



## Renee Nuckols Shackelford

April 8, 1950 - March 17, 2013

Born into Time: April 8, 1950 Born into Eternity: March 17, 2013 Home Going Services for Dr. Renee Nuckols Shackelford will be held at 1:00PM Saturday, March 23, 2013 at St. Philip A.M.E Church 240 Candler Road Atlanta, Georgia 30317 The Rev. William D. Watley, Ph. D., Senior Pastor Officiating This world became a better place when Renee A. Nuckols was born on April 8, 1950 in Chicago, IL to the union of the late Morris Martin Nuckols and the late Marjorie McCray Nuckols. She was the 2nd child born to that union. Renee was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her personal Savior at age 10. She was baptized at Berean Baptist Church by the late Rev. C.D.L. Bradshaw and faithfully attended Sunday School and Church ?? while serving in the William S. Bradden Choir until she relocated to Georgia to attend college. Renee was educated in the Chicago Public School system, graduating from McCosh Elementary and Englewood High School. It was at Englewood that she met the ??Love of Her Life?, William G. Shackelford, Jr. - whom she affectionately called ??Shack? at that time. In 1969, Renee left Chicago and relocated to Atlanta, GA to attend Clark College. William was already a student at Clark, a possible motivating factor precipitating the move and choice of schools! In August 1970, William and Renee were united in Holy Matrimony. To that union 3 children were born: Dionne, Lenise, and Andre??. Her husband and children were her pride and joy. While raising a family, Renee continued her education and earned a Master of Arts from Atlanta University and a Doctorate of Education from Clark Atlanta

University. Dr. Shackelford, the consummate educator, taught in Lynchburg, VA, Alexandria, VA and in DeKalb County, GA. She served as Assistant Principal at Stoneview Elementary and Principal of Flat Shoals and Canby Lane Elementary Schools. During her career, she received numerous honors and awards including Who's Who Among America's Teachers; DeKalb County Principal of the Year - Area III; and GAESP Distinguished Principal - District 7, State of Georgia just to name a few. In addition, she participated in the Superintendent's Professional Development Program - State of Georgia. She retired from the DeKalb County School System in 2007. She was currently working at Georgia State as Educational Supervisor where she continued to have a hand in educating prospective teachers. Whereas education was important to Rene, the title of "Grandma" topped all of that. All 8 of her grandchildren, Cori, RaeKwan, Nya, Jada, George, Ynice, Sandy, and Bobbi were very special and precious to her. They ate several meals in her kitchen, had numerous "sleepovers" at her house and were the benefactors of many life lessons while under her tutelage. One would think that was a lot, but not for Rene. She was an active member of Saint Philip African Methodist Episcopal Church where she served on the George Moore/Sarah Allen Usher Board. She was also the Debutante Masters Commissioner for Saint Philip AME Church of the 6th Episcopal District for over 20 years. Rene loved God, her family, education and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She pledged and was initiated into the glorious sisterhood in the Sigma Chapter of Clark College in 1969. She later became a member of Decatur Alumnae Chapter where she was a loyal, faithful, hard-working, committed, honest and devoted member. While a member of Decatur Alumnae Chapter, she served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and served 2 terms as Chapter President. She was also the chair and committee member of several committees including the scholarship committee which she worked on continuously throughout her Decatur Alumnae Chapter career. She faithfully attended State Meetings, Regional Conferences, and National Conventions. Rene's warm, giving, and caring personality along with her

leadership skills, creative talents and ??infectious smile? only gave you a glimpse into God??s deposit on earth. Dr. Rene Shackelford, the wife, mother, grandmother, educator, and Soror exemplified the text, ??Be Thou faithful until death? ? (Rev.2:10). ??School is out; sorority meeting is over; it??s Graduation Day? ! On March 17, 2013, Dr. Shackelford was awarded life??s ultimate degree, ??W.D.? , by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ - ??Well Done Good and Faithful Servant? .Rene leaves to cherish her memory and live out her legacy, her faithful husband of 42 years ?? William, 3 children Dionne (William IV) Shackelford Jones, Soror Lenise (Cory) Shackelford Bostic, Andre?? Shackelford, sister, Rev. Adrienne D. Hardy, brother, David Nuckols, aunt Sally McCray, uncle Dr. James C. (Vivian) McCray, 8 grandchildren, many beloved sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren? and her closest friend and BFF, Francine S. GadsoTo God be the Glory. Heaven has gained another Jewel!

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dr. Shackelford took a special interest in me when I attended Flat Shoals elementary in 1998. My parents had recently divorced, and though I was very bright, I was also very troubled. I began to act out and instead of allowing me to continue down that trajectory, Dr. Shackelford took me under her wing. I became the Principal's mentee and with that, of course, came certain responsibilities! I could no longer be the class clown, I had to set an example and make her proud of me! I have never forgotten her or how she probably saved my life from going in the wrong direction. I am very sorry to hear of her passing, however, I am also very proud to stand tall as one of her many accomplishments.

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**Jillique Agbobli** - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Dr. Shackelford was a light that could not be hide under anything, she shined for all to see. I am Just learning of her passing. I lost two dear shinning lights this day March 17 in my life, neither person will ever stop shinning in my life and heart. Ms. Ann Johnson-Pratt, Syreeta Pratt's mother

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**Ann Johnson-Pratt** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Thank you Dr. Shackelford for holding up the light in my kid's life. You helped me to be a better mother and person. Flat Shoal Elementary School mother. My daughter is 33 years old.

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**Margaret Brown** - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Lit a candle in memory of Renee Nuckols Shackelford

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**Margaret Brown** - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family. The loss of a love one brings much grief and sadness, but there is so much comfort that can be found in God’s word the bible. The promise of a resurrection at John 5:28, 29 and death will be no more at Revelation 21:3, 4. Taking in true knowledge of the true God and his son Jesus assures us eternal life. (John 17:3)

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**Agnes Taylor** - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ To the Family:May your faith in God's loving resurrection provision sustain you as you all look ahead to the time when all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. ~John 5:28,29. God's love is clearly evident because He sent forth his only-begotten Son into the world that we might gain life through him. ~1John 4:9. Jesus confirms his role in the resurrection provision in his words recorded at John 11:25....I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life. God is faithful and always keeps his promises! ~Isaiah 55:11, John 3:16, Revelation 21:3-5

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**Beulah Parks** - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dr. Shackelford,I miss you and love you and you will always be remembered. GOD received another angel in heaven on March 17th.Love AlwaysJason Moffitt

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**Jason** - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM