

Celebrating the Life of



Margaret Reid-Jackson

Sunrise: October 10, 1952

Sunset: August 18, 2025

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Service: 4:00 pm

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Obituary

Mrs. Margaret “Knit” Reid-Jackson, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, was born on October 10, 1952, in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, to the late Kate Reid Black and the late Clarence Limehouse. She was the eldest of four siblings: Joanne Black (deceased), Dorothy Ann “Doris” Black, and Ronald “Ronnie” Black (deceased).

Margaret grew up in the rural community of MacBeth, SC. When her mother migrated to New York City in search of a better life, young Margaret was lovingly raised by her great grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Simmons. She attended Berkeley Elementary and Middle School before moving to Harlem, New York, in 1968 at the age of 16 to join her mother, stepfather, and siblings. She later attended Benjamin Franklin High School, where she met the love of her life, Ralph Jackson.

In 1973, Margaret and Ralph (deceased) welcomed their first child, Rochelle Jackson, and soon married in 1974. Their family grew with the births of Camella Jackson in 1979 and Raphael Jackson in 1988. Margaret loved her children unconditionally, and as a single parent, she raised them with strong values of self-respect, hard work, perseverance, and most importantly, faith and trust in the Lord. Her favorite scripture was Philippians 4:6-7: “Worry about nothing, but pray about everything.” She lived this faith daily and taught her children to lean on Jesus in times of need, even teaching them the gospel song “Jesus Build a Fence” to sing in moments of trouble.

Her devotion to family was matched by her dedication to her career. For 20 years, Margaret worked as a dietitian at Mary Manning Walsh Nursing Home in New York City, where she cared for residents with compassion and grace. Her kindness, generosity, and radiant spirit touched many lives, including families of well-known figures she encountered there. Margaret was admired not only for her work ethic but also for her impeccable style, love of dancing, and vibrant personality. She always carried herself with elegance—makeup flawless, outfits stylish, and her smile unforgettable.

In 2007, Margaret joined her eldest daughter Rochelle in an Avon business venture. With her natural eye for beauty, fashion, and business, she quickly thrived. Together, they earned two Gold Trophies for being #1 Sellers in their district and received Avon’s highest honor, the Spirit of Avon Award in 2008. This recognition was a proud moment that reignited her self-belief and brought her great joy.

Margaret was blessed not only with her children but also with her grandchildren, who fulfilled her lifelong wish of having “two boys and two girls.” Her four beloved grandchildren—Ebony Jackson (1988),

Pejeen Rivera (2003), Patience Meyers (2004), and Jackson Rivera (2006)—brought her endless pride. She was overjoyed to witness their high school graduations and their pursuits in higher education and careers. Her joy multiplied

with the arrival of her three great-grandchildren: Ethan Gibson (2016), Navarii Gibson (2018), and Damani Gibson (2019).

From her humble beginnings in MacBeth, SC, Margaret overcame many challenges but created a beautiful, faith-filled life—the very life she and her late husband once dreamed of.

“Blessed is all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity.”

—*Psalms 128*

On the morning of Monday, August 18, 2025, Margaret Reid-Jackson completed her earthly journey and was called home to the Lord’s side. We thank God for her life, her love, and her legacy.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Rochelle Jackson-Rivera (Luis) and Camella Jackson; one son, Raphael Jackson; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sister, Dorothy Ann “Doris” Black; along with nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of extended family and friends.

May she rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord. Amen.

Order of Service

Introduction/Prayer

Minister: Rev. James Kilgore

Obituary

Ebony Jackson-Gibson
(granddaughter)

Song

“Jesus Build a Fence”
(The Soul Stirrers)

Farewell letter

Camella Jackson (daughter)

Song

Jesus Is A Love Song
(Karen Clark Sheard)

Spoken Words

Rapheal Jackson (Son)

Eulogy

Minister Rochelle Jackson-Rivera
(Daughter)

Song

Cycles (feat. DOE)
Jonathan Reynolds

Poems

Patience M. Meyers
(granddaughter)

Poetry Reading

Organist (Dante Hawkins)

The Word/Committal

Minister: Rev. James Kilgore

Song/Video

Margaret Reid Jackson (final dance)
“Just Fine”

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory

Chester, New York

Peaceful Rest

A gentle soul, a quiet grace,
Has journeyed to a brighter place.
Though earthly ties are loosed today,
Your light and love will never stray.
Through every trial, through joy and pain,
Your strength endured like steady rain.

A calming hand, a heart so true,
The world feels softer for knowing you.
In whispered winds and morning skies,
Your spirit speaks; it never dies.
In blooming flowers, streams that run,
Your essence warms us like the sun.
Though tears may fall, our hearts will keep
Your memory safe, your love so deep.
For though your earthly walk is done,
Your soul has only just begun.
Rest now in peace, in heaven's care,
Where pain dissolves and burdens spare.
Forever loved, forever near,
In every heart that holds you dear.

Acknowledgement

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