

Active Pallbearers

Carlton Drain
Jimmy Giddings

Patrick Edmond
Michael Jackson

Boris Gee
Charles McClain

Honorary Pallbearers

Victor Bradford
Eric Jackson

Tyron Brown
Eric Tepolean Jackson
Shawn Smith

Albert Jackson
Josh Smith

Words of Thanks

It is so good to have friends like each of you. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the things that you have done. Your prayers, presence, food, words, telephone calls, the fragrance of the flowers and the thoughts on every card.

~ The Jackson~Gayle Family

She Will Rest Until the Redeemer Returns

Grace Hill Cemetery
Longview, Texas

Repast

Stamper Park Resource Center
502 S. Center Street
Longview, Texas

Funeral Services Entrusted to:



The Professionals of Bigham Mortuary

1007 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Longview, Texas 75602
Phone: (903)758-5221 Fax: (903)753-5296
www.bighammortuary.com

Aimee LeTreice Lee Printing
(903)742-9699 allprintingtx@gmail.com

A Celebration of Life

Carmen Jackson

Gayle

**Growing Valley
Baptist Church**

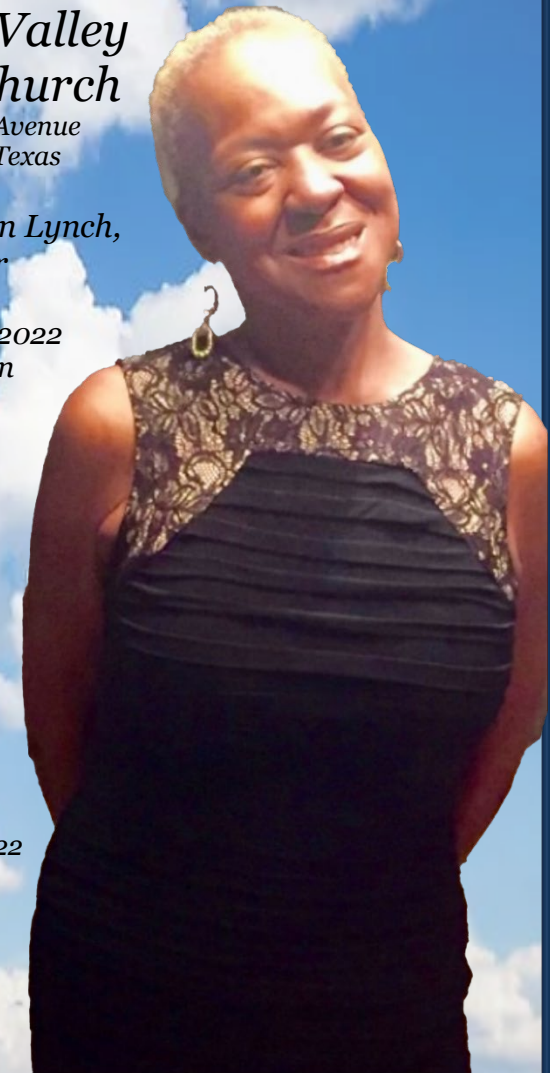
209 Harlem Avenue
Longview, Texas

Rev. Dr. Kelvin Lynch,
Pastor

March 12, 2022
12 Noon

Alpha
July 10, 1965

Omega
March 4, 2022



The Life Journey of Carmen

Carmen Jackson Gayle was born on July 10, 1965, to Shirley Jackson.

Carmen accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Growing Valley Baptist Church when she was 9 years old. Carmen attended the Longview Public School System and graduated from Longview High School in 1983. She attended East Texas State University (n/k/a Texas A&M University Commerce) from 1983-1988 where she graduated and received her bachelor's degree. While attending East Texas State, Carmen became a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and stayed an active member thereafter. Following graduation from college, Carmen worked as a substitute teacher and later began working for the Texas Department of Human Services as a Social Worker and remained there until retirement due to health issues.

Carmen married in 1997. Out of this union her beloved son, Xavier Patrick Gayle was born.

Carmen was an avid reader who also loved music, dancing and gathering with family and friends. Even with impaired vision, she managed to fulfill her love of reading through audio books. She had a great sense of humor and was always willing to lend a helping hand to family friends and anyone. She was kind, generous and had a BIG heart. She kept her good nature despite the many health challenges she faced beginning with her blindness. To know Carmen was to love Carmen! EVERYONE LOVED CARMEN! She was the best daughter, sister, mother, niece, cousin, aunt, companion, and friend to everyone who had the pleasure of being in her circle.

