



Zelda Helena Alicia Jackson

December 8, 1948 - October 21, 2021

Zelda's journey called life began on the evening of December 8, 1948. Zelda was one of two children born to the late Charlotte Fassitt Parker and James Hall Parker, Sr. She was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. The first five years of her education she attended Friends' Central School in Wynnewood, PA. This school is recognized as a prestigious, outstanding Quaker school. Zelda's older brother James Jr., was among the First African Americans to attend this school in 1949. This was indeed a sacrifice for her father who worked three jobs to ensure that his children received a good education. Zelda graduated from Germantown High School.

Zelda was the proud and privileged mother of her precious daughter Alicia Lauren White. Zelda and Alicia had a loving and unyielding relationship.

At an early age she was a member of Christ Church & St. Michaels Episcopal Church where she began her journey as a Christ centered youth. It was in the Episcopal faith that she was christened when she was an infant and confirmed at the age of twelve. As an adult after studying and researching other religions, she joined the Baptist church. After accepting Christ as her Savior as an adult, she was baptized and seriously began her walk with Jesus. Zelda was a member of Enon Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and proudly served on the trustee and joint boards. Upon relocating to Georgia she joined Christ the King Baptist Church. It was at Christ the King her relationship with Christ

enhanced through the teachings of the late Bishop W. Ron Sailor, Sr.

Zelda considered herself a "Proud Democrat". She was a member of Gwinnett County Democrats. She enjoyed volunteering for many candidates such as President Barack Obama, Stacy Abrams and local House of Representatives. She became involved in many voter registration drives in her community.

Zelda was employed by the Philadelphia Housing Authority for twenty-five years. She began her tenure as a clerk and retired as a Contract Specialist in 1997. She began another career with Abington School District in various capacities. It was in 2005 that she became ill which forced her to retire again.

If you knew Zelda, you witnessed her strength, endurance, and her faith in God. Her disability could not stop her; she often expressed this was God giving her another chance to fulfill her dreams. In 2006 she made a bold move to Georgia. Also, her darling daughter resided in Georgia and was soon to be married to Nathaniel White. This prompted her to pack her things, sell her home and move to Lawrenceville, GA. This move was truly a blessing and orchestrated by God because later she became the proud grandmom to her little angels, the absolute joys of her life, Andre and Aaron.

In addition to being a mom and grandmom, she was known for her impeccable taste in decorating and fashion. She loved to entertain. All genres of music she enjoyed and could be heard in every room of her home. Zelda's all time favorite female singer was Nancy Wilson. Cooking became one of her favorite hobbies. She often created new recipes for her family and friends to enjoy. She enjoyed traveling, especially cruises with family and life long friend, Denise Walker Myers.

Zelda was a loving person with a warm smile. She was known for her sense of humor, hearty laugh and giving spirit. She surrounded herself with friends,

family and neighbors. She held dear to her heart her dogs (aka "her babies") Buddy and Choncey. Choncey has been her devoted companion for over fourteen years. He never knew he was a dog as he had every right and privilege that a child of royalty experienced. She believed animals deserve unconditional love because they show their love and loyalty in every way to you.

At the end of her journey she was fortunate to move to what she called her "dream home". Once again she was blessed to do what she loved and decorated each room with the warmth and design that only she could express.

Zelda's spirit will forever be remembered by family and friends she leaves behind; her daughter, Alicia and son-in-law Nathaniel; two grandsons, Andre and Aaron; her brother James Jr. (aka "Butch") who preceded her in death and a host of relatives and loyal friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life (Live Streamed)

NOV **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Zelda Helena Alicia Jackson*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - November 11, 2021 at 01:22 PM

LM

To Alicia & Family,

You and your family continue to be in my prayers. I have heard great stories about your mom. My sincere condolences. 🙏🙏

Love, Leslie McNeal

Leslie McNeal - November 19, 2021 at 03:55 PM

DL

Dear Alicia & Family,

Sending prayers of comfort and strength as you mourn the loss of your mother. I don't know whether you remember me but I went to high school with your mother. I remember you from Levering Elementary School when you did your student teaching there and I was a teacher. May God continue to bless and keep you is my prayer.

