



Jacquelyn M. Pryor

October 2, 1944 - May 9, 2020

On Saturday, May 9, 2020, Jacquelyn Cheryl Montgomery Pryor was called home to be with the Lord. She transitioned from this life peacefully by natural causes at the Woodholme Gardens Assisted Living Facility in Pikesville, MD. Jackie was born on October 4th, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan to Marmion Jack and Sammie Ruth Spence Montgomery. After spending her formative years in Detroit, her family relocated to Chattanooga, Tennessee. It was there in which she felt the beckoning of Christ on her heart and was baptized by her beloved grandfather, Reverend Samuel R. Spence at St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

Growing up in Chattanooga, she experienced her young life in the compassionate and loving care of her close knit family. She absolutely cherished the memories of this time in her life often telling stories of the wonderful times she experienced with her siblings, cousins and extended family. Jacquelyn matriculated through Howard High School, where she eventually returned to teach, graduating in the class of 1962. She then graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History. In 1964, she married Eustace Vincent Dench, Jr. in Nashville, Tennessee. Through this union they had one daughter, Ivy Monique. They settled in St. Thomas Virgin Islands where she started her career as an educator at Wayne Aspinall Middle School.

She moved to Gary, Indiana and completed a Master's degree in Secondary Education at the University of Indiana. During this time she met her dedicated

and loving husband of 45 years, Charles E. Pryor, an executive at the Budd Company. Jackie and Chuck had one son, Charles, Jr. In Gary, she continued as a public school teacher at Emerson High School for many years and was also an active member of St. Timothy's Baptist Church. Jackie was quite socially active and civic minded, having memberships in various auxiliaries and organizations. In Gary, she pledged the Gary Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, an organization she would devote countless hours of service throughout her life.

Jackie and her family relocated to Philadelphia, PA where she had an extensive career in housing and government affairs including a position at the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority. She was an excellent administrator moving up in rank, and eventually retiring from said organization. She later served as the Executive Director of the Chester Housing Authority in Chester, PA. Jackie then went on to lead the Advocate Community Development Corporation (ACDC), a community development corporation focused on providing affordable housing and services to low-income families in North Philadelphia, as Executive Director. In Philadelphia, Jackie continued her service to Delta Sigma Theta and eventually served as treasurer of the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter. She also held a membership with the local chapter of the Epicureans.

Jackie eventually moved to Columbus, Ohio where she fully retired and continued to enjoy the love of family and many friends. She joined the congregation at Macedonia Baptist Church where she served as Chair of the Trustee Board. She became active with the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and was also the President of the Continentals local chapter.

Jackie led a life of constant service. She was loved by all who met her, from former classmates, her sorors, club members, fellow church congregants, the many health aides who helped care for her in her final years, and of course her family and her multitude of friends. Jackie was a woman of grace, fashion and style. She was a great cook and perfect hostess and kept a warm and comfortable home that was full of good food and fun. She enjoyed preparing

and decorating for the holidays where family was expected. She was kind, giving and shared with everyone, especially those in need. She was dependable and reliable, that was her southern way. She was an avid reader and was known to read a book in one day.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, Marmion J. Montgomery and Sammie Ruth Montgomery, brothers Sidney and Marmion Montgomery, and step-son Michael E. Pryor.

Left to mourn her loss is her husband, Charles E. Pryor, daughter Ivy M. Dench-Carter, and son Charles E. Pryor Jr. She is survived by her step-daughters, Renae Diann Pryor and Roxanna(Johnny) Nolen both of Columbus, OH, aunts Alyce McDowell of Nashville, TN, Josephine Kelley of Chattanooga, TN, sister Sandra Tudos of Chattanooga, TN, and brother Samuel Montgomery(Karen), of Philadelphia, PA, her sister in laws Elsie McCall and Emma Jean Neal of Columbus, OH, and brother in law, Lawrence Pryor of Columbus, OH. Jackie shared her love with two grandsons, Evan and Darrell ("D.J.") of Philadelphia, PA as well her husband's seven grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. Jackie cherished her family, and adored her friends. Words cannot adequately convey how much she will be missed. We will forever cherish the memories and lessons she taught us from now into eternity.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetary

