



Mrs. Buzette Jackson

March 27, 1928 - March 17, 2026

***NOTE: A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MRS. BUZETTE JACKSON WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026, AT THE GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH WILL OPEN AT 10:00 A.M. FOR VISITATION.

***PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS BELOW*

***NOTE: MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER CAN BE PROVIDED BY REQUEST.

***ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VIEW SERVICES ONLINE YOU HAVE (4) OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:

1. Go to Galilee Baptist Church's website at: gbckazoo.org
 - Or
 2. Go to YouTube and type in The Galilee Baptist Church Lives Stream
 - Or
 3. Go to Facebook, if you have a Facebook account. after logging in, type in Galilee Baptist Church
 - Or-
 4. Use the GBC App, Instagram or Twitter
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***NOTE: The DVD Memorial Tribute will be available soon

The Obituary

Mother Buzette Jackson passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born March 27, 1928 in Hope, Arkansas, to the late Mamie and Willie Turner. She attended Yerger Elementary, Middle School and High School in Hope, Arkansas and matriculated to Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, graduating in 1951. It was there that she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She was married to Curtis Reynolds (deceased) and one child, Curtis, Jr. was born to this union. In 1951, she relocated to Kalamazoo and married James C. Jackson (deceased) and three children were born to this union, Jackie, Joan and Jimmy, Jr. She received another degree from the Bronson School of Nursing in 1955, and she was proud to say that she was among the first Black nurses to graduate from Bronson. This was the beginning of a long career that spanned over 50 years in the medical field. She worked at both Bronson and Borgess for two years and at Kalamazoo State Hospital for 37 years, retiring at age 65. Many of those years were spent as a nursing supervisor. She later worked as a private duty nurse for an additional 15 years. She was known for her strong work ethic and deep compassion for nursing. She was recognized on numerous occasions for her fairness as a supervisor and also her exceptional nursing skills

Mother Jackson cherished spending time with family. She loved to crochet and play word games. She had an exquisite sense of fashion and was often admired and emulated for her elegant style. In other words, she was always sharp from “head to toe” with beautiful hats and stylish clothes and shoes. She had various social affiliations in Kalamazoo. For many years, she was a member of the Young Matrons Club, a dedicated women’s group which focused on community service, fellowship and support for churches. This was also the organization that provided her the resources to the cornerstone for

motivation to connect, volunteer and mentor young people. She was one of the founding members of the Northside Association for Educational Advancement, which was dedicated to offering financial assistance to local students. She was so proud of the many scholarships that continue to be presented to students in the Kalamazoo community on an annual basis. She, along with her husband, James Jackson, were strong supporters of the NAACP and the Douglass Community Association and had a vested interest in politics and social justice issues and also a passion to assure that all people were treated equally.

Mother Jackson had an extraordinary faith journey. She belonged to Allen Chapel AME Church for most of her adult life. At the age of 80 years old, she moved her membership to Galilee Baptist Church, so she could worship with her daughter and son-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Monk Jackson, Flossy Jackson, Pauline Turner and Herbert Hoover-Turner; her son, Jimmy Jackson, Jr. and two granddaughters, Tiffany Harris and Summer Jackson.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Curtis Reynolds, Jr. and her two daughters, Jackie Jackson and Joan Harris (Edward); 10 grandchildren, Herbert Reynolds-Davis, Jamal Reynolds, Ashanti Reynolds, Daniel Reynolds, Paul Reynolds, Curtis Reynolds, II, Nigal Reynolds, Lonnie Rucker, James Jackson II and Steven Jackson; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Doris Turner; her special friends who were also family, Elder Willie Mae Pierson, Ricky and Cheryl Johnson and James and Tonya Collins who supported and loved her throughout the years and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mother Buzette Jackson's legacy will live on in those who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Previous Events

Public Viewing For Family & Friends

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation For Family & Friends

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Harper Funeral Home - March 28 at 04:47 PM

