

*Libation  
for  
Onua Rhett S. Jones*

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*Ancestors, immediate and remote  
We are calling on you this morning  
to provide us the unfailing  
Support and clarity of vision you have always made available  
To the far-flung family*

*Today, we are humbly asking you, informing you of our brother  
Rhett's journey.*

*We know that you know already that he is on his way.  
But it is our duty to inform you  
and to ask for your generosity  
In receiving him when he gets to the netherworld.*

*We know that you know that his work on this side is done.  
May you bestow comfort and peace on his immediate family,  
His brother Gary,*

*His daughters Jennifer and Ariana, and  
His grandsons Terrance, Alexander, and Colin.*

*May you let the path he cleared for us  
in this building and in this institution  
continue to inspire us in the mission  
Of serving as vehicles for education here, there, and  
Everywhere our paths lead.*

*We thank you for his life and his work.  
Today, we ask of you to receive water that we pour to all of you.  
It is our modest offering to you.  
May you help us carry the load lightly.*

*We know that no one climbs the ladder of death alone.  
So, Ancestors, we implore you to cover us all with your cloth  
On this side as you will Rhett in your world.*

*Here is water we give you in the name of the whole universe  
Of the African world at home and in the diaspora.*

*Ndase nna Nkae*

