Y.

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November 5, 1925 - September 2, 2021 | Obituary

Calvin Coolidge Jones was born on November 5, 1925 and graduated Booker T. Washington High School. During his senior year the team went undefeated, and Calvin "Monk" Jones was selected to the All-City and All-State teams. He received a bachelor's degree from Tuskegee Institute in 1948. As a student at Tuskegee, Jones was an outstanding basketball player for four years. He was named to the All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) basketball team for three years and selected as a Black College All-American for two years helping win two SIAC championships.

In 1975, Jones became the first African-American assistant basketball coach at the University of Georgia (UGA) where he was selected by Coach John Guthrie. While at UGA, Coach Jones also served as one of the first African-American coaches, and as a recruiter for the football program under the leadership of Coach Vince Dooley.

Coach Jones has received numerous awards for his outstanding athletic and coaching career, including the Coach of the Year Award from the Georgia Athletic Association (1968-1971) and again in 1986, Georgia Coaches Association, and the 50th - Year Anniversary Award and Honors from Tuskegee University. He was a member of the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame, SIAC Sports Hall of Fame and the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Jones was devoted to his family and community. He was proud of his work with the Atlanta Job Corps and his volunteer work at the Shepherd Center, Inc.

Coach Jones was married to Dr. Sara Jackson Jones for over 74 years and the father of the late, Dr. Nannette Jones-Reid (Jack Reid, Jr.); nieces, Carol Ann Kennedy, Kathleen Jones and Ramona Jones and family; other family members, friends and caregivers.

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SERVICES

Memorial Service

Monday, September 13, 2021

1:00 PM

Murray Brothers Funeral Home

Cascade Chapel

1199 Utoy Springs Rd. SW

Atlanta, Georgia 30331