



Hazel I. Jackson

July 8, 2014

Hazel I. Jackson, 87, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 7th 2014. A resident of Lancaster, she was born in Seneca, S.C. on September 20, 1926. Hazel was one of ten children born to the late Pearl and Charlie Jones. Hazel married the late Grady Jackson in 1952.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cheryl Holland-Jones, husband David Jones, Rosalyn Jackson-McAlpin, husband Sheldon McAlpin and one son, Charles Proctor Jackson, wife Yolanda Jackson; six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; two siblings, Clark Flack and Harry Jones. She was preceded in death by siblings, Mable Harrison, Eula Head, Maggie Hines, Charlie Jones, Leo Jones, RJ Jones and Robert Jones.

Hazel received her B.A. from South Carolina State University in Secondary English Education and a Masters of Education Degree from Temple University. She completed her post-graduate work at Delaware University.

Prior to moving to Lancaster in 1952, she taught four years in the public schools of South Carolina. Upon her relocation to Lancaster, Hazel was unable to gain employment in her chosen profession due to racial inequality at that time. She accepted a position at RCA where she worked for nine years. In 1961 Hazel became the first African American female teacher in the School District of Lancaster where she taught for nine years. She furthered her

teaching career as an Assistant Professor of English and African American Studies at Millersville University as the first African American professor until her retirement in 1994.

Hazel lived an active full social and private life. She was involved in countless church and civic activities, a few affiliations past and present include: Bethel A.M.E. Church, Church Women United, AARP Choir, Lancaster Chapter of the NAACP, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Theater of the Seventh Sister and The Lancaster City Planning Commission. Hobbies included extensive travel, writing and directing plays, senior exercise, line dancing, reading and she was an avid competitive Scrabble player.

Public viewing will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church at 450 E. Strawberry St. Lancaster, PA 17602 on Friday, July 11, 2014 from 7pm-9pm, reflections from family and friends can be shared at this time. An additional viewing service will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 10am-11am. Her Home Going/Celebration of Life Service will be held at Millersville University, 1 S. George St. Millersville, PA 17551, at the Student Memorial Center (SMC) in the Reighard Multipurpose Room at 1pm.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Hazel I. Jackson Scholarship Fund, Development Office, Millersville University, PO Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hazel I. Jackson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *To The Family of 'Chris' Kunzler - As a descendent of one of the 11 founding couples of what was St. John's Evengelical and Reformed Church in Lancaster (now Church of the Apostles) , as I am as well, 'Chris' and his father Christian were reliable benefactors in many ways. What remember best is the holiday meals...always provided as a gift from father and then son. They demonstrated in very practical ways the living of their faith and are not forgotten.
Sincerely, Craig S. Riley*

Craig S. Riley - July 23, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *Dear Cheryl and all of the Jackson family,
My heart is heavy upon hearing of the passing of your amazing Mother. Hazel was a role model for the world!! The world is now a sadder place without her presence.*

My deepest sympathies to you all. Hazel was so loved and will be so missed.

*Sincerely,
Ellen Wascou*

Ellen Wascou - July 13, 2014 at 11:34 AM

SA

“ Cheryl and Jackson family members,
Please accept my family's deepest condolences at the passing of your mother. Mrs Jackson always took time to be involved and or show up at the various community events. And the pleasantries she took time to extend, always left me with a sense that she was there because we mattered. What greater love could one give!

I will remember her as a picture of faith, intelligence, elegance, and grace. But what I will miss most, is her smile.

*Sincerely,
Sherylette*

Sherylette Allen-Caldwell - July 13, 2014 at 09:24 AM

PH

“ To the Jackson Family,

It was a joy for me to know Hazel Jackson as a member of the Lancaster AARP Chorus. She was an elegant, charming lady, and she was committed to having things done in a proper way. I will always remember with pleasure the conversations we had. She was a very special person.

My sincere condolences go to her entire family.

