

life Reflections

Zelda Fae Jackson was born on June 16, 1950, to her parents, Bertha Jackson and Richard Lee Jackson, Sr., in Denison, TX. She transitioned to be with the Lord peacefully at 10:00 am Sunday, March 5, 2023, in Dallas, TX, surrounded by her three children.

She was raised and educated in Denison public schools, attended Terrell School for black students from elementary through high school, and was part of the initial group of students who integrated Denison High School because of court-ordered desegregation. While at DHS, she was an honor-roll student, was one of the first black baton twirling majorettes for the marching band, and played the bells, the bass, and baritone saxophone in the concert band before graduating in 1969.

Zelda earned an Associate of Science – Business Administration from Grayson Country College and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She was the first college graduate in her family, and today all three of her children are college graduates.

She started her career as an accountant in Austin with the Teacher's Retirement System of Texas. She moved her family to Denison, where she opened the Cigna Insurance office in Sherman and worked there for 20 years.

Zelda gave her life to Christ and was baptized at 12 at Washington Street Church of Christ (presently Martin Luther King Jr. Street Church of Christ). She was a faithful church member, singing in the choir and being active in the women's ministry.

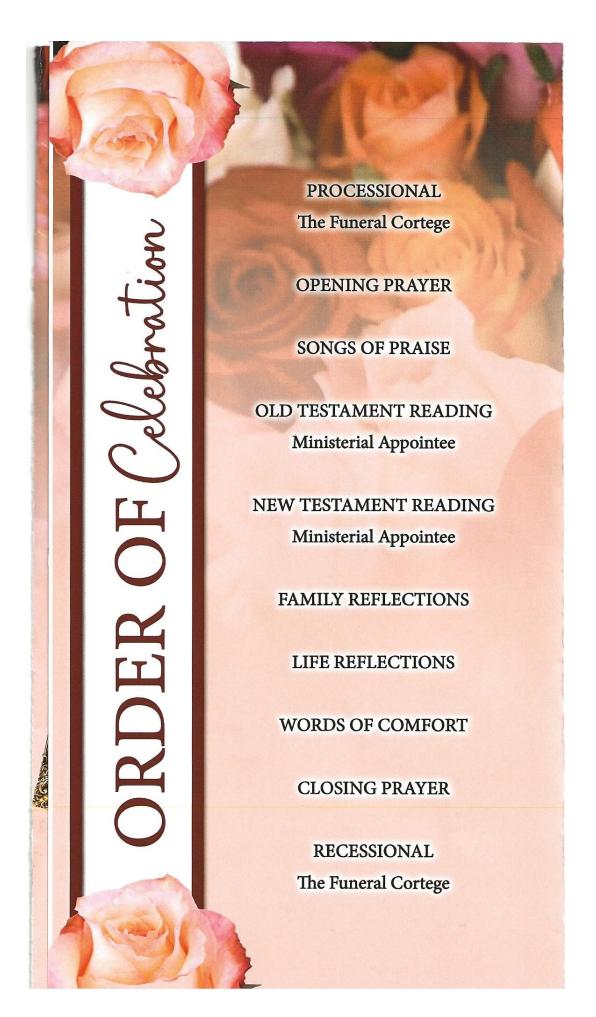
Zelda instilled her work ethic and spirit of achievement in her children, setting a high bar of expectation for whatever they wanted to do. Zelda loved watching her sons and nephews play sports, especially football, and made sure her daughter, granddaughter, and nieces knew how to cook, sew, and have a beauty regimen, and encouraged them to be independent go far in life.

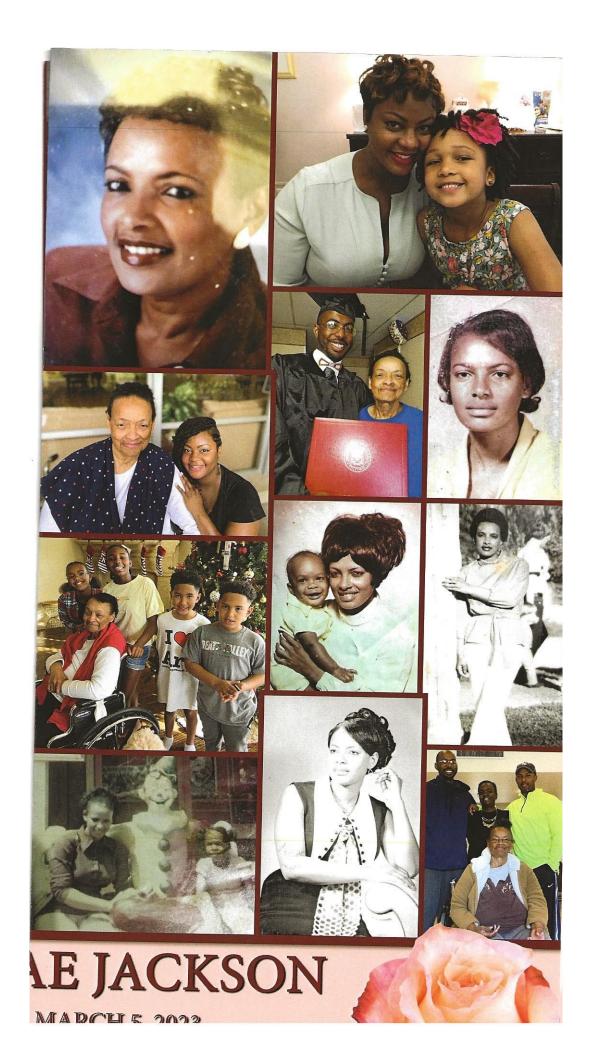
Zelda loved family and was happiest when surrounded by her sisters and brothers, laughing about memories of growing up together. She was fearless in her approach to life, known to have a feisty spirit and always ready for *whateva*, but had the biggest loving heart for family and friends. More than anything, her grandchildren were the light of her life!

What Zelda will most be remembered for is her COOKING! She would cook or bake anything from scratch, loved talking recipes, and taught all her children to cook. She was often asked to cook for holidays with family, church anniversaries, weddings, reunions, and for a house full of her sons' football teammates.

Zelda was preceded in death by both parents. She is survived by her daughter Alicia S. Jackson of Austin, TX, an accountant; son E. Jerome Madison of Dallas, TX (Kimberly), a healthcare vice-president; son Eric J. Jackson Sr. of Denison, TX, an electrician; six grandchildren Ashley L. Watkins, Marloh N. Madison, Zoi S. Madison, Eric J. Jackson Jr., J. Elliott Jackson, Tristan X. Jackson, one great-granddaughter Zion Y. Robinson; Brothers Richard L. Jackson Jr of Palestine, TX, Charles R. Jackson (Carrie) of Las Vegas, NV, Robert McGaha(Rose) of Denison, TX; Sisters Catherine Y. Young of Austin, TX, Clotelia Price(Kathy) of Paris, TX, Cassandra Johnson (Kevin) of Forney, TX, Amelia Nero (Anthony) of Denison, TX; and dozens of beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

MEMORY OF ZELDA F.





Acknowledgement of Appreciation

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers we saw sitting there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much for whatever part.

~The Family

Active Pallbearers

Aaron Jackson Chris Gains Mikel Hull Andre Cook Justin Washington Shad Criss

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