

Celebrating the Life of



Jacqueline Askew

SUNRISE: August 3, 1949

SUNSET: March 18, 2022

Sunday, April 3, 2022 - 1pm

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Obituary

Jacqueline Askew was born on August 3, 1949 in Harlem Hospital Center to her loving parents, Catherine Askew and McKinley Askew, Sr. She was the third born child of six: McKinley Jr., Lydia, Jacqueline, Joyce, David and N'chelle. She was raised in the Abraham Lincoln Houses where she was loved and well respected by many.

Jacqueline was affectionately known by many friends and family members as Jackie for short, or "Spoddy".

As a Harlem native, Jackie attended school at P.S. 133 Fred R. Moore, P.S. 197 John B. Russwurm, I.S. 136 Harriet Beecher Stowe Intermediate School and Benjamin Franklin High School, which later changed to Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics. She made an abundance of life long friends during her school days, many whom she remained connected with over the years even up to her earthly departure.

In 1967, Jackie gave birth to her only child, Tracy Askew, with Howard Bailey whom is deceased. She loved her daughter dearly and stayed in New York City after most of her family migrated to California so she could be apart of her grandchildren and great grandchildren's lives fully. Jackie was a loving matriarch who taught her family the importance of independence and dedication. She was also fun and spirited with a great sense of humor gaining much adoration from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved spending quality time with. Her lessons and loving spirit will be cherished for generations to come.

Jackie's caring and thorough nature made her perfect for the medical field where she worked her entire adult life. She graduated from the Borough of Manhattan Community College in 1983 as a Registered Nurse. Jackie worked at numerous hospitals throughout the city during her career, including Bellevue Hospital, NYU, Metropolitan Hospital and Harlem Hospital. She worked in many departments as a nurse, gaining recognition in psychiatric and medical-surgical nursing. Later, working at home care agencies such as Salem Home Care Inc. and Puerto Rican Home Attendant Services where she was the nursing supervisor. She also worked at Self Help Community Services and Feg's Home Attendant Services where she retired after over 35 years of nursing. Jackie was a very passionate and hardworking woman who believed you must work hard for the things you want in life. She took professionalism very serious and always carried herself as such, even in her personal life.

Jackie's outgoing personality and socialite spirit allowed her to accumulate friends everywhere she went throughout her life. Jackie always spoke her mind and told you how it is, unapologetically, but that was one of the many reasons she was so loved. Her genuine heart and remarkable personality left a lasting impression on anyone she came across. Jackie's humor and love for good music will keep her near our hearts. Jackie was the life of the party and she gravitated to good souls. Her nurturing spirit was exemplified in her professional life as well as her personal life, often advising younger adults and sharing experiences where she felt fit. If she loved you, you became family. Jackie was loved and will be missed by many.

Jackie will be welcomed at the gates of heaven by her beloved mother and father, Catherine Askew and McKinley Askew, Sr., as well as her two younger sisters, N'chelle Askew and Joyce Askew who preceded her in death.

Those left to cherish Jackie's memory are: her loving siblings, McKinley Askew, Jr., Lydia Jones and David Askew; her daughter, Tracy Askew; two grandchildren, Ebony Heath-Hunter (Antoine) and Trasean Askew; three great-grandchildren, Madison Hunter, Chase Hunter and Austin Hunter; a god daughter, Daisy "Nakisha" St. John — Mya and Stephen Huntley; two nephews, Kelly Robinson and Malik Askew; five nieces, Jeunine Askew, Kisha Askew, Steffany Jones, Tiffany Jones and Brittany Askew; and a host of other relatives and friends.

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

If Roses grow in Heaven Lord,
please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my mother's arms
and tell her they're from me
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day, but there's an ache
within my heart that will never go away.

Being a NURSE means...

You will never be bored
You will always be frustrated.

You will be surrounded by challenges.
So much to do and so little time.

You will carry immense responsibility
And very little authority.

You will step into people's lives
And you will make a difference.
Some will bless you.
Some will curse you.

You will see people at their worst...
And at their best.

You will never cease to be amazed
At peoples capacity for
Love, courage, and endurance.
You will see life begin - and end.

You will experience resounding triumphs
And devastating failures.

You will cry a lot.
You will laugh a lot.

You will know what it is to be human
And to be humane.

Melodie Chenevers

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SPECIAL REMARKS
(2 Minutes)

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FINAL DISPOSITION:
Oxford Hills Crematory, Chester, New York

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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