

## *A Letter from Heaven*

When tomorrow starts without me  
and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your  
eyes, filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.

## *Pallbearers*

Demarcus Brown

Kalen Jackson

Lamaro Brown

Matthew Jackson Jr.

Jerrell Howard

Tyran Jackson

## *Flower Attendants*

Family & Friends

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Mary Denise Jackson wishes to thank you for every act of kindness extended to us during the brief illness and passing of our loved one. There was no act of kindness that went unnoticed, and we are eternally grateful to each of you. We pray that God will continue to bless you as you continue to do His will. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

The Family

*Services Entrusted to*  
**Edwards Small Mortuary**



*"Committed to Excellence"*

1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

# Celebration of *Life*



*Mary Denise Jackson*

FEBRUARY 6, 1953 - OCTOBER 22, 2022

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 AT 4:00PM  
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### **Graveside Service**

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens  
1578 Willow Lake Road  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

**Pastor Leon Williams, Officiant/Eulogist**



# Summary of Life

II Timothy 4:7-8

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

**Mary Denise Jackson** was born on February 6, 1953 in Daytona Beach, Florida to the parents, Alphonso B. Varner and the late Juanita Edwards Varner who preceded her in death along with her sister, Gina Marisa Varner.

She attended H.E. Hunt High School in Peach County, Georgia. She also attended Crandall Junior College and pursued an Associate's Degree in Business.

She met the love of her life, Lewis Jackson, Jr. and they were joined in holy matrimony on April 27, 1971. To this union, three children were born.

Mary's career began at Peach County Hospital where she served as a respiratory therapist. Later, she worked at The Leader Tribune in Fort Valley as an ad specialist. Finally, Mary found the job that was perfect for her when she was hired as a teacher at Fort Valley Head Start where she served until she retired.

Mary was a devoted member of Fairview CME Church where she served as a member of several ministries including the following: missionary, program committee, usher board, choir, praise dance coordinator and the writer of plays and poems for the church. Mary will always be remembered for her humorous personality and a heart full of compassion for those in need. She loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren.

Denise leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Lewis Jackson, Jr.; three children: Thaddeus (Lisa) Jackson of Fort Valley, GA, Lagwana Brown of Warner Robins, GA and Lelita (Antonio) Fuller of Fort Valley, GA; grandchildren: Destiny, Tachina, Tyran, Talique, Dylan, Kyndra, and Quandre; her father, Alphonso Varner; siblings: Desiree (Samuel) O'Bryant of Macon, GA, Gregory (Rhunell) Wilson of Jacksonville, FL, Linda (Kevin) James of Palm Coast, FL, Verlana (Cedric) Banks of Tallahassee, FL, sisters-in-law: Emma Jean (Arthur) Willis and Della (Larry) Brown, both of Fort Valley, GA; another devoted sister-in-law and friend, Vera Jackson; Fort Valley, GA; brothers-in-law: Larry (Mary Ann) Jackson and Joseph (Natalie) Jackson both of Fort Valley, GA; Matthew (Rhonda) Jackson Sr. of Kingsland, GA and Samuel (Sandra) Jackson of Newnan, GA one aunt, Joan Phillips of New York; a devoted friend, Cynthia Stuckey of Warner Robins, GA; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Memories



# The Celebration

**Pastor Leon Williams, Officiating**

Musical Prelude

Processional

Words of Comfort and Hymn

Rev. Dr. Michael Ross

New Ebenezer Baptist Church

Columbia, South Carolina

Prayer

Rev. Gregory Williams

Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church

Cordele, Georgia

# Scriptures

Old Testament

Elder Melvin Allen Tukes

Former Pastor, Fairview CME Church

New Testament

Rev. John W. Jackson

Former Pastor, Fairview CME Church

Solo

Mr. Caleb Jefferson

Musician, Fairview CME Church

Eulogy

Rev. Leon Williams, Sr.

Pastor, Fairview CME Church

Recessional

# Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

1578 Willow Lake Road

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# Repast

Austin Theater

116 E Main Street

Fort Valley, Georgia