



Nettie Winston Jackson

March 5, 1950 - October 13, 2025

It is with deep sadness and love that we announce the passing of Nettie Winston Jackson, who left us on Monday, October 13th, 2025, at the age of 75. Nettie was born on a beautiful Sunday, March 5th, 1950, in Birmingham, Alabama. She lived a rich and full life in Decatur, Georgia, where she touched the hearts of many and created a legacy of compassion, service, and dedication.

Nettie was the beloved Director of African American Initiatives at the American Heart Association, where she served passionately. Her career was marked by her unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of her community, advocating for awareness and education in African American heart health.

Nettie's life will be commemorated with a series of services held at Rainbow Park Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. A visitation will take place on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, providing an opportunity for family, friends, and community members to come together and pay their respects. Her life will be celebrated in a joyful and heartfelt Celebration of Life service on Friday, October 24th, 2025, at 11:00 am, also at Rainbow Park Baptist Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory- South Dekalb, who have provided compassionate

assistance in this time of sadness.

Though Nettie may have left this earthly realm, her spirit, love, and dedication continue to live on in the hearts of those she has touched. She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Dr
Decatur, GA 30034

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *My heart is heavy but I know to be absent from the body is to be present with our lord and savior. You fought a good fight auntie and we'll miss you soooo but it's your time to rest. So rest in heavenly peace! Job well done! Love Always and forever Mr. Roderick and Ruth Derrico-Means*



Ruth Derrico-Means - October 24, 2025 at 08:40 AM

CT

“ *Cynthia Tucker lit a candle in memory of Nettie Winston Jackson*



Cynthia Tucker - October 23, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SH

“ *Great person! I will miss you Ms Nettie Jackson! So long now!. Your work is done here on earth. You' ve earned your heavenly home! NAACP DeKalb Member, Shelby J. Hall*

Shelby Hall - October 22, 2025 at 06:51 PM

MJ

You were a Faaithful Servant and worked faithfully with NAACP, Community Health, the American Heart Association and other organizations to make a difference in the health of all people! Blessings to your family!

Martha Jackson - October 23, 2025 at 11:39 AM

YJ

I will miss you, my sister. You set an excellent example of advocacy and activism. I'll try to my part in your stead and honor. You were my church, choir, NAACP, and Red Hat Society sister. Love you. Rest in heaven, beautiful 🥰

Yolandria Jones-Totten - October 24, 2025 at 10:53 AM

BM

“ Nettie and I go a long way back. We went through a lot together. I will miss my friend. She was a warrior. My prayers are with her family. Rest well my friend 🙏🙏🙏

Betty McRae - October 20, 2025 at 07:02 PM

DC

“ Ms. Jackson was a fighter for Black Women's Health Care. Her tireless work spread throughout the country. Ms. Jackson will be missed by her many friends and the members of the NAACP.

Doris Ann Shipman Region 5 Coordinator - October 20, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ I honor the life and legacy of Nettie Winston Jackson—an extraordinary woman, gifted organizer, loyal friend, and fearless freedom fighter.

From the school of Ella Josephine Baker, Septima Poinsette Clark, and Amelia Boynton Robinson, she believed that real change comes through people working together in love and purpose.

Whether leading health equity work with the American Heart and Stroke Associations or serving as NAACP State Health Chair, Nettie turned compassion into action and advocacy into impact.

She gave her life to the struggle for justice and the health of our people.

May her memory continue to inspire us to serve with the same courage, grace, and unwavering faith. Personally, Nettie was a constant encourager and I will never forget her.

Well done, Sister Nettie. Rest in power and peace.

Francys Johnson - October 20, 2025 at 03:50 PM

EB

“ Deeply sorry to hear of the loss of Nettie. May God offer comfort and peace to her family.
Love, E. JoAnn Bacon



E. JoAnn Bacon - October 20, 2025 at 03:32 PM



“ Thank you Nettie for being a warrior for health and human rights. I am honored to call you my friend. Enjoy your rest. Job well done.



Brenda Lankford - October 20, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JD

It is with heartfelt condolences to the family in the transition of Nettie. We live in the same community in Birmingham, Alabama and affectionately share so many loving memories. My prayers to the family as you lovingly reflect on your memories. Joycelyn Delbridge

Joyce Delbridge - October 20, 2025 at 03:41 PM

TF

“ The Cook Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nettie Winston Jackson.

The Cook Family - October 19, 2025 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ The Cook Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Nettie Winston Jackson.



The Cook Family - October 19, 2025 at 07:04 PM

LW

“ Sending condolences to the family. I'm a friend of Larry Cook.

Linda Wright - October 18, 2025 at 05:22 PM

1G

“ Thank you, Nettie for helping us lift our voices. 1Joshua Group



1Joshua Group - October 18, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DO

I am deeply sadden for the loss of Ms. Nettie Jackson. It was a joy to volunteer as an Ambassador with the American Heart Association under her. Nettie we a great leader. We shared being University of Alabama Tuscaloosa Grads. I honor her for the good works she provided for the community. God Bless the Life of Ms. Nettie Jackson. Dr Priscilla Oliver, PAUSE Partnerships Foundation, Inc.

Dr Priscilla Oliver - October 25, 2025 at 08:57 AM

KE

“ Thank you, Nettie; always valiant, always vigilant. Warrior spirit.

Kermit - October 18, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PA

“ Phyllis Derrico Anthony lit a candle in memory of Nettie Winston Jackson



Phyllis Derrico Anthony - October 18, 2025 at 10:15 AM

LC

Nattie I will always love you and I will truly miss you may God's blessings be upon you and your family love as always Larry Cook

Larry H Cook - October 18, 2025 at 01:03 PM

PA

“ *Nettie, you truly will be missed. I have enjoy gathering with you and I will miss our fun conversations. Rest in peace my sister-in -law. Love you forever. ❤️❤️*

Phyllis Derrico Anthony

Phyllis Derrico Anthony - October 18, 2025 at 10:01 AM