



Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson

October 16, 1929 - November 9, 2022

In all Thy Ways Acknowledge Him and He Shall Direct Thy Path
Proverbs 3:6

Our beloved Dorothy Arbutus Jackson, 93 years of age, departed this life on Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, at her home in Alexandria VA. She was the first of two children born to the late Lucy Jackson Shepherdson and Homer Jackson Sr. in Cedar Grove, West Virginia. After the untimely death of her biological father, Dorothy and her brother, Homer Jr. were blessed to be reared by their stepfather, Charles H. Shepherdson, lovingly known as 'Daddy Charlie'. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and brother.

Dorothy's formative years were lived in Glen Ferris, West Virginia. She was raised in a Christian home where service in church was always of greatest importance. Dorothy and her brother were blessed with beautiful singing voices and began singing in the youth church choir at a very young age.

In 1947 Dorothy graduated from Simmons High School in Montgomery, West Virginia.

During high school Dorothy was a member of the Drama Club, the Glee Club, and the Cheerleading Squad. She truly loved singing and acting and shared how she and her best friend were consistently selected for lead roles.

Dorothy was the recipient of an award from the Women's Improvement

League and was cited as “The Most Disciplined Student”.

On December 8th, 1949, Dorothy married the late Delbert C. Jackson, Jr., her high school sweetheart. From this date forward, Dorothy dedicated her life to being the ‘best mother’ and the ‘best servant’ of God that she could be. She reared her seven children while supporting her husband in his career aspirations. Dorothy was affectionately known by her children as Mama, Muffy, Red Snapper, and in recent years, as ‘Baby Girl’. Dorothy was Mama when providing loving parental care, Muffy when providing sweet emotional support and Red Snapper when ‘gentle re-direction’ was needed 😊. Dorothy was a true gift of God – raising her children with strength, abounding love, wisdom and faith.

In 1961 the family moved from West Virginia to Washington, DC allowing her husband to seek employment opportunities not readily available in West Virginia. While in the District of Columbia the family attended Plymouth Congregation Church. Dorothy ensured her children attended Sunday School, Church and tithed – providing the Christian foundation and setting the example early in life. However, it is noteworthy to mention, that her children were motivated to pay attention as they were permitted to keep a nickel to buy a treat at the People’s Drug Store on the long walk home.

In 1969 the family moved to Lorton, Virginia. Shortly thereafter, Dorothy became an active member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Gunston, Virginia. Through the years she has served in many capacities – as a youth Sunday school teacher, a president and member of the Adult Choir, a Missionary, a member of the Evangelist Ministry and as the Chairperson of the Deaconess Board and in 2012 was honored to be considered Deaconess Emeritus and one of the “Mothers” of the church. Dorothy truly loved the Shiloh family and made it her mission to serve where and whenever needed.

Dorothy has been blessed with seven children, eleven grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren who all love her dearly. She taught her children and others by not only knowing and speaking the Word of God but more importantly by demonstrating the Word of God through her actions and deeds. Dorothy was a powerful prayer warrior, and her children know that is what has kept them safe and protected over the years. Dorothy's life was guided and blessed by her faith in God. She knew that His grace was sufficient and lived her life accordingly.

Psalm 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank her dedicated care team, Dr. Joel Temme, Dr. David Gehring and Staff, SHUDE Compassionate Care and Capital Caring Hospice-Alexandria team.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
10704 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Funeral

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10704 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Live Streaming Service Link:

<http://client.tribucast.com/tcid/9543763789>

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church
10704 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079

Interment

NOV 18 (ET)

Ft. Lincoln Cemetery
3401 Bladensburg RD
Brentwood, MD 20722

Tribute Wall



“ Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-Johnson Funeral Service, P.A. created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 12, 2022 at 09:14 AM

EA

Our prayers and condolences to the family of this beautiful woman of God Mrs. Dorothy Jackson. All is well with her soul.

Elder Linda Adams - November 17, 2022 at 01:33 AM

GJ

A singing Angel has gone to be with the Lord Jesus

Gerry Johnson - November 18, 2022 at 11:38 AM

NS

“ Dear Ricky and family, I learnt about Dorothy via obituary on the web. I am very sorry and remember her as a very sweet and kind person. RIP to Dorothy. Ricky, i am wondering about you from time to time. I hope that you are well. Please take care folks. Warmly,
Nomi

Nomi Sklaire - December 08, 2022 at 09:40 AM

CB

“ Mrs. Dorothy Jackson was nicknamed by my late Mother Sarah Bracey as "Mrs. Dee". On behalf of the Bracey Family as member of the Jackson Family we remain forever grateful to share your Mom's love, support, and most importantly the spiritual legacy she left us all with. Mrs. Dee was awesome woman of faith, kindness, and generosity. We are grateful to GOD for this precious life and so honored to received her love. What gives us ongoing strength for this celebration is knowing we can still love all of her living family members.

Cynthia Bracey - November 18, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson.



November 18, 2022 at 08:27 AM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 18, 2022 at 02:38 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson.



November 18, 2022 at 01:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson.



November 17, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson.



November 17, 2022 at 03:09 AM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 16, 2022 at 10:03 PM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 16, 2022 at 09:36 PM



“ Dear Vera,
I'm so incredibly sorry to learn about your Mom. You have such a caring and nurturing demeanor... I'm sure those qualities stemmed from her. You always looked after your staff at Aegis in such a loving way. So many years have passed since then; and, here we are today... Still connected. That's a testament of the beautiful person you are; and, I thank God and your Mom for that. On behalf of your former Aegis family, we love you and are here for you. Prayers to you and your family.
Lisa

Lisa Campbell - November 16, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson.



November 15, 2022 at 08:24 PM



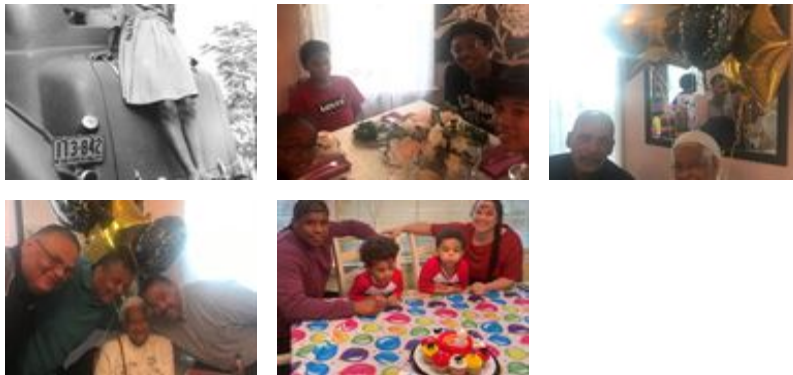
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Arbutus Jackson.



November 15, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ 16 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette - November 15, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 14, 2022 at 10:50 AM



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Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - November 13, 2022 at 02:11 PM