

Before I Go

When my life has reached its very end,
And I take that final breath;
I want to know I've left behind,
Some "good" before my death.

I hope that in my final hour,
In all honesty I can say:
That somewhere in my lifetime,
I have brightened someone's day.

That maybe I have brought a smile
To someone else's face,
And made one moment a little sweeter
While they dwelled here in this place.

Lord, please be my reminder
And whisper softly in my ear ...
To be a "giver," not a "taker,"
In the years I have left here.

Give to me the strength I need,
Open up my mind and my soul . . .
That I might show sincere compassion,
And love to others before I go.

For if not a heart be touched by me,
And not a smile was left behind . . .
Then the life that I am blessed with,
Will have been a waste of time.

With all my heart, I truly hope
To leave something here on earth . . .
That touched another, made them smile
And gave to my life . . . Worth.
by Anonymous

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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Celebrating the Life of



Florence Jackson

Sunrise
April 29, 1925

Sunset
June 7, 2013

Service

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating
Walt Sorey, Organist

Order of Service

- Processional
- Selection
- Scripture Readings
- Prayer
- Selection
- Acknowledgements
- Remarks
- Obituary
- Selection
- Eulogy
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.
- Committal
- Viewing
- Recessional

Interment
Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

Obituary

Florence Jackson was born on April 29, 1925 to Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins. She was born in Hightstown, NJ. She moved to Newark in 1931. She attended the Newark Public Schools and graduated from Arts High School. She was one of only three blacks to attend Arts High during that time.

After moving to Newark, NJ and graduating high school she met and married James Jackson. From that union they had four children Earlene, Anthony, James and Richard. She later moved on and met Joseph "Big Joe" Trotty and had three children, Robert, Susan, and Joseph.

Florence worked at Newton Street School in Newark for thirty-eight years. Florence also worked for Bambergers for thirty-five years. While working at Bambergers, she developed a passion for clothes. If you knew Florence, you knew she was very fashion conscious. You would always see her with her colorful array of suits, fashion jewelry, with the pumps to match. Once she began walking with a cane, she got the flashiest African canes she could find.

Although Florence worked two jobs for about forty years, she went above and beyond her duties at the workplace to help improve the quality of life in her community. After the Newark riots, she became a district leader for twenty-five years and an advocated for many in the community. For most, this earned her the title, "Momma Jackson", or simply, "Granny".

As the matriarch of the Jackson family, she leaves two sons, Robert Jackson and James Jackson. She also leaves behind twenty-one grandchildren; forty great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren and grand host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her children, Earlene (Jackson) Provit, Anthony (Tony) Jackson, Richard (Peanut) Jackson, Joseph (Joey) Jackson.

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