



## Ms. Kai Marie Jackson

November 8, 1957 - July 2, 2019

On November 8, 1957 Donald and N. Marie Jackson were blessed with their first and only daughter Kai Marie Jackson. Kai and her four brothers that followed, moved from her hometown Quincy, IL to Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1960. She told many stories of growing up with her four brothers and visits with grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. Her Northside community would be her inspiration to uplift the power of friendship, fellowship and family.

She gave her life to Christ in 1970 at Mt Zion Baptist Church where she was still an active member. Kai, a born leader, participated in many school related activities and enjoyed social events at Kalamazoo Central High School. As a Michigan State University Alumni, she loved MSU football. She graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice, a minor in English, and she continued to keep in contact with the friends she made in school.

Kai had one daughter and began her career working in early childhood education at Northeastern Elementary School as a Home-School Interventionists, working at Lakeside in the summers. She worked at other area schools as well as training and attending nationwide conferences. Later she developed and directed Edison's school-based health center where she developed as a grant writer. From there she moved to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Atlanta GA always bringing her "can do" attitude and insight for children's needs to each position she filled. She created several

school and church programs for children and teenagers throughout the years working with directors, principals, specialists and teachers. Kai returned to Kalamazoo 11 years ago and worked at Milwood Middle School which would be her last school. She had a positive impact on everyone she came in contact with.

Kai enjoyed spending time with her mother, traveling with her grandchildren and visiting her extended family. She loved the Lord and spent much of her time testifying to young people about developing spiritually. She dedicated her life to being an advocate for children and families that were dealing with hardship, mental health and poverty. She was designed to be an answer to earthly issues. She walked upright in her purpose and now will be rewarded for her love, hard work, faith and dedication.

Giving honor to her late father Donald Jackson, grandparents: the Jackson's and Clark's, and brother Kerry Jackson.

Kai is survived by her mother N. Marie Jackson; daughter Kaii Thomas and son-in-law Jason Thomas; her grandchildren, Khalil and Kaylana Jones; her brothers and sisters-in-law Kimberly, Bevelyn, Kendall, Carol, Kent and Sandra Jackson. Though Kai Marie Jackson will be missed in physical presence, her wisdom and spirit will live on in our hearts ...Kai you will wear a crown!

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd  
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733  
(269) 337-8227

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

## A Memorial Service In Loving Memory Of

JUL 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
120 Roberson Street  
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Harper Funeral Home - July 09, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ Ms. Kai Marie Jackson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Kai Marie Jackson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ My condolences to the family and friends,  
May God continues to strengthen you and  
comfort you in your time off sorrow.



Remenyi Williams - July 15, 2019 at 01:07 PM

TP

“ *Mrs. Jackson was the best part of my elementary school days. So sweet and nice. I am so sorry to hear about her loss. Prayers to her family.*

Tammy Pawlowski - July 15, 2019 at 10:19 AM

DW

“ *De Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



De Wilkerson - July 13, 2019 at 02:24 PM

SW

“ *Sheila Cruz Woodson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



Sheila Cruz Woodson - July 12, 2019 at 10:10 PM

LJ

“ *Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



Lucy Cruz Jackson - July 11, 2019 at 09:37 PM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - July 10, 2019 at 12:57 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



The Daniel Family - July 10, 2019 at 12:51 PM

AT

“ *My condolences to the family.*



Alice Taylor - July 10, 2019 at 12:28 PM

TF

“ *The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



The Fields Family - July 10, 2019 at 11:50 AM

MP

“ *Molle Peterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Molle Peterson** - July 10, 2019 at 08:36 AM

JD

“ *Condolences to the Jackson family! May God bless and keep the family during their time of bereavement.*

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**John & Carolyn Davis** - July 10, 2019 at 08:22 AM

CS

“ *Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**carol smith** - July 10, 2019 at 03:59 AM

CS

“ *Carol Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**carol smith** - July 10, 2019 at 03:57 AM

CM

“ *Chabrea Monet Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Chabrea Monet Moore** - July 10, 2019 at 01:29 AM

