

In Loving Memory of
Jerry Jerome Jackson

Sunrise
July 23, 1948

Sunset
May 18, 2011



Saturday, May 21 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Jerry Jerome Jackson was born on July 23, 1948 in Headland, Alabama to the late Ned and Lillie "Jean" Jackson. He was the oldest of his siblings.

Growing up in Alabama, he acquired values that included respect for his elders, academic excellence, loyalty to friends and a deep love for family. At an early age he was baptized and became a member of St. Peter AME Church where these values were reinforced.

His immediate family moved to Newark, New Jersey in June of 1964. He completed High School in 1966 graduating with honors from the former Southside High School now known as Malcolm X Shabazz. He also attended Rutgers University for two years majoring in Marketing. He entered the U.S. Airforce in 1966 and acquired the rank of Sergeant and served two years in Vietnam.

Upon his return, he met and married Dolores Winstead in 1972. To this union one daughter, was born and he became a proud stepfather to her son. In July 1996, he married Joann Jeffcoat and began a new phase of his life.

Jerry was very proud of his accomplishments as a Vietnam Veteran, in his career, political activism and his family member's achievements. He started his career as a Buyer at Worthington Pump Company in East Orange, NJ, became a Buyer at Allied Chemical, which afforded him the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and finally retired from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority as a Senior Buyer in 2010.

Tenaciously, he worked on numerous campaigns at the community and state levels in an effort to bring about a change for the betterment of citizens' lives. He was the former President of the Society of African-American Government Employees (SAGE), a former member of the New Jersey Chapter of the NAACP and Chapter 32 of the Disabled American Veterans Association.

He was extremely proud of his daughter's education and career in Business Systems Administration, his sisters' career as an Early Childhood Educator and his brother's obtainment of a doctorate degree in Psychology. Frequently, he would jokingly remind them of his involvement and direction that he contributed to their achievements by challenging and leading them.

He spent the last year of his life gallantly confronting his health issues and enjoying the companionship of his faithful dog, Juno. He departed this life on May 18, 2011 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey surrounded by his immediate family.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Joann Jeffcoat Jackson; a beloved daughter, JeVonna Jackson-Kahn; his stepson, James Winstead; his loving and devoted siblings, Gail Jackson-Smith, Dr. La-Don, Scottie B., Todd Jackson and Lisa Anderson Blue; his ex-wife, Dolores Jackson; son-in-law, John Kahn; two aunts, Marvette Rivers and Rowanna Mathis; father-in-law, Jonathan (Arlene) Jeffcoat; brothers-in-law, Allyn Smith; three grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Interlude

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo

Jackie Johnson

Obituary

(To be read silently)

Acknowledgements

Solo

Cookie Drayton Price

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

Pastor, Philemon Baptist Church • Newark, NJ

Solo

Cookie Drayton Price

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Tuesday, May 24, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

St. Peter A.M.E. Church Cemetery

401 Hollon Street • Headland, Alabama 36345

Special Tribute

*We felt that Wednesday afternoon,
God was going to call your name.*

In life we loved you dearly.

In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone

*For parts of us went with you
the day God called you home.*

You left us beautiful memories.

*Your love is still our guide
and though we cannot see you,
you are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same.*

*But as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again!*

~Love the Family

Acknowledgement

Our love, our thanks, our blessings to all who have offered their support to the family during our time of need. Your visits, calls, cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers have helped to strengthen and encourage us. Thank you so much! God Bless.

*The Family of **Jerry J. Jackson***

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