MW

ABSOLUTELY A BEAUTIFUL ANGEL 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹
👠👼👼 Jazzy until the very end 😭🙏😎

Michele' Williams - March 30 at 10:54 AM

CB

I did not know her very well, I met her after I joined Allen Chapel A.M.E. She always had a beautiful smile, and dressed like she stepped out of THE EBONY magazine. I met Joanie also. May God hold your hand and heart as you lay your Mother to rest. My thoughts are with you all. Love, Carrol T. Blair 💜

Carrol T Blair - March 31 at 05:02 PM

WW

“ WC And Alicia White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



WC and Alicia White - April 15 at 09:46 PM

LG

“ *Larry Gray And Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Larry Gray and Karen Gray - April 06 at 04:53 PM

IR

“ *Ida Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Ida Robinson - March 31 at 04:36 PM

BH

“ Dear Curtis Joan, Ed, Jackie, and the Reynolds and Jackson Family:

I was so saddened to hear of the transition of Mother Buzette Jackson. Her effervesce spirit and smile has left fond memories in my heart. For years, Mother Jackson was a shining light at Allen Chapel AMEC, as she shared her gifts of missionary work, singing, and cooking awesome soul food and homemade rolls! Her love for the Lord was evident in her community service at the N.A.C.D., N.A.A.C.P., the Ecumenical Center and everything she touched. We can rejoice knowing that she has received her heavenly reward and is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Fondly,

*Pastor Bobette Hampton
Transformed by Fire Church*

Bobette Hampton - March 31 at 01:03 PM

JG

“ My condolences to Joanie and family 🌹

My memory of Mrs. Jackson is one of a person with a warm and kindhearted spirit. She taught me how to make “Parker House Yeast Rolls” and that was years and years ago during Thanksgiving break at Western Michigan University.

Without question, the different ways she touched many will be remembered always! 🌹



Janice Gray - March 30 at 10:57 AM

RH

“ Rochelle Hickman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Rochelle Hickman - March 30 at 10:23 AM

NN

“ Nehemiah Church Durham NC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Buzette Jackson.



Nehemiah Church Durham NC - March 29 at 06:08 PM

SM

“ Si & Rosiland Marsh lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Si & Rosiland Marsh - March 29 at 05:33 PM

DR

“ Growing up and remembering the Jackson family, mother was a wonderful lady,



Darden Rickie - March 29 at 03:13 PM

HC

“ *Herberta Carver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Herberta Carver - March 29 at 01:03 PM

TF

“ *The Prude Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



The Prude Family - March 28 at 06:05 PM

FD

“ *Felicia Summers Dent lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Felicia Summers Dent - March 28 at 11:42 AM

CN

“ *Cheryl Nebedum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Cheryl Nebedum - March 28 at 11:06 AM

AB

“ *Angela Buchanan-Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Angela Buchanan-Tabron - March 27 at 11:20 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Jeanette Buchanan - March 27 at 11:19 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Edith Gardner - March 27 at 05:08 PM

EG

“ *Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Edith Gardner - March 27 at 05:08 PM

LO

“ LorenePhillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



LorenePhillips - March 27 at 11:22 AM

AJ

“ Aubrey Avery Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Aubrey Avery Jr. - March 27 at 07:56 AM

PG

“ Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Pauline Gardner - March 27 at 07:54 AM

GK

“ Gordon Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Gordon Kelley - March 27 at 04:33 AM

RO

“ *Rickie Ozier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Rickie Ozier - March 26 at 01:56 PM

SF

“ *Mother Jackson was like another mother to my family, she will truly be missed. Loved those baked rolls.*

Sam and Dorothy (Harris) Dean & Family - March 26 at 09:46 AM

HM

“ *Howard And Debra McCullough lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Howard and Debra McCullough - March 26 at 09:13 AM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - March 26 at 01:11 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Jerry Harris - March 25 at 11:37 PM

