



Walter Wiley Jackson

May 31, 2014

Mr. Walter Wiley Jackson II, Vice-President of Operation Hope, passed Saturday, May 31, 2014. Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Jackson will be held at 11:30AM Friday, June 6, 2014 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 407 Auburn Ave. N.E., Atlanta, GA. 30312. Family Hour 11:00AM-11:30AM. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Senior Pastor. Interment will be in Greensboro, N.C. Visitation is Thursday, June 5, 2014 10:00AM-8:00PM at our SOUTH DEKALB Chapel. Wake Service 7:00PM-8:00PM. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy., Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656

Tribute Wall

KK

“ At a holiday get-together for Operation HOPE a couple of years ago I shared with Walter how sincere and grounded, yet other-worldly he seemed to me. I told him that although we hadn't actually had a one-on-one, I knew anyone could depend on him to confide their deepest secret and he would instinctually guard it. He was a gentle giant, a well of knowledge, and an example of excellence for young Black women and men. Last year, he gave my mother and I personal tour of the new HOPE Center, where I was pleasantly surprised to learn that I, a former intern, had been included in featured photos that document it's development. In more recent weeks, I saw Walter at the HOPE Center, where I am participating in the 700 Credit Score Club program. One of the counselors paid me a compliment, and he smiled in agreement. His understated but overwhelming encouragement made my day. I am grateful for the courage to have expressed my admiration to him and for the gift of one more moment with him in recent days. My sincerest condolences to all who were touched by his light.

Kimberly Kitchens - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My sincere condolence to the family and friends of Walter Wiley Jackson. Although I did not know your loved one personally, in reading the words of the tributes to him, you can see what a loving, caring and dedicated person he was. His loss will be felt even greater and by so many others because of this. I truly hope in the days ahead, besides the memories you have, that you will also gain comfort from the words of our Heavenly Father. He is aware of your pain and is here to comfort you (2Corinthians 1:3,4). He also holds out wonderful promises concerning our deceased ones at John 5:28,29 and Revelation 21:3,4. To be assured by our Creator, Jehovah, that we will be able to see and welcome back our departed ones, such as Walter, can give you the needed strength to continue on. I pray that his words as well as the loving support of family and friends will sustain you during this difficult period.*

D Brown - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Mr. Walter Jackson, I volunteered his time and the time of Operation Hope on a Saturday to share insights on financial literacy tools for the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He did more than this though on this particular Saturday. He brought a sense of pride and passion to the group in the many wonderful offerings of Operation Hope. I believe and I have Faith that His Legacy is embedded in the very fibers of the organization.*

Todd Patman - June 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ The Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism extends our sympathy to the family of Walter Jackson, and to his many friends and colleagues at Hands On Atlanta, and throughout the national service community. We join our friends at Hands On Atlanta in asking that our AmeriCorps extended family remember the life and celebrate the legacy of a man who led by serving others. Walter served as the Director of School Programs at Hands On Atlanta from July, 2005, to January, 2011. As an AmeriCorps program director, Walter was a passionate and eloquent advocate for the hundreds of young people who served in his own Corps through the years. As a community leader, he was a role model for excellence who worked continuously to achieve the highest standards. At both the state and national level, Walter was a leader both behind the scenes with his peers and as a public champion for national service. Later this year we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps. When we gather this September 12th to mark that milestone, we should remember the pioneers like Walter Jackson who labored with such dedication to build AmeriCorps from the ground up, one member at a time. Gentle but firm, soft-spoken but direct, Walter was a steady and wise counselor who, though always busy with the responsibilities of his office, gave freely of his time to his members, especially when they needed him. He embodied the “getting things done” for our communities spirit of AmeriCorps. And he understood the transformative power of community service to bend young lives toward lifetimes of giving back to others. His contribution to so many young lives through his dedication to national service will inspire us for many years to come.

John Turner - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I remember Walt made my entire college experience unforgettable. He was a true gentleman and someone a young man would want to emulate. I briefly worked with him at the radio station in Harrisonburg where he brought the Black experience to a small farm/college town. The nights he would emcee and DJ at Players Night Club would bring EVERYONE out. His catch phrase to hype the crowd up would be “Wind me up Walt!” which he did! The week of dealing with schoolwork, professors and personal issues would melt away as we would dance and groove to the latest go-go, hip-hop, and R&B of the day. He carried himself as a man and shaped many a young brother’s life (myself included) by his words, thoughts and actions. Thanks again brother for the experience and the memories. “Wind me up Walt!” Anthony Ward

Anthony Ward - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I just wanted to leave a statement that I had typed up, earlier, in regards to Brother Walt: Thank you, Walt, for being such a major highlight of many-a-memory to so many who had the good fortune to know you at JMU: whether it came via your cool and friendly nature or via the good times you anchored through your music/emcee abilities, bringing a campus, no, a whole TOWN together in good, fun, memorable times, you were and always will be loved and remembered by many. Rest well, frat, and God be with you...#WINDMEUPWALT!! '06'Bro. Montrese Dobson

Montrese Dobson - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Where do I begin...words can't seem to formulate of how heavy my heart is and how much of an emptiness I feel with my Walter my teddy bear removed from this earth. You are now my heaven's angel and as I've told you when you were here, you gave me a sense of protection and I still feel that protection. I feel some comfort in knowing our last evening spent only two days before you went on to be with our Father was like in your words dreamland. Dream on Walter and I will one day see you again... you meant more to me than the words we shared and the times we spent together in such a short period of time. You have touched so many lives and you said in many conversations, that was your goal and God's calling for you. God knows those he calls on to do HIS work and your work my Walter is Job Well Done! I love you and may you rest in perfect peace! Princess R.

Princess R. - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ My dear friend...forever in my heart. God's peace and love to the family as only He can give...Wanda Cauthorne Randolph(former Alpha Angel)

Wanda Randolph - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Lit a candle in memory of Walter Wiley Jackson

Wanda Randolph - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM