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**DR. DICK GREGORY LEADS PRAYER VIGIL AT  
32ND ANNUAL OFFICIAL JONESTOWN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

***Survivors, Families and Friends of Victims and Community Leaders Take Part***

**OAKLAND, CA** - On Nov. 18, 1978 the world as we knew it was changed forever. 918 adults and 305 children—including 40 infants—lost their lives along with U.S. Congressman Leo Ryan and a United Press International film crew. The place was Peoples Temple in Jonestown, Guyana—that Paradise of Pain founded and led by James Warren "Jim" Jones, forever rendered infamous by its name "Jonestown."

Comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory said, "As a family man with ten children and 12 grandchildren, I can feel the pain of that tragedy and I want to share the sympathy with family and friends."

- WHO:** Dr. Richard Claxton "Dick" Gregory  
**WHAT:** Prayer Vigil at 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jonestown Memorial Service  
**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010 | 11:00 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Evergreen Cemetery, 6450 Camden Street, Oakland, CA  
**WHY:** To honor the victims and remind the public of the tragic murders of hard working and generous people, who had been in search of better lives for themselves and their children, were killed by Jim Jones  
**COST:** FREE w/ refreshments served  
**SPEAKERS:** Professor Oba T'Shaka, former San Francisco State University chairman, representatives from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office, Dr. Edgar Boyd, Dr. Jynona Norwood, and survivors and loved ones of victims of this tragedy

Dr. Jynona Norwood is founder and executive director of Jonestown Memorial Services and Wall. On that fateful day, her family lost 27 loved ones including her beloved mother and three-month-old cousin Charles Garry Henderson—the youngest child to perish in Jonestown. "Throughout the last 32 years I have paused to reflect on the sparks of life that God created who perished in Jonestown," commented Dr. Norwood. "After losing 27 vibrant loved ones, my family and hundreds of other affected parties will come together to say, "Love never dies, but lives on in our hearts and deeds." The Jonestown victims deserve a fitting Memorial Wall in their honor."

Community, civic and ministerial leaders will honor the memories of all victims of the Jonestown massacre. To learn more about the Jonestown story, visit [www.jones-town.org](http://www.jones-town.org).

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