

A black and white portrait of a smiling woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark necklace. The portrait is positioned on the left side of the page, partially overlapping a large, vibrant bouquet of flowers that fills the right and bottom portions of the page. The bouquet includes white roses, pink daisies, purple chrysanthemums, and pink roses, all set against a light pink background.

In Loving Memory of

Jacqueline Helen Corum-Jackson

Sunrise

April 9, 1965

Sunset

April 21, 2014

Service

Monday, April 28, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

Ebenezer Baptist Church

153 William Street

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. H. William Rutherford, III, Pastor

Obituary

On Monday, April 21st, 2014, with family by her side, at her home in Glen Dale, Maryland, God called for our beloved Jackie.

Jacqueline Helen Corum-Jackson, was born on April 9th, 1965 to Helen Polhill and Jack Corum. After the untimely death of her mother at the age of 10, Jackie was raised by her aunt, Ida Doretha Polhill. Under Aunt Doretha's selfless love and guidance, Jackie was able to grow and flourish, in Orange, New Jersey, close to her family, despite the absence of her mother. She gained her sense of adventure early on, as she would travel extensively abroad, to Greece and other countries with her aunt, during her childhood; fond memories that she would speak of often.

Friendship and family meant everything to Jackie. Growing up in Orange, New Jersey she was always surrounded by cousins, aunts, uncles, and childhood friends whom she would cherish for the rest of her life. After graduating from Marylawn of the Oranges. Jackie received her Associate Degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She eventually would venture to College Park, Maryland, where she would attend the University of Maryland. There, she would earn her degree in Marketing and meet the love of her life, Lawrence Jackson. Jackie and Lawrence were married on September 4th, 1994, and settled in Maryland, where they would raise two beautiful daughters, Makaela Simone (16) and Kennedy Lauren Jackson (10).

She began a successful career at USA TODAY, and moved up the corporate ladder in Marketing and Advertising. She would also continue to shine her illuminating light on a select group of co-workers who became lifelong friends. From USA TODAY, Jackie went to Agora Publishing, as a Marketing Manager, and remained there until 2001, when she would be advised by her doctors to stop working.

Although diagnosed with Thymoma, an uncommon cancer, at the age of 35, Jackie remained unstoppable in her quest for living her life to the fullest. She would embark upon a successful sales career with Silpada Designs, which enabled her to work from home, so that she would have the flexibility she needed to raise two daughters, while maneuvering through chemotherapy, radiation treatments, and 16 surgeries. During this journey, she would also touch the lives of several more women, whom would relish in her zest for life. These girlfriends remained steadfast in Jackie's life too, as they would lend their support and love until the end.

Jackie's remarkable strength and courage continued to be reflected in her life. Even after being diagnosed with an additional condition, Myasthenia Gravis, an autoimmune neuromuscular disease, in 2011, she continued to be in every facet of her daughters' lives, and kept them involved in numerous activities, including cheerleading, dance, gymnastics, etc. Jackie had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at Baltimore's Bird Stadium as a tribute to Cancer Survivors of Saint Joseph Medical Center. She was a faithful member of Reid Temple A.M.E. Church, in Glenn Dale, Maryland, and also became quite active in her efforts to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. In 2013, she formed her own team, "Sparkles For Hope" to take part in The Relay for Life, sponsored by The American Cancer Society.

Jackie was adored, admired, and respected by many. Among those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Lawrence Jackson, and their daughters, Makaela Simone Jackson and Kennedy Lauren Jackson. She is also survived by her loving aunt, Ida Doretha Polhill, mother-in-law, Delores Sanders, sister-in-law, Sharon Jackson-Hall, brother-in-law, Steven Jackson and a host of loving cousins, aunts, and other family members. She was preceded in death by her mother Helen Polhill and Jack Corum and leaves behind countless friends who will miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Rev. H. William Rutherford III, Presiding

Prelude Mr. Emory Lee, Organist

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Tamiko Broadway (Cousin)
New Testament Joya E. Brown

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Vincent Owes

Musical Selection Combined Choir

Reflections Family & Friends

Solo "A Mother's Prayer"
Ayeisha Koonce (Cousin)

Acknowledgements Dr. Loretta Polhill (Aunt)

Obituary Donna Thornton (Cousin)

Solo Emory Lee

Eulogy Rev. H. William Rutherford, III
Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church

Selection EBC Choir

Recessional

Cremation

Rosedale Cemetery/Crematory
Orange, New Jersey 07050

The family requests that you join them for repast at:

*Libretti's Restaurant
554 Nassau Street
Orange, New Jersey 07050*

Pallbearers

Larry Koonce	Roland Koonce
Lonnie Polhill	Eric Polhill
Thomas Gourdine	Robert Polhill

God's Garden

*God looked around His garden and found
an empty place*

*He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face*

*He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.*

*He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb, so
He closed your weary eyelids and
whispered "peace be thine"*

*It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you the day
God called you home.*

Expression of Gratitude

With grateful hearts, the family would like to express sincere appreciation for every act of kindness and love during Jackie's illness. Your prayers and expression of love have helped to comfort and sustain us during this difficult time.

May God bless you.

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