



Jacqueline Steward

January 11, 1936 - July 5, 2024

Jacqueline Steward, 88, of Suwanee, GA passed away on Friday, July 5, 2024 . A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 20th, 2024, 1:00 pm at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, 182 Hunter St NW, Norcross, GA 30071. A repast will follow immediately at the same location.

The family asks that everyone where a touch of purple, as that was Mrs. Jacqueline's favorite color.

In remembrance of Minister Jacqueline Stewart's life, memorial contributions to Rainbow Village, flowers, cards, and expressions of sympathy are all welcome.

Learn more about how you can make a difference in Ms. Jacqueline's name at <https://rainbowvillage.org/>

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Lawrenceville, 914 Scenic Hwy S, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. Please call 770-338-5558 if you have any questions.

Jacqueline Steward, daughter of the late Ethel McCombs and Christopher Reese was born on January 11, 1936. After a lengthy illness, she was

summoned to everlasting rest with our Savior and Lord on July 5, 2024. She was preceded in death by her mother Ethel, her father Christopher, two sisters Gwendolyn and Marjorie, and two brothers Roland and Christopher Jr.

Those who knew Jacque remember her as a God-fearing and steadfast believer in Jesus Christ. She was compassionate yet feisty. She was highly successful yet humble, dependable, and loved her family fiercely. Her feisty nature would playfully remind people that her shortened name was spelled “Jacque” but sounded like “Jackie”. She was creative in many ways. She was an especially good cook and loved cooking for her family and friends. Her in-law suite kitchen saw more activity in 1 month than the first floor kitchen in the home she shared with her family in a 6-month period of time. Her genuinely caring side was consistently on full display as she advocated for the homeless, sat and prayed for the sick or just provided a shoulder to lean on when needed.

Jacque graduated with honors from Calumet High School in Chicago IL. Her family could not afford college so she immediately applied for work securing a clerical position with Johnson & Johnson Corp in Cicero, IL. She later joined the US Post Office. Upon the death of her father whom she cared for during a long illness, she moved to Philadelphia, PA and her life began to change. Jacque enrolled in the Community College of Philadelphia and received an Associate Degree in Business Admin and Accounting. Jacque was an accomplished bookkeeper and accountant during her corporate work career. She could calculate numbers in her head faster than some could enter them into a calculator. She joined Cigna Insurance Corp and continued to excel in her work and later attained a management position. She worked at Cigna until retirement before becoming a thriving entrepreneur at Shanel’s Hallmark and Ashley Avery Collectibles for 10 more years. Together with her daughter, Sharon, she helped turn around two struggling Hallmark stores and won the Retailer of the Year award among 5000 Hallmark competitors. Her leadership

at Ashley Avery made it the top Swarovski Crystal sales location in the Southeast, hosting many Special Store Events and Artist Signings. Jacque was known for her creativity, especially in creating silk floral arrangements. As life's ministry was to help others, she used her influence to obtain valuable products to later auction; raising funds to support AIDS, breast cancer, health screenings, and the Children's Hospital of Atlanta. She was highly respected by her competitors and in the community for her excellent work and the way she treated her customers like family... with love and respect.

Jacque dedicated her life to helping others, serving as an Ordained Minister, an Outreach Case Manager at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Norcross, GA and a Certified Chaplain in Georgia. Jacque's Christian education started at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in St. Louis MO. Her family later moved to Chicago and became members of St. James AME on 94th Street. When her mother converted to Catholicism when she was 8 years old, it brought about significant changes, including attending Mass and Catechism classes at St Anselm. Despite feeling confused, Jacque obeyed her Mother's decision during this time.

When Jacque moved to Philadelphia, as an adult, she joined St. Joseph Baptist Church and converted from Catholicism to the Baptist faith. She was baptized after accepting Christ. Jacque worked with two women from the church, learning about Christ and the Bible. They visited shelters, hospitals, and the streets to help people in need. This sparked her interest in mission work. Jacque also received training in missions and started a lunchtime Bible study at work with the help of her Pastors. Additionally, she participated in meetings with university students, faculty, churches, and homeless individuals to address community problems.

In 1994, when Jacque relocated to GA, she visited several churches. She

joined Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Norcross, GA in 1995 and experienced personal growth under Bishop William L. Sheals. She completed a 4-month biblical study during new member orientation and a 3-year accredited Bible Institute course. Later, she attended a 3-year Bible study on the Holy Spirit and joined the Community Outreach Ministry team in 2005. She would pray with everyone who came for help. Jacque was appointed Director of the newly formed Case Management ministry. She created a mission statement, policies, and procedures for the ministry to help families in the church and community. The ministry offered Christ-centered social services and collaborated with other agencies to assist those in need of essential resources. She was also loved serving in the Shepherd's Care ministry thru 2007.

After Jacque completed a 2-year Master-Life Discipleship course, she became an instructor for this same course. She also taught from 2009 to 2014 in the new member orientation program. Clearly, Jacque developed a love for learning and utilized her spiritual gifts of teaching and serving.

