



Doris Hilda Marie Jackson (Showell)

March 29, 1933 - May 9, 2021

Doris was born on Wednesday, March 29, 1933, in Muddy Neck in Sussex County, Delaware, to the late Edith Perkins and Thomas Lewis (Fred Perkins). She attended Backwater Elementary School in Clarksville, Delaware, and later completed her education and received her GED, at the age of 62.

Doris was ready to take on the world as she left Sussex County and moved to Washington, D.C. where she was employed in the General Service Administration and the Naval Department for over twenty-five years. Later, she decided to return to her roots in Delaware, and went to work for the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland, as the Housekeeping Manager. She then sought employment at the Stockley Center as an attendant, where her passion for caring for the handicapped was born. Doris later retired on disability; however, she pursued her passion and became a foster parent for clients, Benji Smith, Avery Douglas and David Reynolds, from the Stockley Center, for over 26 years. She was also a foster grandparent to many, for over 15 plus years. She loved to care for people that were unable to care for themselves.

Doris was a member of Union Wesley United Methodist Church in Clarksville, Delaware. She served on the Trustee and Usher Boards and continued her love for people through the United Methodist Women's Ministry. Doris was also a Past Worthy Matron of Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 14, in Clarksville,

Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star (OES), Prince Hall Affiliation (PHA) of Clarksville, Delaware and Past Most Ancient Matron of Rahab Court #3 of the Heroines of Jericho, Prince Hall Affiliation in Clarksville, Delaware. She was a member of Fez Court No. 211, Daughters of Isis in Dover, Delaware, and a member of the Order of the Golden Circle No. 93, Prince Hall Affiliation in Milton, Delaware. At the time of her passing, Doris was a member of Rock of Ages Chapter #15, OES-PHA in Milford, Delaware

Doris met the love of her life and consequently, on the twelfth day of November 2006, married John H. Jackson. She loved her married life, including the many trips they took together, and spending time with her family. She always had a smile and would make you laugh whenever you came in contact with her. Doris surely loved life and people.

In addition to her mother, Doris was preceded in death by her husband; John H. Jackson, and two sons, Willie Massey, Jr. and Willis Massey; three aunts, Georganna Shavies, Dearie Showell and Francis Showell; six uncles, Robert Showell, Clinton Showell, Tony Showell, Russell Showell, Floyd Showell and Pinkney Shavies.

Doris leaves to continue her legacy, her children, Deborah Melvin (Darrell) of Georgetown, DE; Andre Worrell of Dover, DE; Diane Gillette of North Carolina; Darlene Showell (Rick) of Millsboro, DE, BettyAnn and Harvey Smith of Berlin, MD and Jean Jackson of Salisbury, MD; two sisters, Mary Ellen Diggs of Bayard, DE and Maria Perkins (Ricky) of Selbyville, DE; 17 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 13 great-great children; two great-great-great grandchildren; a godchild, Unique Mona Hall of Georgetown, DE; one daughter-in-law, Lillian Massey of Selbyville, DE; a special aunt, Cora Showell of Columbia, MD (age 92), extended children, Harry Crapper of Dover, DE, Petra Trader of Wilmington, DE, James Trader and Donovan Slade of Seaford, DE; special friends, Elton and Mae Hopkins; and a host of nieces,

nephews, cousins, other close relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Millsboro)

26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Second Baptist Church
26602 Mount Joy Rd
Millsboro, DE 19966

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 20, 2021 at 05:52 PM

PR

“ *You were the best sister anyone could ask for and I will miss you forever*

Peaches and Ricky - May 18, 2021 at 08:05 AM

BR

“ *From your grandson - I will miss you greatly*

Brandon - May 18, 2021 at 08:01 AM

MJ

Rest in Peace, Aunt Doris, Love (your niece, Marie

Marie Jackson - June 10, 2021 at 03:13 PM