CM

“ *Ms. Jackson was the best teacher she loved us all unconditionally I'm going to miss her I love you Soo much :chabrea*

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**Chabrea Monet Moore** - July 10, 2019 at 01:23 AM

TP

“ *Toney And Diana Patterson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Toney and Diana Patterson** - July 09, 2019 at 11:07 PM

ES

“ *Ellen Collins Spencer lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Ellen Collins Spencer** - July 09, 2019 at 09:33 PM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Angela Brown** - July 09, 2019 at 07:30 PM

MT

“ *You will be missed Pat McMillom*



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**Melinda Thomas** - July 09, 2019 at 06:37 PM

MT

“ *Rest in peace Melinda (Pickett) Thomas*



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**Melinda Thomas** - July 09, 2019 at 06:33 PM

CW

“ *Carl, Kharen and Martha Warfield purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson.*



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**Carl, Kharen and Martha Warfield** - July 09, 2019 at 06:17 PM

GS

“ My condolences to Mrs. Jackson and the family. Kai was a special gift from God. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gloria Smith - July 09, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Karest Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Karest Brown - July 09, 2019 at 04:14 PM

DE

“ My deepest condolences to the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Daveda Ervin - July 09, 2019 at 01:09 PM

IB

“ Ida Bryant-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Ida Bryant-Robinson - July 09, 2019 at 02:46 AM

RF

“ Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Royetta Fry-Walker - July 08, 2019 at 11:13 PM

UV

“ Uncle Dale and Aunt Vivian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson.



Uncle Dale and Aunt Vivian - July 08, 2019 at 09:10 PM

CE

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Kai will be greatly missed. May God give you strength I pray for your family daily.

Charmane Echols



charmane echols - July 08, 2019 at 07:56 PM

SG

“ Shirley (Hayes) Gordon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Shirley (Hayes) Gordon - July 08, 2019 at 07:06 PM

RF

“ Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Royetta Fry-Walker - July 08, 2019 at 06:30 PM

R2

“ Royetta 2 sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Royetta 2 - July 08, 2019 at 06:29 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



Kevin Dunigan - July 08, 2019 at 05:10 PM

TF

“ The Walker Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson



The Walker Family - July 08, 2019 at 04:51 PM

VO

“ *Vivian Ollie-O'Neal lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Vivian Ollie-O'Neal** - July 08, 2019 at 11:24 AM

VO

“ *My condolences to the Jackson Family.*

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**Vivian Ollie-O'Neal** - July 08, 2019 at 11:23 AM

HF

“ *Helen Brooks & Barbee Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Helen Brooks & Barbee Family** - July 08, 2019 at 09:14 AM

SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Sonia Wilkerson** - July 08, 2019 at 08:43 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Pauline Gardner** - July 08, 2019 at 07:28 AM

JD

“ *JoAnn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**JoAnn Dixon** - July 08, 2019 at 04:14 AM

TE

“ *Tina Echols-Wade lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Tina Echols-Wade** - July 07, 2019 at 11:07 PM

AR

“ *My Condolences to the Jackson family I been knowing this family for a long time. RIH Kai Jackson*

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**ArleneBuchanan** - July 07, 2019 at 09:18 PM

AR

“ *ArleneBuchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**ArleneBuchanan** - July 07, 2019 at 09:15 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - July 07, 2019 at 02:44 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Jerry Harris** - July 07, 2019 at 02:07 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - July 07, 2019 at 01:46 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Barbara Phillips** - July 07, 2019 at 01:24 PM

AM

“ *Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Alma M. Snell** - July 07, 2019 at 09:55 AM

LJ

“ *Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Kai Marie Jackson*



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**Lucy Cruz Jackson** - July 07, 2019 at 09:26 AM

PT

“ *Sending my condolences to the Jackson family, may God continue to strengthen and comfort you in your time of sorrow. Kai, a women of God, whom shared her love for children will be greatly missed. Patricia Buchanan-Thomas.*

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**Patricia Thomas** - July 06, 2019 at 06:18 PM