

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready in Heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me, and told me, "Welcome Home." So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Flower Ladies

Granddaughters

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Interment

St. Mary United Methodist Church Cemetery

Repast

St. Mary United Methodist Church Family Life Center

Acknowledgement

The Jackson family is eternally grateful for the many acts of courtesy shown in our time of bereavement. The prayers, phone calls, flowers, and all personal touches of love will be long remembered.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



Hazel Teanette (BYRD) JACKSON

Surrise

Sunset

May 16, 1945

November 30, 2022

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 3:00 PM

ST. MARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 100 Pine Street Hogansville, Georgia 30230

Pastor Elaine Gilbert, Eulogist

Obituary

Hazel Jeanette (Byrd) Jackson was born May 16, 1945, in Troup County, Georgia, to the late Marie Hall and Willie Olin Byrd, Sr. She was baptized at an early age at Shiloh Baptist Church and later joined St. Mary's United Methodist Church. She remained an active and dedicated member who served faithfully in several capacities. She also assisted with the local Girl Scouts. She graduated Salutatorian from West End High School. While attending West End High School, she was active in sports and was a star player on the Tigers basketball team, and she participated in regional intramural sports. She was an active member of a Champion Adult Volleyball Team. She was a pitcher on the Adult Softball Team.

Hazel was united in holy matrimony to the late Honorable Jimmy Lee Jackson on January 9, 1964. To this union, six children were born. Hazel was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She had a wonderful sense of humor with a great laugh that warmed your heart. She was a great listener who always provided words of encouragement. She cherished her children and grandchildren and was always present to support every moment. She was an avid sports fan and had routine conversations with her grandchildren about professional sports providing analysis on each player. She enjoyed traveling with her family, baking (she had many accolades for her pound and red velvet cakes), spending quality time with family and friends, reading, and shopping. She was a devoted Christian who lived and walked by faith. She began and ended each day reading the Bible.

There are many fond memories from her siblings. Hazel was beloved by her siblings and extended family of cousins, aunts, and uncles. She had a great personality and was pretty, vivacious, and active. Although we did not have a lot, e.g. store bought toys, she created our own. We made phones from two cans tied with string, dolls from Coke bottles and corn silk, a playhouse from pine straw and pine cones. We played yard games like hopscotch, Simon Sez, Hide and Seek, jacks, and paddle ball hand games like O Mary Mac. Hazel was talented! She was smart and always made the honor roll. She could cook and fix hair, and she loved to dance. If she could not get one of us to dance with her, she'd grab the doorknob! She once danced on a locally televised Dance Show. During her senior year, she was nominated to be in the Miss West End competition but declined because she wanted to play basketball. She did not want to sit on the sideline as homecoming queen! She enjoyed life!

She was employed as the Lead Administrative Assistant for Hogansville Elementary School, dedicating 43 years of honorary service. She was recently honored as Hogansville Elementary School Support Staff of the Year. She had an excellent work ethic and was very detailed oriented. She loved her job and the impact she had on the administration, staff, and families.

Hazel Jeanette Jackson peacefully departed this life on November 30, 2022, at Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center. She was preceded in death by six siblings, Sue Della Byrd, Willie Olin Byrd, Jr., Herman Byrd, Elyse Maniece, Beatrice Fitten, and Jewell Phillips Williams. She leaves to cherish loving memories: her one daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Altonia (Stephanie) Fannin of Toano, VA; five sons, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory (Benita) Jackson of Tyrone, GA, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald (Valerie) Jackson of Hogansville, GA, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney (Renee) Jackson of Tyrone, GA, Mr. and Mrs. Steven (Shamika) Jackson of Hogansville, GA, and Mr. Michael Jackson of McDonough, GA; seventeen grandchildren, Reginald Jr. (Amica), Bryan, Brandon, Javarious, Braxton, Terrance, Justin, Jalen, Laxavier, Monica, Javon, Makayla, Kobe, Armond, Tyra, Chase, and Korey; one great-grandchild, Maverick; one brother, Grady Byrd (Bettye) of East Point, GA; three sisters, Lois Jenkins (Frank) of Montgomery, AL, Tommie Ann Lax (Arthur) of Kankakee, IL, and Jettie Butler of Lagrange, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and former colleagues.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

SoloMr. Eddie Robinson

Recessional