

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Crystal Jackson*

Sunrise
September 5, 1972

Sunset
July 23, 2026

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers,
messages of comfort and the many other acts of
kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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Service
Monday, August 3, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Zion Hill Baptist Church
152 Osborne Terrace,
Newark, New Jersey 07112

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

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Words of Comfort

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Crystal Jackson entered eternal rest at home on July 23, 2026, in Newark, New Jersey.

She was born on September 5, 1972, in Newark, New Jersey to Eugene Jackson, Sr. and the late Ernestine Jackson. Crystal was the third youngest of thirteen siblings and although one of the youngest, she always took control and was the BOSS.

Crystal attended Maple Avenue Elementary School, then attended High School Redirection in Newark, New Jersey and graduated in June 1992. She was employed at various jobs (East Orange General Hospital, UPS, Amazon, etc.) Her last place of employment was the Clinton Hill Community as a counselor assisting people with housing needs. She truly enjoyed working with the community, educating them on financial resources available through government approved programs. Her guidance introduced them to a better way of living and assisted with better housing.

During her beautiful life, she bore two children that she loved dearly, Nataisha and Nykee. Her children were her world, and she was very proud of all their accomplishments. Family was extremely important to Crystal and she loved her eight sisters and five brothers deeply. It was no surprise or secret to anyone that the highlight of her

life was spending quality time with her children and family. She loved cooking, loved hosting parties and cookouts for everyone to attend, sing, dance and enjoy her delicious food.

Crystal was a true fashionista, red was her favorite color and her runway fashion was visible throughout the community. Her favorite signature color (red) was proudly displayed in her beautifully decorated home and she had a style like no other.

Crystal united with Faith Temple Original Free Will Baptist Church, East Orange, New Jersey under the leadership of the late Bishop L.N. Forbes. God, faith and her devotion to her family have been her guide throughout her 53 years.

Crystal's love and memories will be cherished by her two children: Nataisha Jackson and Nykee Dickson; her eight sisters: Jean Harris (Hezekiah), Toni Mathis (the late Danny), Brenda Gross (Phill), Lisa Dunson, Sandra Mixson (the late Marvin), Cynthia Zellars (Keenan), Helen Jackson; five brothers: Eugene Jackson Jr., Ronald Jackson, Kevin Jackson, Robert Jackson, and Walter Jackson. Rhonda Sutton was her first cousin and just like a sister. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ernestine Jackson and sister, Christina Jackson, a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends and her Hawthorne Avenue family.

Crystal was definitely one of a kind, a unforgettable beacon of light that will always shine in our hearts. Her smile, fashion, her love for all will be sorely missed.

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