Peggy Harsh, Director of the AARP Chorus

Peggy Harsh - July 12, 2014 at 09:29 AM

RA

“ Our hearts are heavy and thinking processes a bit numb, upon learning of the transition of Ms. Hazel I. Jackson. Ms. Jackson was/is a pillar of strength and a role model for all who knew her, by virtue of: her great intelligence and wisdom, vision and leadership, poetic prose and writing/communications skill-sets, and sense of community legacy and uplift. Ms. Jackson was/is a beautiful lady and a community bridge-builder. We are each greatly blessed and highly favored because she reached in and touched our lives. To Cheryl, Roslyn, and Charles, we, the family of Edward W. and Joan Allen, wish to extend our deepest condolences. Ms. Jackson's contributions to Lancaster, PA and beyond are clear and substantive. May she rest in peace knowing that her great mission was/is accomplished. Finally, as a reminder of her great legacy, let us all continue to build upon the progress that Ms. Hazel I. Jackson delivered, to each and every one of us....

Sincerely,

The Family of Edward W. and Joan Allen

Richard W. Allen - July 12, 2014 at 08:57 AM

JS

“ My condolences to friends and family of Professor Hazel Jackson. She was such a smart, sweet, classy woman. I was fortunate to have been a student of hers. Thank you for your knowledge and happy college memories, Professor Jackson.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Stohr

JL Stohr - July 11, 2014 at 10:52 AM

DP

“ To The Jackson Family,

Although the passing of your dear mother is heaven's gain, it is with a heavy heart that we try to express our deepest condolences to you in your loss. Our words alone cannot express our gratitude for the boost of confidence and encouragement and the loving-kindness shown toward each of us throughout the years. But, in the words of the late Maya Angelou perhaps you can better understand how we feel as she said:

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel".

Thank you, thank you, thank you Mrs. Hazel for making us feel so very special and thank you, thank you, thank you Proctor, Cheryl, and Ros for sharing your mother with all of us for so many years. May the God of all comfort continue to carry and keep you and may His peace be with you now, henceforth, and forever more.

*Love,
Dean and Vanessa D Preston*

Dean and Vanessa D Preston - July 11, 2014 at 06:26 AM

DP

“ *To the Jackson Family*

While it is Heavens gain, it is with a heavy heart that we extend our deepest condolences to you in the loss of your dear mother. Ours words cannot express the gratitude we feel in our heart for the many, many words of encouragement and the loving-kindness shown toward us both from Mrs. Hazel. But in the words of Maya Angelou which will help us say it best, " People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel". From the bottom of our hearts we say thank you , thank you , thank you Mrs. Hazel for making us feel so very special. And thank you , thank you , thank you Charles, Cheryl, and Roslyn for sharing your mother with us all . We will miss her dearly. May the comfort and care of Our Lord and Savior carry you through, right now, henceforth and forevermore.

*Love,
Dean and Vanessa Preston*

Dean & Vanessa D Preston - July 10, 2014 at 07:27 PM

D(

“ *Ms. Jackson was such an inspiration to me at an early age. She taught me more than just English through her demonstration of being a strong woman, and had high expectations for all her pupils. Though I didn't see her but a time or two after I graduated, she will always mean the world to me because of how kind she was to me, personally.*

What a true inspiration to all! My heart goes out to the family of this wonderful woman who lived a vibrant and successful life! Sincere condolences to her family!

She will be truly missed and always loved!!

Diane Griffith (Leibold) - July 10, 2014 at 11:55 AM

NP

“ To The Jackson Family,
Ms. Hazel will forever live in our hearts and minds. God graced her with style, elegance, quiet strength and she was truly a woman of quiet faith. Whenever she was in our presence we left feeling nurtured, loved and encouraged. She leaves for us a legacy and blue print of how to live a full, elegant, beautiful and wonderful life! May each of you be comforted in knowing that your beloved was here for a season and now her legacy will live on forever.

Nelson Jr., and Karen Polite

Nelson Jr., and Karen Polite - July 10, 2014 at 10:18 AM

TF

“ Mrs. Jackson was a great friend and inspiration to everyone in this family. We will miss her dearly. Although we have relocated to another state, we have never forgotten her kindness through the years. She was a confidant to Melvin and myself, she taught Wess and Joan at MU and she even helped Jennifer with her studies/ homework/ project. Be comforted Jackson Family, God is holding her close.

