



Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson

February 6, 1927 - November 25, 2017

Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at Medilodge of Portage. Lillie was born on February 6, 1927 the daughter of Reverend Frank and Irene Edmonds of Starkville, Mississippi. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at her father's church, at a young age.

Lillie relocated her family to Kalamazoo, Michigan with the support of her sister Liney in the early 1960's, where she raised all nine of her children. Lillie enjoyed being a strong support system to her children.

She completed her high school degree from Kalamazoo Central Adult High School. She later became employed by Bronson Methodist Hospital, where she worked in the Central Service Department for 27 years, until she retired in 1993.

After retirement, she dedicated the majority of her time caring for her youngest daughter Angela, who had been ill for many years with sickle cell disease.

Lillie also did volunteer work at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. She was a long time member of Second Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI, where she served on the Usher Board. She also enjoyed attending regular bible studies at her church, until her health declined.

Lillie was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Jackson; 4 of her cherished children: 3 daughters, Helen Anthony, Maelene Jackson, Angela Jackson; and 1 son, Ronald Jackson; a sister Liney Mae Canady and her only brother, Frank Edmonds, Jr.

Lillie leaves to cherish her memories of Godly Wisdom and Unconditional Love to her 5 children: 4 daughters, Janice Cobb and Sondra Brooks both of Kalamazoo, MI; Kaye Cullins (Harry) of Leesburg, Virginia, Demetra Jennings (Charles) of Douglasville, GA; 1 son, Wesley Bernard Jackson of Inglewood, CA; 3 sisters, Shirley Bridges (James); Rena Williams (Gene); Lois Glass (George). Lillie is the proud grandmother of 20 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren. She will truly be missed by her family, friends and her Second Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
609 N. Rose Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
609 N. Rose Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Tony lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Tony - August 14, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *I cared for Ms. Lillie during her last few months. She had such a beautiful spirit even on her tough days. She was very loved and was truly a gift from God. I am so grateful that I was able to meet such a wonderful woman.*

Medilodge of Portage Aide - December 07, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Tammy T lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Tammy T - December 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM

HS

“ *Hilda Bradford Snell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Hilda Bradford Snell - December 06, 2017 at 07:11 AM

TT

“ *I loved ms lillie, im so sorry for her families loss.*
Love
Tam Tam ❤️

Tammy T - December 05, 2017 at 09:11 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



PATTERSON FAMILY - December 05, 2017 at 08:10 AM

MW

“ *Minister Flora Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Minister Flora Walker - December 05, 2017 at 04:27 AM

BP

“ *Barbara & James Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Barbara & James Phillips - December 04, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ *Mamma Lillie... I really enjoyed taking care of you, you will truly be missed by many! My condolences to all the family♥, Kiea AKA "Connie's daughter"*

Kiea Johnson - December 04, 2017 at 04:29 PM

CP

“ *CINDY PHILLIPS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



CINDY PHILLIPS - December 04, 2017 at 01:54 PM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Carrie Baker - December 04, 2017 at 09:48 AM

CB

“ *C Renae Brown-Oakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



C Renae Brown-Oakes - December 04, 2017 at 07:48 AM

CB

Mommy so beautiful and full of wisdom, I will cherish her memories and the Bible I have from her, God Bless you all!

C Renae Brown-Oakes - December 04, 2017 at 07:53 AM

LR

“ *Thoughts, prayers and condolences in the loss of your sweet mothers...We will always see her beautiful smile, which would light up a room. Mrs. Jackson will be missed. Family look to the Lord for courage and strength. Love and Hugs, Leroy & Gertie Robinson 🥰*

Leroy. and Gertie Robinson - December 04, 2017 at 01:25 AM

EW

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolence. To the Jackson family. May God comfort you in your time. Of loss. Sincerely Evelyn Warr aka Henry.*



evelyn warr - December 03, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *In Memory - 6" L x 2.5" H Memorial Stone was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson.*



December 02, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ *Sending My Condolence To You All, Rest In Paradise Ms. Jackson (Mommy) Love You All Vicky Mills-,Jones*

Victoria Jones - December 02, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ *Vicky Mills-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Vicky Mills-Jones - December 02, 2017 at 03:32 PM



“ *I will remember and cherish our last conversation; it felt so good to hear your voice and to get to tell you I love you. It was almost like having one last moment with my dad. I wish we could've spent more time together but I will honor and treasure my memories of you. I know how much my dad loved you and I know he must be happy to have you.
In His love,
Nadia Prim*



Nadia Prim - December 01, 2017 at 10:49 PM

TF

“ *A virtuous women of God, she was loved and respected by many! One of the many gifts and lasting impressions that mommy left my family with was her wisdom and her loving smile! We loved her dearly.*

Ty's family - December 01, 2017 at 10:16 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Earline Fields - December 01, 2017 at 06:25 PM

WF

“ *We want you all to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God continue to bless, strengthen and keep you. Mattie Fields and family.*



Wendy Fields - November 30, 2017 at 09:00 PM

LJ

“ I remember making a lemon cake with you and Natasha. So much fun and smiles. Grandma Your such a joy to be around and good company to keep. You made me feel proud, safe and at home. The times we shared on the phone were really special. I carry you in my heart and I love you always. To the friends and family take care and let's continue to love one another with everything we've got because she showed us that. Love always Courtney Nicole Jackson



Lucy Jackson - November 30, 2017 at 07:53 PM

JA

“ The memory of the Just is Blessed Proverbs 10:7;
Thank you The Most High God for blessing me with the memories of my Mother.



Bless you Mom, Janice

Janice - November 30, 2017 at 07:04 PM

TO

“ Hi Grandma,
Know that you are sooo loved! The matriarch of our family. And as we all gather together to celebrate your Life, we can find comfort in knowing that your legacy lives on for generations to come, because a piece of you lives on in each and every one of us.....

