

JIM JONES

- **May 13, 1931** — James Warren Jones born in Crete, Randolph County, to James Thurman and Lynetta Jones.
- **By 1934** — The Jones family moved to Lynn, living in the southern part of town in a home that once stood where the back of the grocery store is today. His mother works in factories in Lynn and Richmond while his father, who suffered health problems after serving in World War I, spends his days closer to home. A neighbor takes young Jones with her to the Nazarene church.
- **1940** — Jim Jones moves to Richmond with his mother, who separates from his father. He becomes an orderly at Richmond High School while completing his education at Richmond High School. He meets sister Reid, nursing student Marceline Baldwin, a 1946 Richmond High School graduate.
- **1949** — Jim Jones graduates from Richmond High School mid-year and begins classes at Indiana University in Bloomington.
- **June 12, 1949** — Jim Jones weds Marceline Baldwin. The newlyweds move to Bloomington where they each take classes. Marceline works at a hospital to support them.
- **1952** — Jim Jones decides to enter the ministry and starts as a student pastor at Somerset Methodist Church on Indianapolis' south side.
- **June 1, 1959** — Stephan G. Jones is born to Jim and Marceline Jones Jr. Soon after, the Joneses adopt a black baby, naming him James Warren Jones Jr.
- **1960** — The Indianapolis church opens a soup kitchen for the needy and expands its social outreach programs. The kitchen averages 2,800 meals a month. The church is accepted by the Disciples of Christ denomination and Jim is later ordained as a minister. By this time, Jim's mother has left Richmond to be closer to her son. The Joneses open a nursing home, and Marceline's parents — Walter and Charlotte Baldwin — come from Richmond to help, living at 2327 N. Broadway with Jim and Marceline.
- **1962** — Jones moves to South America, living in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The Peoples Church continues in Indiana without him.
- **December 1963** — The Joneses return to Indiana.
- **1965** — Jim and Marceline move to Ukiah, Calif., and about 140 Hoosier church members join them. Jim helps support the family by teaching.
- **1972** — Peoples Temple establishes congregations in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Hundreds of Peoples Temple members begin touring the country, making trips to places like Washington, D.C.
- **1973** — Peoples Temple membership is listed at 2,570. That year, eight members leave the church.
- **1974** — The first Peoples Temple crews arrive in Guyana to create Jonestown, and more follow.
- **1975** — Jim Jones is named one of the top 100 most outstanding clergymen in the nation by Religion in American Life magazine.
- **April 1975** — Marceline Jones returns to Richmond for her parents' 50th wedding anniversary celebration and shares news of the efforts in Guyana. The church has acquired a ship, named "Marceline," on which to transport supplies to Guyana and produce from Jonestown to areas with food shortages.
- **1976** — Jim Jones receives the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Los Angeles Herald newspaper. He also is appointed chairman of the San Francisco Housing Authority. He visits Jonestown twice.
- **June 1976** — Jim Jones returns to visit Lynn with 12 busloads of temple members.
- **1977** — Trouble begins with reports of Peoples Temple members' mistreatment and a custody battle over a temple child. Jim plans to move with a majority of the congregation to Jonestown. By September, nearly 1,000 have migrated.
- **1978** — In Jonestown, Jim Jones begins the "White Night" suicide drills and talks about threats to the church. The Concerned Relatives band together and gain the ear of U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan of California.



Associated Press file photo by Greg Robinson

Congressman Leo J. Ryan, right, rides a plane with staff member James Schollett and Ryan aide Jackie Speier. Ryan was killed and Speier was injured in the Nov. 18, 1978, tragedy in Guyana. Schollett remained in Georgetown and was not injured.

- **Nov. 15, 1978** — Ryan's party arrives in Guyana; Marceline's parents depart, returning to Richmond.
- **Nov. 18, 1978** — Ryan and his group return to Jonestown. About 5 p.m., as they are about to leave the Port Kaituma airstrip with about 16 departing members, shots are fired by temple members arriving in a tractor-pulled wagon.
- Ryan and four others are killed, and others are injured.
- Jim Jones calls a White Night — a mass suicide — and four temple followers at the Georgetown headquarters immediately follow through.
- Worldwide attention focuses not only on Jonestown, but on Jones' hometowns of Richmond, Lynn and Crete.
- In all, 913 temple members die either voluntarily or through intimidation, including about 300 children.
- Jim Jones, 47, dies of a gunshot wound. Also dead are Marceline, 51, and their adopted children, Agnes, 36, and Lew Eric, 22, along with Agnes' and Lew Eric's children.
- **Today** — Four of the Joneses' children survive: Stephan, Jim Jr., Suzanne and Tim Tupper Jones. Marceline's parents and sister Elsie have since died. Sister Sharon Mills remains in Richmond.



James Warren Jones Jr. in 1949

Tragedy

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in Richmond and still has family in the area.

