



Vida Lee Cottman Miles-Jackson

September 7, 1934 - August 1, 2021

VIDA LEE'S LIFE AND LEGACY

God called his servant, Vida Lee Cottman Miles Jackson, home on Sunday morning, August 1, 2021 at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland at the age of eighty-six (86). She was born to the late Willis Cottman, Sr. and Annie Mae Cannon Cottman on September 7, 1934. She was also affectionately known as Vida Lee, Vida Blue, Blue, Lee, Aunt Lee, Mom, Momma, Mommy, Mom-Mom, Grandma, and Mother Jackson.

Vida Lee was educated in the Somerset County public school system. She also attended Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury, Maryland where she learned how to operate computers.

Her employment included the Dulaney Company in Fruitland, Maryland, Birdseye in Pocomoke City, Maryland and the Campbell Soup Company, Inc. in Salisbury, Maryland where she served for twenty-nine (29) years and was also a trained leader in the 'Quality Circle' program. After retiring from Campbell Soup, she returned to the work force at the Wicomico County Board of Education's Food Service Department in Salisbury, Maryland, Bonanza in Delmar, Maryland, Salsarita's Cantina and Red Lobster in Salisbury, Maryland.

Vida Lee truly believed in and loved the Lord. Her Christian training began early in her life at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church, West Post Office in Princess Anne, Maryland where she was a member, sang on the choir, and played the piano on various occasions. She loved poetry, singing, and playing her piano.

She was baptized under the leadership of the late Reverend Earvine Hargis and continued in Ministry at St. Mary's under the leadership of Reverends Virgil Cottman, John Ringgold, Lewis Brim, Richard Brown, Bishop Dean Jones-Evans, and the late Reverend David Allen W. Miles.

Vida Lee was united in matrimony to the late Ogie F. Miles who preceded her in death in 1992. Together they reared and made a home for their five children. After they divorced in 1972, she managed to raise their five children as a single parent. She met her soul mate and the love of her life, Richard Jackson, also in 1972 and they were joined together in Holy Matrimony in 1997.

Vida Lee and Richard remained active members of Mills Memorial Baptist Temple in Salisbury, Maryland under the leadership of Reverend Curtis A. Roberts, Sr. There she inherited the title, "Mother Jackson."

Precious memories of Vida Lee's life will be cherished by: her loving and devoted husband, Richard A. Jackson; four sons, Ogia L. Miles (Priscilla), Wendell Miles (Lana), Eugene Miles (Sue) and Herbert Miles, Sr. (Joy) and one daughter, Vera (aka Vicky) Miles; sixteen (16) grandchildren, Kevin Miles, Sr., Kim Miles Wallop (Edward), Kiana Miles, Melodie Miles, Eugenia Miles Barclay (William), Dana Miles Harrison (Hugo), Dawn Miles, Aaron Greene, Hermione Strand, Tyesha Mitchell (Danny), Herbert Miles, Jr., Donte Miles, Byron Johnson, LaToya Richardson, Shaday Schoofield, and Chavez Schoofield; thirty-three (33) great grandchildren; one great great grandchild;

one god-daughter, Amanda Elsey White; ten (10) god-grandchildren; one brother, Omar Cottman (Joyce); five sisters, Josephine Harmon, Elsie Collins, Marguerite Grant, Lucille Cook, and Betty Cottman; her sister-in-law, Bernice Cottman and brother-in-law, Earl Jackson (Marian) and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and first husband, Vida Lee was also preceded in death by: one sister, Lennie Cottman; six brothers, Willis "Spud" Cottman, Preston "That Did It" Cottman, Randolph "Smitt" Cottman, Alexander "Buck" Cottman, Robert Lee Cottman, and Samuel "Sam" Cottman, Sr.; father-in-law, Charles Jackson and mother-in-law Ella Jackson as well as her brother-in-law, Leigh Jackson and sister-in-law, Susie Jackson.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED – THE FAMILY

Cemetery Details

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

6827 East New Market Ellwood Road
Hurlock, MD 21643

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mills Memorial Baptist Temple
1323 Jersey Road
Salisbury, MD 21801

Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vida Lee Cottman Miles-Jackson*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - August 13, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vida Lee Cottman Miles-Jackson.*



August 13, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *To my dearest second mom I'm so glad that my mother chose you to help raise me. You were the perfect choice for my God Mother and I'm so very grateful for you being in my life .I will forever miss you Rest in peace until we me again*

Amanda Elsey White - August 13, 2021 at 01:55 AM



My Most Sincere Condolences to my Cottman [SHS Classmate Lucille], Miles [Cousins], and Jackson Families. Heaven is preparing a special place for her.

Donald E. Miles - August 15, 2021 at 04:55 PM

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“ Aunt Vida Lee always kept a smile on her face. She was a beautiful person and whenever I would see her she always gave me a hug and a smile. She will be missed and the love she shared with me will never be forgotten. Even when my mom (Mamie) had passed and Aunt Vida was not feeling well herself she still had a smile and love for me.

Rest in peace auntie, until I see you again in Heaven. Vicki, Herbie, and all the others I love you and I am praying for you during this time.

*Sorrowfully Submitted,
Faith White Gattis (Faye)*

Faith White Gattis - August 11, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vida Lee Cottman Miles-Jackson.



August 09, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ She was one of my mother's best friends, worked to Campbell Soup Salisbury, MD. Mary V Johnson is my mother's name.

Brenda Johnson - August 08, 2021 at 01:52 PM



Family have my CONDOLENCES & DEEPEST SYMPATHY!!!

Brenda Johnson - August 09, 2021 at 02:25 PM

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“ To the Miles-Jackson family, it is with the deepest of heartfelt sympathy that I send my condolences. I have known Mrs. Vida for many years and she has always held a special place in my heart. I will always remember her laugh whenever she got tickled over something funny. Mrs. Vi I will forever keep the memories of you. To the family keep her memories alive. Love on one another. I will keep you all lifted up in prayer. Family friend Cheryl McAllister

Cheryl McAllister - August 07, 2021 at 06:08 PM