In 2008, Jacque answered God's call to join the Ministry to Preach. Her children, work, businesses and even her age had led her to delay answering the Call. She was reminded by an Elder that Moses began his ministry at 80 and Sarah gave birth to Isaac at 100, showing that God's timing is not our timing. Jacque started her training classes in January 2009 and finished in 2012. She gave her first Sermon on July 22, 2012. After a year of ministry, she received her permanent license to preach and minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jacque continued to challenge herself and was asked to accept new responsibilities to begin ministering at the Peregrines Senior Living Center in Norcross. She served on 2nd and 3rd Saturday. She was also asked me to serve as the Pastoral and medical liaison for Hopewell at Gwinnett Medical.

This opportunity allowed her to share valuable information with the Hopewell ministries that enabled the Church to better serve the community spiritually and medically.

Jacque's memories will continue to be celebrated by her daughters Jacqueline Antoinette Wright of Philadelphia, PA and Sharon Coghill Perry of Suwanee, GA, her loving granddaughter Brittany Jones of Suwanee, her two handsome grandsons Brian Wright of Orlando, FL. and Glenn Wright of Washington, DC, and her 5 great-grandchildren: precious Raven Jones of Suwanee, and Bre'ond Wright and Sharnika Wright of Philadelphia; Glenn Wright Jr. of Maryland, Talisha King of DC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church
182 Hunter St NW
Norcross, GA 30071

Repast

JUL 20 (ET)

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Immediately following the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Merv and Jackie Snead purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Jacqueline Steward.*



Merv and Jackie Snead - July 18, 2024 at 11:46 AM

“ Tribute to Min. Jacqueline Steward:

Min. Jacqueline Steward was a strong, brilliant, loving, and kind Christian lady whose life was a testament to her unwavering faith and dedication. Her three top priorities were her Jesus, her family, and her church. Her deep care and commitment to her church, Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, and her beloved Pastor, Bishop Sheals, were evident to all who knew her.

Our paths crossed one evening after accompanying Pastor Sheals to one of his ministry engagements at TBN. It was there that our friendship and mutual respect began to blossom. Min. Steward and I later served together in the Discipleship Ministry, where she excelled as a mentor and Master Teacher. Her lesson plans were some of the most elaborate and thorough I have ever seen. She approached teaching the Lord's Word with a seriousness and dedication that inspired all who were privileged to learn from her.

Answering the call to ministry brought us even closer, as we were placed in the same cohort. As part of our rigorous preparation for ministry, Min. Steward would graciously invite us to her home to practice our sermons under her keen and watchful eye. Her home became a sanctuary of learning and fellowship. And did I mention she was an awesome cook? We never minded going to her house because she would feed us delicious meals and send us home with generous to-go plates.

In her final months, we spent a lot of time praying with and visiting Minister Steward, cherishing every moment of fellowship and spiritual support. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Minister Valerie Elikwu for her many visits and unwavering support for Min. Steward. Additionally, my gratitude goes out to the Minister's Ministry, who acted swiftly to replace her TV at the rehab facility, ensuring she remained connected to her community and faith.

Min. Jacqueline Steward's legacy of faith, dedication, and love will

forever be etched in our hearts. She has touched so many lives with her wisdom, kindness, and unwavering commitment to God's work. Though she has gone to rest in heaven, her spirit and teachings continue to inspire us.

Rest in Heaven, Minister Steward. Your life was a blessing, and your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

With heartfelt respect and love,

Elder Travis Allen

Elder Travis Allen - July 16, 2024 at 01:23 PM

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*Almighty God,
We thank you for giving us a friendship with Minister Jaqueline Steward. I praise you for the people she blessed on her journey.*

Her smile and encouraging words will always be remembered. She was always willing to support others, particularly our church and the youth at Hopewell Christian Academy. Her financial and in-kind donations help to raise funds to support the growth of many young people.

Minister Jackie also made a mean pot of collard greens! LOL.

Isaiah 40:31 says "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

We pray that you be with her family to love, encourage, support, and uplift them as they celebrate the memory and legacy of our friend, sister, and co-laborer in Christ.

*Blessings!
Elder Fred & Jannette Green*

Elder Frederick Green - July 16, 2024 at 04:00 PM

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A letter to my friend:

Min. Jacqueline Steward:

My dear friend, I write this letter not without sadness; because you were and always will remain a true friend; the many of times that you would invite me into your home; to break bread, to laugh and share; always asking if I was going home to Mississippi for the holidays...if not to come and share special times with you and your family. I thank God for you and your family for those memory that will forever be edge in my mind: always, always making me feel more than welcome; not as a guest or visitor; But as a special part of your family.

Thank You!

My friend we have serve in kingdom building together; Attended Church together, Bible study together, we have taught classes together, travel to the Holy Land together.

But the most important thing that we truly have done, together is to share Jesus Christ as Lord Leader and Liberator.

Always remaining faithful to Roman 10:9

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

You have support me in preaching this gospel...through your prayers and support...along with encouraging words.

Thank You!

Finally, my friend I will not say "Goodbye" or so long:

Until we meet again ...Sweet Rest!

*Your Friend, and Co-Labor
Minister Cynthia Ivy*

Cynthia Ivy - July 17, 2024 at 03:08 AM