4016 Tennessee Ave
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Wake

MAY 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown
5616 Old Court Road
Windsor Mill, MD

Service (Private)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jacquelyn Pryor, Please Click the Link below.*



March Life Tribute Centers - May 12, 2020 at 10:23 PM

LH

*Soror Jackie, I pray that you rest in peace a mind rise in glory and light perpetual shines on your spirit . Amen
Condolences to the family.*

Lynn Harris - May 13, 2020 at 09:11 PM

RC

When souls are done with the physical world, they tend to stay with us, making sure we are safe and loved from heaven. I'm ver sorry to hear of your mother's passing and I'm sending you my deepest condolences.

Rick Cole - May 14, 2020 at 10:26 AM

MO

*To Ivy, Evan and DJ and the rest of your family,
Thinking of you on this most difficult day. May you find comfort and peace in each other and in your memories.*

Maida Odom - May 16, 2020 at 08:35 AM



“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Jacque. She was an amazing woman. She lived a life to be proud of. The life she lived speaks for her. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. I will miss having the great talks we used to have and how much knowledge and wisdom she shared. She’s resting well and sleeping in heavenly peace. I love and miss her💔



Sandra Mills - May 21, 2020 at 01:14 AM



“ Ivy, I 'am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. My condolences goes out to you and your family. I'm here if you ever need me, much love.
Roslyn Perkins-Tynes

Roslyn Perkins-Tynes (friend) - May 16, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ My husband, Charles, and I send our deepest condolences and prayers. Emma Pryor Easton

Emma Pryor Easton - May 15, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Dear Ivy: So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. My deepest sympathy to you and your family during this time.

Love, Maxine Gladden

Maxine McIntyre-Gladden - May 15, 2020 at 08:25 AM

YB

“ To the family of Mrs. Jackie, my family extends our condolences to Mr. Charles, Chucky and Ivy. It was a true honor to have her in our lives and she was a true straight to the point blessing. My entire family enjoyed her as well as she them. She was my mom and aunts friend and traveled with my family to celebrate my mother's birthday on more than one occasion to both Gatlinburg and Washington DC where Ivy joined us. My husband being from Alabama enjoyed her southern personality and will miss her. My son's and nephews thought of her more like family than the lady from church who always had them load her car after a church function. My son Monty's first thought was I'm never going to get anymore of Mrs. Jackie's chicken salad and my son Malon enjoyed her giving heart when he went to college. She truly embraced my family as her own and the younger kids Marques, Markell, Jaylen and Jordyn will miss her goodies. Where Kala (Trillest Love) will miss the encouraging words that she gave her about her music career. Mrs. Jackie don't be to hard on the others in Heaven and please find my mother and have her sit at your table just as you two did at Macedonia Baptist Church. Mrs. Jackie from one teacher to another I want you to know your lessons were clear and I will try my best to be a class act just like you. Love the Campbell, Briggs, Wright and Taylor- Smith family.

YVETTE BRIGGSCAMPBELL - May 15, 2020 at 04:25 AM

KM

“ Karen Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Jacquelyn M. Pryor



Karen Montgomery - May 14, 2020 at 09:45 PM

MR

“ Mrs. Pryor was a lady with a soft voice and her spirit let you feel her big heart. To Mr. Pryor, Chucky and the rest of the entire family know that you are truly blessed and GOD will be with you always. When you feel a little down and feel a soft breeze or butterflies are all around you just know it is her spirit. Love you. Sincerely, Michelle and Joyce Redwine

Michelle Redwine - May 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM

NP

“ Nathaniel Pryor lit a candle in memory of Jacquelyn M. Pryor



nathaniel pryor - May 14, 2020 at 12:49 PM

DA

“ My heart goes out to the Pryor family during this difficult time. Soror Jackie's Delta family in Philadelphia will miss her. She will be forever in our hearts.