A story with area roots

It began in the tiny Randolph County town of Crete, with the birth on May 13, 1931, of James "Jim" Warren Jones to Lynetta and James Thurman Jones. He was their only child.

By 1934, the Jones family had moved to the nearby town of Lynn.

Money was tight in the Depression years, especially with the elder James Jones in poor health. School records show that little Jimmy Jones' dad was employed by the Works Progress Administration, as foreman for community sanitation and as a truck driver. However, his mother was often the family's breadwinner.

Some who knew the young Jimmy saw him as quiet and fairly well-behaved, interested in religion. He attended services at the Nazarene church and at the former Gospel Tabernacle.

In 1938, boyhood acquaintance Louis Thomas recalled Jim Jones preaching as a child.

"When I was outside playing, I recall one summer day he sought to sweep me into his zealous realm," Thomas said. "I wasn't taken with his ardor of religion, and he violently threw a rock, hitting me in my right temple. The gushing blood forced me into my home for help, ending his attempt at conversation."

Like Thomas, Virgil Estep recalled Jim Jones' religious fervor.

"I snuck out to his barn one day and he was preaching by himself out there," Estep said. "He was something else. One minute he would be fine and the next minute he would break out in a temper tantrum."

Education and marriage

As Jim Jones grew into his teens, his mother separated from his father and moved to Richmond, working at Park Street Circle. The 1951 Richmond City Directory lists Jones' mother, Lynetta, as a resident of 1330 1/2 E. Main St., an apartment in the same building as the Walter Hiller watch repair service.

Jim Jones joined his mother in Richmond, taking a job as an orderly at Reid Hospital as his senior year approached.

The Richmond High School Pictorial yearbook for 1949 shows Jones' senior photo, and he also is captured with the members of Hi-Y in a winter sweater with a reindeer in the pattern.

A Pierian from four years earlier shows the woman who would become his bride, Marceline Baldwin. "Always soft spoken," Marceline went to the nursing school at Reid, where she met Jim Jones.

The newlyweds moved to Bloomington, where Jim Jones had begun Indiana University classes after



The Rev. Jim Jones, left, shows a Peoples Temple pamphlet to some of the Lynn residents who looked after him, including Myrtle Kennedy, second from right. The picture was taken during Jones' 1976 bus tour stop in Lynn.

graduating high school at mid-term. She worked while he studied.

On May 29, 1961, Jim Jones' father died in Lynn at age 63. He was buried in the Mt. Zion Cemetery between Lynn and Winchester.

Preacher helps others

Around the time Jim Jones' father died, he and his wife moved from Bloomington to Indianapolis so that Jones could enter the ministry. He became a student pastor at Somerset Methodist Church.

A March 15, 1963, article from the Palladium-Item and Sun-Telegram told of



Marceline Baldwin, The Rev. Jim Jones' wife in 1945

young minister's campaign to build a recreation center for children on Indianapolis' south side. The article noted that the Joneses had an adopted 10-year-old daughter, Agnes.

Jim Jones left the Somerset church to start his own — the first, Community Unity, then Wings of Deliverance, and finally the Peoples Temple.

As his churches grew, so did his family. It was diverse with adopted children who were Korean and black. An adopted daughter died in a car accident while traveling with church workers. And the Joneses had their only biological child, Stephan, in 1959.

Jones' church was a congregation of all colors that was interested in helping those who were less fortunate. The church opened a soup kitchen and the Joneses opened a nursing home. Marceline's parents came from Richmond to help.

Marceline's youngest sister, Sharon Mills of Richmond, remembers.

"It was the only church I have ever been in that was so integrated. They all loved each other and it was a very powerful thing," she said.

Peoples Temple moves

In 1961, Jim Jones' work brought rewards. He was appointed the first director of the Indianapolis Human Rights Commission.

But he wasn't content. He and his family spent time in Brazil, returned to Indianapolis and then, in 1965, moved to Ukiah, Calif. More

than 100 Hoosiers, including his mother, followed Jones to California. Soon the church was growing again, with about 300 members by 1960.

Jones won awards and established congregations in San Francisco and Los Angeles. With nearly 10,000 members of all ages, races and backgrounds, Jones mustered church members to vote, protest and travel. The church became as much a political-religious entity.

It was helping people through drug rehabilitation programs, care homes for children and elderly, a free di-

agnostic and outpatient clinic, a legal aid program and a free-dining hall for indigents.

"I'm not an ardent fundamentalist," Jim Jones told a Palladium-Item reporter in April 1976. "However, the church is required, through the admonitions of Jesus, to take care of its people."

About a year later, in June 1976, 12 travel buses filled with Peoples Temple members on a tour of the United States pulled in to Lynn to visit their leader's hometown. Jim Jones met that day with Myrtle Kennedy, who

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Preview - SANDY MORNING 1:20

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WILLIE (G) Day 8:40
Preview - SANDY LATE SHOW 10:00
Preview - SANDY MORNING 1:20

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