



## Dr. Jacquelyn Key

March 22, 1959 - March 1, 2025

Jackie, born Jacquelyn Anita West on March 22, 1959, to Mr. Judson and Mrs. Lucille West. Jackie embodied grace, kindness, and beauty. Growing up as the middle child, she developed a sense of fairness and peacemaking. Her inherent compassion led her to always show concern for others. Above all, Jackie treasured her husband, daughters, and four grandchildren. "I am grateful for the enduring love of family," Jackie expressed on Thanksgiving.

Jackie was a very diligent student who graduated with pride from William A. Bass High School. She was actively involved in various extracurricular activities such as the National Honor Society, yearbook staff, and marching band. Prior to this, she attended Wesley Avenue Elementary School and Coan Middle School. Her nursing education began at Grady School of Nursing and she later transferred to Georgia State School of Nursing, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

During her pursuit of a nursing degree, Jackie met Nathan Key, who would become her lifelong partner. Their bond was unbreakable, leading to their marriage in 1980, and they were fortunate to welcome two beautiful daughters, Natalie and Alyson. Jackie exemplified dedication as a mother, consistently providing support to her daughters and their friends in various

endeavors. Her home became a welcoming haven for many, characterized by her generous hospitality.

Jackie's commitment to the healthcare field extended for more than 35 years. She began her career at Dekalb General as the Head Nurse in the OB/GYN department and subsequently moved to Grady Hospital, where she held multiple roles, including nurse, charge nurse, supervisor, and leader within the OB/GYN department. After retiring from Grady, she continued her education in nursing, ultimately becoming a Professor at Gordon State University. Additionally, she engaged in PRN work at Pine Woods Behavioral Health Crisis Center. Her dedication to professional development was underscored by her earning a Master's degree in Nursing from Brenau University, followed by a Doctorate in Nursing from Grand Canyon University, which exemplified her commitment to lifelong learning and excellence in patient care.

Dr. Key became a member of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Incorporated in 2014, where she took on the role of Gamma Chi Chapter Coordinator for the Hospitalities and Amenities Committee. She was dedicated to community service and the advancement of the nursing profession.

Dr. Key was profoundly engaged in her community, devoting numerous hours to assist charities that supported unborn children, education, and her sorority. She cherished her family and had a passion for travel, consistently making an effort to remember each person's birthday and embodying the role of the aunt who intuitively understood your needs, often discreetly placing money in your hand without you having to request it. She was already in the process of organizing the Thanksgiving gathering for 2025,

wholeheartedly embracing the philosophy that "the more, the merrier."

She was not only a friend, leader, and activist, but also a devoted child of God. She encountered Christ at a young age and was raised in the Church of Atlanta Lighthouse when it was situated on Boulevard Avenue. In her early twenties, she attended Victory Tabernacle until its closure. Subsequently, God guided her to Second Mount Vernon under the leadership of Pastor Huntley, where she served as a pastor's aide and deaconess in two different locations. As one delves deeper into her life, it becomes evident that her motto of "Be Kind" is rooted in Scripture, specifically Galatians 5:22, which speaks of the Fruit of the Spirit.

Jackie possessed a great enthusiasm for singing. Her musical repertoire encompassed a wide array of genres, such as R&B, jazz, hip-hop, and gospel, and she took considerable pleasure in both singing and dancing. Notably, Jackie was well-versed in the songs of both Lil Wayne and Whitney Houston. She was often invited to showcase her talents at various retirement celebrations. Many of us frequently contemplated the origins of her extraordinary ability. Her performances not only filled her with joy but also radiated happiness to everyone around her.

Jackie's legacy will eternally reside in the hearts of her family, friends, colleagues, and the numerous individuals whose lives she positively influenced through her compassion and professionalism. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Estella McGhee; her father, Judson Nathaniel West Sr., and her mother, Lucille West. She is survived by her husband, Nathan Key, her daughters, Natalie Sykes (Terrance), grandsons Hendrix and Kairo)

and Alyson Adside (Colby), grandsons Austin and Dallas); her siblings, Deborah Williams, (Edward) Tina West, Sandra Hunt (Pastor Andrew Hunt), Judson West Jr. (Ann West), and Cheryl Lunn (Gregory), her cousin, Estella West along with a multitude of nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will cherish her memory.

Jackie served as a second mother to many of her nieces and nephews: Terrence, Terrica, Andrew IV, Andrea, Brandon, Latesha, Judson III, Alex, Keshia, and Amber. Remember WWJD (What Would Jackie Do) She loved you all so much!!

Jackie's legacy symbolizes compassion, dedication, and a steadfast commitment to the welfare of others. Her nurturing spirit and generous nature will be deeply missed by everyone fortunate enough to have known her. We love you Jackie!