Carmen is preceded in death by her grandparents, Tepoleon and Evia Lee Jackson, and her two older brothers, Gary Jackson, and Marques Jackson.

She is survived by son, Xavier Patrick Gayle of Garland, Texas; mother, Shirley Jackson of Longview, Texas; brother, Eric Jackson of Longview, Texas; nieces, Tiffany Jackson of Dallas, Texas, Celeste Jackson of Seattle, Washington and Rosaunda Jackson of Vancouver, Washington; nephews, Eric Jackson, Jr. of Longview, Texas, Marley Jones of Dallas, Texas and Demar Williams of Garland, Texas; aunts, Paulette Jackson of Oakland, California, Barbara Jackson Jones of Longview, Texas, Nora Jackson of Richardson, Texas, and Renee Smith of Garland, Texas; uncle, Albert Jackson of Longview, Texas; sisters-in-law, Josephine Jackson of Dallas, Texas and Sandra Jackson of Vancouver, Washington; special friend, Victor Bradford of Garland, Texas; and a host of cousins and other friends.

Carmen will be deeply missed. Even though she has left this world in a physical sense, her spirit will forever be with us in our hearts—guiding us, loving us, and motivating us from above.



Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.
The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.
You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your empty place.





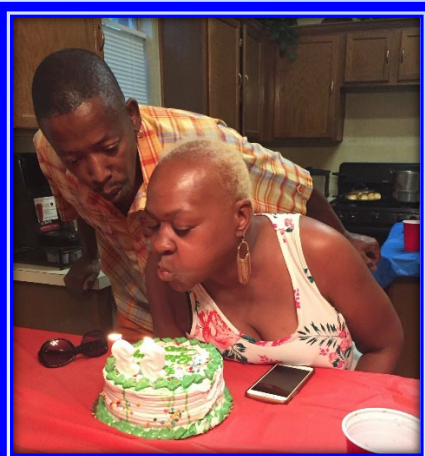
...Until We Meet Again

*Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
if only we could have you back
just for a while.*

*Then we could sit and talk again,
just like we used to do.*

*You always meant so very much,
and always will do too.*

*The fact that you're no longer here,
will always cause us pain,
but you're forever in our heart
until we meet again.*



Service of Celebration

Processional of Funeral Cortège
Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

Congregational Song

Scripture Readings
Old Testament ~ Rev. Randy McClary
New Testament ~ Rev. Charles E. Faulks, Sr.

Prayer Comfort
Rev. Charles E. Faulks, Sr.

Resolution
Growing Valley Baptist Church

Solo
Sister Josephine Hadnot-Jackson

Acknowledgment
Sister Frances Jackson

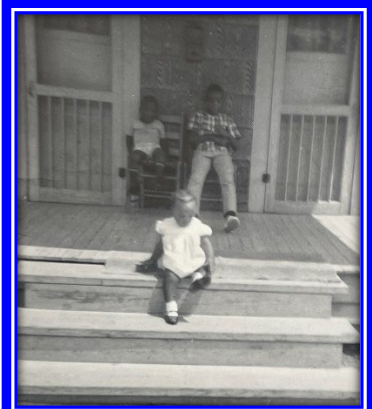
Special Remarks
Longview High Class of 1983
East Texas State University Class of 1988
(k/n/a Texas A&M Commerce)
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc
Family Member

Duet
Sisters Ann Bowens & Sandra Jackson

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Kelvin Lynch, Pastor

Final Glimpse till Glory
Bigham Mortuary Directors

Recessional



*They say memories are golden
 well maybe that is true.
 We never wanted memories,
 We only wanted you.
 A million times we needed you,
 a million times we've cried.
 If love alone could have saved you
 you never would have died.
 In life we loved you dearly,
 In death we love you still.
 In our hearts you hold a place
 no one can ever fill.
 If tears could build a stairway
 and heartache make a lane,
 We'd walk the path to heaven
 to bring you back again.
 Our family chain is broken,
 and nothing seems the same.
 But as God calls us one by one,
 the chain will link again.*

The Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
 I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
 The good life I lived while I was strong.
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
 Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
 My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
 Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
 Continue traditions, no matter how small.
 Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
 I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
 Until the day comes we're together again.*

