



## Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson

January 26, 1934 - August 24, 2020

Mrs. Helen Lorraine Jackson, 86, of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 8:45 am on Monday, August 24, 2020 at her home.

Helen was born on January 26, 1934 in Auxvasse, MO to Lonnie and Helen (Weaver) Brown. She married Earl Palmer Jackson on October 9, 1952 and they share 42 years of marriage. He preceded her in death in April of 1994. Helen had a strong work ethic. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for Metropolitan Life Insurance for many years. She also was a cashier at Venture Stores, and later worked as a Central Supply Supervisor for OSF St. Francis Hospital. From November 2006 to October 2013, Helen worked at Unity Point Methodist Daycare and volunteered as a PCCEO foster grandparent, where she served over 8500 volunteer hours.

Helen was a kind person and she loved her family and friends. Helen was also an avid bowler and was distinguished by being the first African American woman in the Peoria area to bowl a 600 series. Helen was a faithful member of Zion Baptist Church for over 50 years where she was a dedicated choir member.

Helen leaves to cherish her most precious memories her family which includes four daughters, Sonya Jackson of Peoria, IL, Marjorie Jackson of Woodbridge, VA, Kimberly (James "Bo") Hayes of Peoria, IL and Kristi (Larry) Spruill of Fayetteville, NC; one sister, Margaret Rudd of Chicago, IL; 16 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one

son, Rodney Duane Jackson; three brothers, Delroy Brown, Warren Brown and Lawrence "L.C." Brown; two sisters, Shirley White and Eliza "Odell" Burns and a sister-in-law, Martha Brown.

A Private funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Zion Baptist Church. A visitation will be held one-hour prior beginning at 10 am. Pastor Sammuel Duren will bring words of comfort to the family. Helen will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at time of the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. \*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! \*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The church can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

# Cemetery Details

## Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St  
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 07, 2020 at 08:25 PM



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**Simons Mortuary** - September 04, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - September 09, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - September 07, 2020 at 08:28 PM

LS

“ Dear Marjorie Jackson and Family ...

*Thanking God for blessing you and many others to share years of love, laughter and family time with Ms. Jackson. May precious memories strengthen you in the days and years to come.*

*Praying that God will provide extra portions of strength, courage and faith during this difficult time.*

*Our love, thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

*Lois "Cookie" Stafford and Family and  
Mary Lee Jackson*

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**Lois Stafford** - September 07, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *One is never certain what her journey will be when she arrives onto this earth*

*Occupations may come but there is nothing more rewarding than the joys of spreading love with family and hearth*

*I remember the days before 2nd Street was rightfully renamed, John Gwynn Jr.Blvd, when our families would gather to eat good food and play card games*

*How I long for those days again, but I am so blessed for the infinite memories that will never, ever end*

*Such a beautiful smile just like your parents and siblings, you brighten up the day*

*Contagious in every way, it's no doubt that charismatic smile is a part of your DNA*

*While your work here is complete, my Dearest Great Aunt Lorraine, the Sweetness of Your Spirit;*

*Will FOREVER REIGN!*

*I Love You Family - May God give you all Peace & Comfort  
Markeya*

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**Mega Sunshine** - September 05, 2020 at 04:11 PM

JS

“ Lorraine sat in front of me at Zion Baptist and we always had a pleasant conversation before church started. When my husband and I weren't at church on Sunday she noticed, as we did when she wasn't present, and always checked with me when we came back to make sure we were ok. My husband called her Mom because that's how she made him feel. We loved her and her present will be missed when we finally get back into the church building. Condolences and prayers to her family. You all were truly blessed to have her in your life.

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**Josephine and Francis Sargent** - September 05, 2020 at 12:58 PM

SJ

“ Dear Marjorie Jackson and family,

*My deepest and sincerest thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and always. I pray that God will grant you His peace, which is beyond all understanding during this journey of life. Peace and Blessings to you all.*

*Much love to you,  
Shirley D. Jones and Family*

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**Shirley Jones** - September 05, 2020 at 09:34 AM

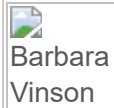
DT

“ She had an absolute sweet spirit. Prayer for comfort for the family.



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**Deloris Turner** - September 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Barbara Vinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson*



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**Barbara Vinson** - September 02, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs*



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**Evelyn Tate-Clayton** - September 02, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *Mrs. Jackson was a beautiful, kind-hearted, sweet person. One of my fondest memories of her was celebrating her 80th birthday. She was so excited and happy at the surprise party. We had a very heartfelt conversation over the celebration. She was well loved by family and friends. I will miss our Mother's Day dinner festivities together. Peace and Blessings, LaVerne Brooks*



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**LaVerne Brooks** - September 02, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Mrs. Jackson, aka Moma J to me, was a wonderful person. She will be missed dearly! I praise God for having the Jackson family in my life since 4th grade. Kim and Kristi are like sisters to me. Big Hugs and Much Love, Shawana*

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**Shawana Brooks Hampton** - September 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM

SC

“ I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I offer your family my deepest and most heartfelt condolences and prayers.



Sonya Cummings - September 02, 2020 at 02:31 PM

SR

“ I send my sincere condolences to the Jackson family. May God strengthen you and comfort you during this difficult time. My prayers are with you all. God Bless! 🙏🙏🙏



Sylvia Randle - September 02, 2020 at 02:20 PM

LF

“ Lisa Fife lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson



Lisa Fife - September 01, 2020 at 08:35 AM

LF

“ Lisa & The Fife Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson.



Lisa & The Fife Family - September 01, 2020 at 08:31 AM

JM

“ *Jacque And Bob McCullum sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson* ”



**Jacque and Bob McCullum** - August 31, 2020 at 02:43 PM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson* ”



**DEBRINA SMITH** - August 30, 2020 at 06:42 PM

AW

“ *It is true that “A mother is with us always, first in her lifetime, then forever in our memory.” So sorry Sonya and Kim for the loss of your mother ~ love and prayers to your family.* ”



**Angela Walker** - August 29, 2020 at 05:07 PM

D.

“ *So sorry to hear of your mother's homegoing...Absence from the body is present with the Lord..Another Angel has gone home praying for strength for your family Sister Kim..Prayerful..Deborah and Curtis Easley* ”



**D.Easley** - August 28, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Helen Lorraine Jackson*



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**Joanie Brown** - August 26, 2020 at 01:38 PM

GC

“ *Condolences to Rev Kim and family. What a blessing to have your Mother for these years. She saw her kids grow up and grandkids and got to see her great grands.*

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**Gloria Carter** - August 26, 2020 at 10:44 AM