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadow Memorial Gardens

699 American Legion Rd  
Conyers, Ga 30012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale  
1999 Hwy. 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Family Hour

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale  
1999 Hwy. 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Atlanta Lighthouse  
1380 Boulevard SE  
Atlanta, GA 30315-3025  
(404) 627-4601

## Burial

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699 American Legion Rd  
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# Tribute Wall

BR

“ *To The Key Family:  
I wish you and your family peace and comfort  
as you grieve the loss of your Beloved Ms.  
Jacquelyn. I know what a close bond you and  
your family members had. Ms. Jacquelyn will  
for ever be in our hearts and prayers.*

*Deepest Sympathy,  
Benetta "Auntie Bee-Bee"  
Covington GA*



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**Benetta Russell** - March 15, 2025 at 08:45 PM

NW

“ *As a friend of her niece for many years, I heard  
so many wonderful things about her! I got the  
pleasure of meeting her daughters, two  
beautiful souls. I pray that her memories are  
what keeps this family going! Praying for the  
family and hoping for all the best.*



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**Nikimberly Wedlowe** - March 14, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and Whit  
e was purchased for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn  
Key.*



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March 14, 2025 at 03:01 PM

YF

“ *Your Premier Academy. family purchased the Flo or Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.*



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**Your Premier Academy. family** - March 14, 2025 at 02:16 PM

RL

“ *Ray Lunn purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.*



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**Ray Lunn** - March 14, 2025 at 11:22 AM

HK

“ *To the family of Jacquelyn Key:*

*May the wonderful memories of Jacquelyn help comfort you during this time of bereavement. She is at home with her heavenly father with the unspeakable joy and peace which only comes from being in the presence of God. May the Lord comfort you and keep you in his loving arms.*

*The Kelley Family,  
Indianapolis, IN*

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**H & J Kelley** - March 13, 2025 at 09:45 PM

LF

“ Love the Emory Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.



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Love the Emory Family - March 13, 2025 at 08:27 PM

LI

“ To the Family,

*I knew Jackie as my sister Kesha's godmother. Though I didn't know her well, one thing was always clear—she was patient, kind, and full of love, especially to have embraced my sister's lively personality! My deepest condolences go out to the family because I know she will be deeply missed.*

*In moments when your heart feels heavy, hold onto the memories—the laughter, the love, and the precious time you shared with Jackie. And most of all, smile and thank God for the blessing of having known her.*

*With love and sympathy,*

*Olympia Bigby*

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Libby - March 13, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.



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March 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.

March 13, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ Melanie Mertz (Co-worker at GSC) purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.



Melanie Mertz (Co-worker at GSC) - March 13, 2025 at 10:35 AM



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Melanie Mertz (Co-worker at GSC) - March 13, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ My dear friend has always been a bright light that served as a beacon to all! Her intelligence, beautiful spirit, engaging smile, and hearty laugh brightened every day spent in her presence. She loved and supported her family and friends endlessly. Thank you Lord for the time you gave Dr. Jacqueline Key to us ☐

Kimberly Hughes - March 12, 2025 at 10:16 PM

FG

“ From The Smith Family of Gordon, GA purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.



From The Smith Family of Gordon, GA - March 12, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JW

“ Jasmine & Yadi, Amanda G., and Louis W. purchased the Red Rose And Lily Standing Spray for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.



Jasmine & Yadi, Amanda G., and Louis W. - March 12, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JW

“ Jasmine & Yadi, Amanda G., and Louis W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.

Jasmine & Yadi, Amanda G., and Louis W. - March 12, 2025 at 05:06 PM

WF

“ Sending Deepest Condolences to the Key, West, and Jackie entire Family. My sister Darlene Nelson graduated Bass High School with Jackie and I was in the class with her sister Cheryl. Praying for everyone Strength and Comfort at this time and the days ahead. Hold on to God's Unchanging Hands and remember WWJD(What Would Jackie Do) 🙏 Eternal Rest Jackie. Wanda Nelson Fuller



Wanda Nelson Fuller - March 12, 2025 at 04:18 PM

ER

“ Eric A. Rodgers purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Dr. Jacquelyn Key.



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**Eric A. Rodgers** - March 11, 2025 at 09:35 AM

HS

“ Holly Sutton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jacquelyn Key



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**Holly Sutton** - March 09, 2025 at 08:40 AM

HS

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to each of you. She truly loved her family. Mrs. Jacque (Dr. Key) as I called you when you came with the nursing students to Pinewoods Behavioral Health Crisis Center. I truly loved working with you at Pinewoods. No matter what you were going through you always kept on smiling through it all. I will forever cherish that last hug we shared at the facility. As a nurse you shared so much of your knowledge with me and you encouraged me to continue being a great nurse and never give up. Your Legacy Will Live On. God said, "Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant ". Such a Sweet, Beautiful, Loving and Caring Angel Mrs. Jacque (Dr. Key). Forever In My Heart. Nurse Holly

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**Holly Sutton** - March 08, 2025 at 10:04 PM

YR

“ *First, my condolences to the family. Jacque was truly a good spirit. I believe she enjoyed life and was truly thankful for her family and loved ones.*



*I met Jacque through G.Y.O.P. after meeting Natalie, Alyson, Terrica, Ms. Tina, and Nathan. She always made me feel welcomed at her home.*

*She called me Mrs. Martina's Momma. I know, weird. I said Jacque, I have a name... Yvonne. She said (with that smile and infectious laugh) you will always be Mrs. Martina's Momma so you might as well get used to it. I got use to it. It's a G.Y.O.P. thing.*

*God has an angel that will light up heaven with her smile but her earthly presence will forever be missed.*

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**Yvonne Redfearn** - March 08, 2025 at 01:08 PM