HB

“ *Joan & Ed Harris and the entire family of Buzette Jackson. You have our deepest sympathy.*
Helen (Mills) Brooks & Barbee Family



Helen Brooks - March 25 at 09:00 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Jeanette Buchanan - March 25 at 08:35 PM

ML

“ *Mary Ligon-Goens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Mary Ligon-Goens - March 25 at 08:34 PM

AB

“ *Angela Buchanan-Tabron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Angela Buchanan-Tabron - March 25 at 08:34 PM

JG

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Buzette Jackson.*



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. - Atlanta G - March 25 at 06:54 PM

AS

“ *Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson*



Alma Snell - March 25 at 05:33 PM

RS

“ *Ronald Sheppard lit a candle in memory of Buzette Jackson*



Ronald Sheppard - March 25 at 03:24 PM

GW

“ Gloria Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Buzette Jackson



Gloria Wilkerson - March 25 at 03:12 PM

DS

“ DaNikka Snell lit a candle in memory of Buzette Jackson



DaNikka Snell - March 25 at 12:40 PM

GS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mrs. Buzette Jackson.



Gwendolyn Smith - March 25 at 12:32 PM

SB

“ Sharon Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Buzette Jackson



Sharon Buchanan - March 25 at 10:08 AM

NR

“ My dear and precious Buzette. I cannot put into words how much you have meant to me. We started out as neighbors over 40 years ago and that quickly grew into a mutual loving relationship! We have laughed together until tears rolled down our cheeks and we have cried together till tears rolled down our cheeks, especially when your dear Grand daughter, Tiffany died and when your dear son Jimmy died. I am so sorry that we never got to meet your wonderful husband as he died just before we moved in, but we felt like we knew him from all the beautiful memories that you shared. You knew that you could call Fritz or me at any time, day or night. I knew that I was welcome at any time with just a knock on the door for coffee and just to visit. We could bear our souls to eachother. You made us awesome meals, like your wonderful meatloaf, salmon, soups, rolls and countless desserts! You would call and say "Norm, what are you fixing for supper?" Most of the time I told her I didn't know and you would say "come back at 5pm and I'll have it ready for you" Always sent enough for leftovers, which we loved! Our best times were when we talked about Our Precious Lord and Savior and reading Psalm 139 together! How she loved the Lord and never stopped sharing His Marvelous love! I will miss YOU beyond words and whenever I look at your home, which is everyday, I will reminisce with memories and love.
With so much love
Norma Rice

Norma Rice - March 25 at 09:08 AM

BE

“ Bobby Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Bobby Edwards - March 24 at 08:33 PM

AB

“ Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Jackson's family and friends...

*Mrs. Ann Booth-Dunigan
Douglasville, Ga*



Annie Jo Booth-Dunigan - March 24 at 02:57 AM

JP

“ James & Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



James & Barbara Phillips - March 23 at 07:49 PM

GH

“ Guenetta Harris-Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Guenetta Harris-Gordon - March 23 at 07:14 PM

DF

“ Daniel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Daniel Family - March 23 at 02:06 PM

RF

“ Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Royetta Fry-Walker - March 23 at 01:15 PM

RF

“ Sending prayers to your family. May Mrs. Jackson rest peacefully in Paradise

Royetta Fry-Walker - March 23 at 01:14 PM

CO

“ Cynthia Owens-White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Cynthia Owens-White - March 23 at 07:49 AM

AB

“ Annie Jo Booth-Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Annie Jo Booth-Dunigan - March 23 at 07:39 AM

KF

“ Kevin Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Kevin Ford - March 23 at 07:11 AM

VB

“ Vicky Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Vicky Burns - March 22 at 05:49 PM

CB

“ Carrol T. Blair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Carrol T. Blair - March 22 at 04:53 PM

DM

“ Diane McPherson-Carver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Buzette Jackson



Diane McPherson-Carver - March 22 at 03:21 PM