We Love you

The Murray Family - July 09, 2014 at 11:27 PM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Jackson family.
Bill. Haynes

Bill Haynes - July 09, 2014 at 08:44 PM

BS

“ *To the Jackson Family,
Hazel touched our lives in many ways. She was a phenomenal woman. Her stature, elegance and grace was such an inspiration to us. We honored her in 2013 at our church, DaySpring Ministries, Middletown, PA with an Esther Award. She was truly a "Proverbs 31" woman and we will miss her. We pray God's peace to your family and we are praying for you.*

*Love,
Billy & Alice Sanders*

Billy & Alice Sanders - July 09, 2014 at 08:33 PM

BH

“ *My sincere condolences, Cheryl, to you and your family. Your mother was a very special woman. What a joy it was to walk out of my door on S. Marshall St. and chat with Hazel as she took her morning walk. Hazel's work will have impact on Lancaster and Millersville U for decades to come. It is so amazing how this beautiful woman brought about so many huge changes and everyone still just LOVED her. A tribute to Hazel's joy-filled soul. Rest in peace, friend, you have served your Lord well. Billie Jo Herr*

Billie Jo Herr - July 09, 2014 at 05:31 PM

DB

“ *Roz, Cheryl, and Proc: I am so sorry to hear about Ms Hazel. You all are in my prayers.*

Dawn Carin Boots - July 09, 2014 at 04:46 PM

BR

“ *To the Jackson Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of our 2nd Mom, Hazel Jackson. May God bless you and keep you, Roz and Cheryl.

*Sister Lee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Line Sisters, Pheta Iota Chapter, West Chester University*

Beverly S. Renfrow - July 09, 2014 at 03:40 PM

JK

“ *I had not only the privilege, but honor, to have Ms. Jackson as my English teacher in 1963 at Edward Hand Junior High School. Ms. Jackson was not just a true inspiration to me but to all the children at Edward Hand radiating her kindness and warmth during the tumultuous 60's. Ms. Jackson showed me the love of learning....but most of all Ms. Jackson was a role model showing her students, including myself, the way to treat others with the love and respect that everyone deserves.*

It is said that some people are fortunate enough to have a teacher who "makes a difference" in your life.....Ms. Jackson was my teacher.

My thoughts and prayers are with the the entire family!

Julia Negley Kirchner

Julia Negley Kirchner - July 09, 2014 at 10:12 AM

AK

“ Mrs. Jackson will be surely missed. Her smile, her words of encouragement and great style all stand out for me. My stomach dropped at the news--selfishly I wanted to keep her in my Lancaster forever. I felt lifted up when she attended my plays and I loved running into her at various events that strengthen our community. My heart goes out to her family , especially Cheryl who carries on in her mother's civic footsteps.

I'll stay in touch with you on the other side Mrs. Jackson! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Amanda Kemp, PhD

Amanda Kemp - July 09, 2014 at 10:12 AM

EF

“ I admired her stature and long-standing commitment to quality education. She walked our community constantly, always recognizing every child that she met. She was my inspiration and role model. Her presence will surely be missed. May God bring you comfort at this time, Cheryl, Ros, and Charles. Continued Blessings,
Elizabeth Ford

Elizabeth Ford - July 09, 2014 at 09:35 AM

DJ

“*Mrs. Hazel Jackson was my "Shero"! She was such a dynamic, elegant, inspirational, dedicated, determined and just a phenomenal woman who was truly a pillar of the community. Mrs. Jackson made a difference in the lives of so many people regardless of their position in life. "Gone but will never be forgotten!" Her legacy will live on and continue to be an inspiration to all who knew her. My condolences to Charles, Cheryl and Ros. May God continue to bless and keep you during this difficult time. My prayers will be with you and your family.*

Sincerely,

Dontina Jones Jackson

Dontina Jones Jackson - July 09, 2014 at 07:58 AM