Donna Jones Anderson - May 14, 2020 at 11:58 AM

PF

My heart goes out to uncle Charles Ivy, and Chuck, we love you all! And will continue to keep you in our prayers and thoughts. We all will miss you Aunt Jackie!

Pixie and Family - May 14, 2020 at 01:02 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lynn Harris - May 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM

LH

Soror Jackie loved us and we loved her back. Thanks be to God. Her memory is a blessing.

Lynn Harris - May 14, 2020 at 11:55 AM

MH

May our Soror Jackie RIHP she will be sorely missed. Sincere condolences to her Family. She will always be remembered for her kindness and good spirit!

Maxine Harvey - May 14, 2020 at 12:57 PM

LS

“ Mrs. Pryor was an example of grace and kindness that I shall never forget. Her presence filled the room with Light and Love. I am sending my deepest condolences to Charles Pryor Jr. and the entire family.



L. Stallngs - May 14, 2020 at 11:14 AM

YS

“ I remember her hospitality and concern about what vegan fare she had that I could eat.



Yusef Shabazz - May 14, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DF

I remember my cousin opening her house to me for a visit and all times we shared when family got together you will be missed cousin Denise French-Groggins family please call 313-790-4682

Denise French-Groggins - May 14, 2020 at 11:07 AM

CF

“ *Charlene Pryor Franklin lit a candle in memory of Jacquelyn M. Pryor*



Charlene Pryor Franklin - May 14, 2020 at 08:47 AM

CF

Cousins Charles, Chuck, Renae, Roxanne and the rest of the family, you all are in my prayers.

Charlene Pryor Franklin - May 14, 2020 at 08:51 AM

MR

“ *Dearest Ivy, words are inadequate to describe my sorrow for the loss of your precious mother, Jacqueline. It was a pleasure knowing her here in Gary where we often shared “coffee klatches” and dinner parties. My fondest memory is of the two of us chaperoning your senior prom. She was such a loving, fun-filled sophisticated lady. My family joins me in expressing sincere condolences for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that we love you and share your loss. God bless the repose of Jackie’s soul in Heaven.*



Ms Evelyn H Reaves - May 14, 2020 at 12:51 AM



“ *Rest in Eternal Peace Jackie! God has called you home to your heavenly reward. Ella Harris and I really missed you when you moved away from Philadelphia and used to talk about you often. We admired your strength and determination after the life altering event you experienced. Many of your Sorors in Philadelphia were sad to have you move away, but many stayed in touch. Surely you and Ella Harris are together in Heaven, collaborating about our beloved Sisterhood!*

Your Delta Sigma Theta Sorors look to the heavens and say Amen. To God be the glory!



Ann Adderley - May 13, 2020 at 05:49 PM

CW

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences to the family of our dear Soror Pryor. I pray for your peace and comfort.*

Soror Charlene Mitchell Wiltshire

Charlene M. Wiltshire - May 13, 2020 at 04:29 PM

AS

“ *Aunt Alice, Paula, Rhonda and Sabrina purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Jacquelyn M. Pryor.*



Aunt Alice, Paula, Rhonda and Sabrina - May 13, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DS

“ Jackie was loved and will be missed. We're thinking of you, praying for your strength, and wishing you peace for your spirit during this most difficult time. - Little Brother, Dorchelle, they Boys, and Maggie

Dorchelle Spence - May 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM

-M

“ - Little Brother, Dorchelle, the Boys, & Maggie purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jacquelyn M. Pryor.



- Little Brother, Dorchelle, the Boys, & Maggie - May 13, 2020 at 11:50 AM

SB

“ Southway Builders purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jacquelyn M. Pryor.



Southway Builders - May 12, 2020 at 02:56 PM