Mother Vergia Jones, a beloved centenarian, was born on January 6, 1925, as the eldest of eight children. She dedicated her life to service, both in her professional career and in her community. She retired as a nurse assistant from Cook County Hospital, where she provided compassionate care to countless patients.

Known for her commitment to health and wellness, Mother Jones earned the affectionate title of a "health nut" due to her love for growing her own food and preparing nutritious meals, including poke salad and greens, every day. Her passion for well-being extended beyond herself, as she devoted much of her time to missionary work.

A licensed missionary, Mother Jones remained faithful to her calling by ensuring those in need had access to food. She personally delivered food boxes to individuals who were homebound and played an active role in the Monday Night Meal Program and the Thursday food giveaway at Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church until the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to that, she was a dedicated member of Free Will Missionary Baptist Church, where she taught Women’s Sunday School for several years.

In addition to her church and community work, Mother Jones was an entrepreneur, selling Stanley Home Products for many years. Her dedication to faith, family, and service has made a lasting impact on everyone who has had the privilege of knowing her.

Mother Jones is the proud matriarch of a large and loving family, which includes seven children, 17 grandchildren, over 20 great-grandchildren, and more than 27 great-great-grandchildren. Now, at 100 years old, she enjoys the well-earned luxury of being cared for by those she once nurtured, surrounded by the love and appreciation of her family and community. Her life stands as a testament to unwavering faith, generosity, and dedication to helping others.