

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Jacquelyn Ables*

Sunrise  
September 10, 1940

Sunset  
September 10, 2020

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 - 6pm

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# *Obituary*

**Jacquelyn Ables** was born on September 10, 1940 at Grady Hospital, in Atlanta, Georgia. She was the first-born child of Roger and Eunice Hanks. In 1943, the family relocated north to New York City, New York where her sister Rogene (1943), and her brother Gary (1949) were born.

Jacquelyn attended P.S. 186, Stitt Junior High, and George Washington High School. Jacquelyn learned to play the double bass and because the instrument was so large, her dad would always take her to practices and recitals. He doted on her.

In 1955, Jacquelyn was briefly married to Frederick “Butch” Robinson. In February 1959, Jacquelyn was blessed with her first child, Richard Barrett, Jr., followed by her second child, Richelle S. Barrett in November 1960. In July 1963, she married William “Sonny” Ables who preceded her in death, leaving her a widow. Jacquelyn worked as an overseas operator while raising her two young children. She took an interest in modeling and although it was something she enjoyed and a promising career opportunity, she didn’t pursue it.

Jacquelyn met and began working with George Hogan as a buyer in his stationary store on Amsterdam Avenue in Harlem. She was then blessed with their daughter Rory C. Hogan in December 1969.

Jacquelyn’s love for her children was unsurpassed and she provided them with the very best of everything possible. She saw to it that they attended the best schools, vacationed frequently, and that they were always dressed in the latest and finest fashion. She also taught them culture, they were exposed to the arts and fine foods. Jacquelyn was a great cook, was well read, and loved Broadway shows, all of which she also bestowed upon her children. She lived for her children and they shared many great times.

Jacquelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Roger (Granddaddy) Hanks and Eunice (Nana) McKenzie; brother, Gary P. Hanks; nieces, Kasa M. Israel and Shannon W. Wilder; and her son, Richard F. Barrett, Jr.

Jacquelyn went home to be with the Lord on her 80th birthday, September 10, 2020. Jacquelyn leaves to cherish her memory: her sister and brother-in-law, Rogene and Omar Flores; her daughters, Richelle Barrett and Rory Hogan; her niece, Stacey Grey; her nephew, Gary Hanks, Jr.; her grandchildren, Dana and Valen Lyons, Richard Robertson, Lucas Lyons, Ethan Lyons and Ayanna Camara; her great nephews, Shane Ellis, Chaz Wilder, Trey Wilder, Jordan Israel and their children; her great niece, Ashley Hanks; her great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Madison Lyons; cousins; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Jacquelyn was truly loved and will be dearly missed by all. Her family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and sincere wishes.

# *Order of Service*

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Bishop Darren A. Ferguson, Officiating  
Aaron Thompson, Sr., Musician

## **Processional**

### **Selection**

Bishop Darren A. Ferguson

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Prayer**

### **Solo Selection**

Valen Lyons

## **Acknowledgements**

### **Poem**

Ayanna Camara

## **Remarks**

## **Obituary**

### **Selection**

Bishop Darren A. Ferguson

### **Eulogy**

Bishop Darren A. Ferguson

## **Committal**

## **Viewing**

## **Recessional**



## *A Fallen Limb*

**A limb has fallen from the family tree.**

**I keep hearing a voice that says,**

**“Grieve not for me.**

**Remember the best times,  
the laughter; the song.**

**The good life I lived  
while I was strong.**

**Continue my heritage,  
I’m counting on you.**

**Keep smiling and surely  
the sun will shine through.**

**My mind is at ease,  
my soul is at rest.**

**Remembering all,  
how I truly was blessed.**

**Continue traditions,  
no matter how small.**

**Go on with your life,  
don’t worry about falls.**

**I miss you all dearly,  
so keep up your chin.**

**Until the day comes  
we’re together again.”**

**– Author Unknown**

## *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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