Love you Grandma, Tonia

Tonia - November 30, 2017 at 05:17 PM

MI

“ *Misty lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Misty - November 30, 2017 at 03:48 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Kevin Dunigan - November 30, 2017 at 12:33 PM

MJ

“ *I always enjoy talking and taking care of her she did not call me Linda she call me "round face" lol she will be truly missed michael and Linda johnson*

michael and linda johnson - November 30, 2017 at 12:29 PM

MJ

“ *Michael And Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



michael and linda johnson - November 30, 2017 at 12:25 PM

LB

“ *Lilon Baughman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Lilon Baughman - November 30, 2017 at 11:06 AM

HB

“ *Hal&Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Hal&Janet Buchanan - November 30, 2017 at 10:06 AM

RA

“ *Grandma,
Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved
beyond words and missed beyond measure.
Love you always,
Rasheida, Adrian, Tayler, Asia and Adrianna* 💔💕



Rasheida - November 29, 2017 at 11:50 PM

EW

“ *Sending heartfelt condolence to the Jackson family. I love you all. If theirs any thing I can. Do to help. Let me know.*



evelyn warr - November 29, 2017 at 11:31 PM

MI

“ *Love Misty*



Misty - November 29, 2017 at 09:12 PM

MI

“ *Love Misty*



Misty - November 29, 2017 at 09:00 PM

RM

“ Grandma you have shown us all what it means to be a strong woman. You were beautiful, smart, loving, and the foundation for all of the Jackson's. We love you and know that you are in a better place.

Love always

Raineca

Raineca Morrison - November 29, 2017 at 08:38 PM



NB

“ Grandma, you are the true definition of unconditional love, confidence & strength. Thank you for teaching us to love and trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Your memory will forever live on in each of us. I'll miss your beautiful smiling face. I love you, rest peacefully. Love your sweet Kie Kie

Nakiea Bridges - November 29, 2017 at 08:34 PM



“ Hey Grandma Lillie I love you sooo much and will miss you dearly 🥺 I'm glad I got to see you after my graduation this year . You were a great mother & grandmother . Watch over us please grandma . We all love you ❤️ - Love your great granddaughter Tayler Mitchell 🌸☀️

Tayler Alexis' - November 29, 2017 at 07:22 PM

CJ

“ Mom I just want to thank you for being more than a mother-in-law. Thank you for being such a wise, strong, loving mother . You never judged any of us, but always showed us love. I love you Mom until we meet again.
Love your son Charles



Charles Jennings - November 29, 2017 at 04:46 PM

LJ

“ Lucy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson



Lucy Jackson - November 29, 2017 at 03:44 PM

LJ

Dear Ms Lillie you have been a wonderful mother in law to me just like a mom I always enjoy talking to you, now I am very sad but I know you are with the almighty and that makes me happy I will miss you very much God Bless you. I will never forget you . I am going to miss your phone calls Rest In Peace

Lucy Jackson - November 30, 2017 at 09:06 PM

DJ

“ Farewell Dear Mother

*Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief
and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear
name.*

*The precious word is 'MOTHER', she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.
I miss you already mom.
I will Always Love you, DeeDee*



Demetra Jennings - November 29, 2017 at 02:49 PM

NJ

“ My beautiful grandmother, there is so much to say about you. It's funny I always associate you with sweets...as a little girl I remember looking forward to coming to see you at Lily Terrance apartments (I think that is the name) because you always had the sweetest red Kool-Aid in the refrigerator...and we never had that at home. I can taste it now! Over the years, our family was away from Kalamazoo and I only got to see you when we came back to visit. But my last year of high school I was blessed to have a chance to stay with you for the summer before college. I came to know you for myself and I had a chance to talk to you and hear your stories and learn how to make your fried cabbage. You gave us all so much strength. My dad told me the stories of Edward Street. The way you lived your life and your perseverance. You did it all with so much grace and dignity and still never took any mess. Looking at your face gave me strength, that beautiful skin and those high cheekbones. The day before I had my first child I drove to see you and my other grandmother because I was so scared. You rubbed my belly and said that there was no more room left and it was time! My daughter came the next day. You are with me always in memory and spirit. We will make you proud and remember what you sacrificed, how hard you worked and all you persevered through, and we will tell our children. I love you.



Natasha K. Jackson - November 29, 2017 at 12:37 PM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson



Dallas Boards and family - November 29, 2017 at 08:21 AM

LJ

“ *Lucy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jackson*



Lucy Jackson - November 28, 2017 at 10:18 PM

GR

“ *From Greg Kelly,*

GrandMa Jackson will be missed, she was a very caring and loving woman . She loved to make people laugh. When my wife and I visited she just laughed and laughed, she definitely knew how to light up a room. That light will be forever bright. GrandMa we know your in heaven smiling down on us .

We love you and you will be forever in our hearts .

From the Kelly's Family

Gregory - November 28, 2017 at 07:48 PM

JE

“ *To The Jackson Family: Trust in the lord with all thine heart : and lean not unto thine own understanding. In always acknowledge him, and he shall direct your path.*



Jo Ann Embrey - November 28, 2017 at 07:05 PM

LJ

“ Our prayers r with your
Family I really enjoy taking care of ms Jackson live to the family
Michael and Linda Johnson aka round face ❤️

Linda Johnson - November 27, 2017 at 06:24 PM

LJ

“ Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Lillie Mae Jackson



Linda Johnson - November 27, 2017 at 06:20 PM

PG

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



Pauline Gardner - November 27, 2017 at 09:18 AM