Sorrowfully,

Debbie Laurie Lewis

Deborah Lewis - November 19, 2021 at 07:04 PM

DL

*Dear Alicia & Family,
I am sending prayers of comfort and strength as you mourn the loss of your dear mother. I went to high school with your mother and I have fond memories of her. I remember you from Levering Elementary School when you were student teaching and I was a teacher there. We would talk often. My sincere condolences and May God continue to bless you and keep you is my prayer. 🙏
Sorrowfully,
Debbie Laurie Lewis*

Deborah Lewis - November 19, 2021 at 07:15 PM

DT

Dear Alicia and family. My sincerest condolences to the family. Zelda was truly a sweet and classy lady. I remember the day she moved in our neighborhood in Lawrenceville. I stopped and welcomed her and told her she would love it there, she gave me that smile and said thank you. Later became good friends. What a blessing from God she became to me. We talked, laughed and cried together. Ms Zelda i miss and love you so much. Alicia i will keep you and your family in my prayers. Love Dorethia

Dorethia Tinker - November 20, 2021 at 11:55 AM



*Dear Alicia,
My sincere condolences are extended to you on the passing of your Beloved Mother!
Your mother was so charming, and graceful.
I attended high school with your lovely mother, We worked on the high school reunion committee, and attended many social events.
It was always a pleasure to be with her. She will be solely missed!*

Pat Augustus Gilbert

Pat Gilbert - November 20, 2021 at 12:52 PM

MA

Alicia what a blessing the service for your mother was such a blessing. I am so happy I could be a part of the celebration of life via the internet. I love you and the family. We will miss Ms. Zelda but her legacy lives on. Marchell Coleman

Marchell - November 20, 2021 at 01:02 PM

JB

Alicia my boys and I are heartbroken hearing of cousie Zelda's passing. Cousie was the first girl I meant when I moved to Phildelphia in 1962. Oh what fun we had at her Hortter St. Home. I loved her like a sister and the my boys called her auntie Zelda 😊. So many,many beautiful memories we had. And when she moved to Atlanta I was so sad but happy she could be close to you her beautiful daughter and those precious grandson's who she addored and her son-in-law. She will be missed no more long phone conversations but she is with God now in another happy place. Aunt Lucy, the boys, and I are here for you always. We ❤️ you and the boys always cousie Jennie 😊👍

Jennie Braxton - November 20, 2021 at 01:26 PM

LC

Alicia, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I was heart broken when I found out your mom had passed. I met her when she became a patient with the physician's office where I am a nurse. At first meeting I told her how she looked like my fathers sister who had passed away. From then on she became "Aunt Zelda" to me. I spoke to her last on my birthday 09/06. I told her she had to help me decorate and how much I loved her home and her. I also remember telling her my baby brothers name is Chauncey. Please know that she will always live in my heart my Aunt Zelda.

Leslie Carson - February 19, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *To know Zelda was to know JOY. She was always so upbeat & kind to friends and family alike.*

Lisa & I loved her deeply! To say she will be missed is a big understatement.

Alicia, I just want to say that APART from you being like your Mom in so many ways, we both love you & yours for all that you are. Lisa & I both are here for you and your family; you & yours are OUR family cousin!!

Our most sincere sympathies are with you, plus a million prayers for acceptance, peace, & bunches of LOVE!!

Lisa & Jimmy



James Davis Jr - November 21, 2021 at 11:54 AM

LD

“Zelda was full of life and love. She extended that love to all she met. If you were in her presence you knew you were in for a good time. Her laugh was infectious. We will always remember her legendary family gatherings here in Philly. Lishi, Nate, Andre & Aaron, our heart goes out to each of you. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead with the memories you each have. Zelda will truly be missed. ❤️😘

With everlasting love,
Lisa & Jimmy

Lisa Davis - November 21, 2021 at 08:33 AM

LM

Miss Zelda i can't believe you're gone..you were an amazing person..so happy i got to meet..i was your caregiver for a short time..and it was a pleasure Sip.

Lola Myers - July 01, 2022 at 05:05 PM

DB

“My precious Zelda is with her God now. No more sorrow and no more pain. I love you Zelda! You will always be in my heart and souls. Alicia, Nate, and your grand sons, will always remember the love and wonderful days you spent together. Our FASSITT Family has been blessed to have known your love and affection. We love you Zelda. You will be missed. We love ❤️ you, Dottie, Debbie, Steph, Faith, Marsha, Pinky, Esther, and all of our family members. ❤️❤️❤️🌹🌹🌹

Dorothy Leona Speight Brangman - November 20, 2021 at 02:57 PM

TS

“ *Zelda was a wonderful friend and my Jazz Buddy!
Love and Prayer. Timothy Tinker sr*

Timothy Tinker sr - November 20, 2021 at 11:32 AM

JL

“ *Zelda was a long and sincere friend. We laughed, danced, sang and enjoyed each other's company for more than 50 years. I guess my favorite memory was that ay my grandkid and I stopped by to see her on the way to Atlanta. When I saw her lovely house I half expected interns in burgundy blazers and corduroy ropes to lead us into the house. Every item was just perfect and she welcomed us with open arms and tons of home made food.*

The conversation was joyous just like the atmosphere and bring around Zelda in general. I was so sure I would see her again after Covid. I love you Zel and will miss the sound of your voice. I am so glad Alicia is able to keep Chauncy. I am sure we will cross each others paths on our eternal journeys! Love to everyone from the Lloyds in Bucks County.

Janice Lloyd - November 20, 2021 at 10:59 AM

RB

“ *May you rest in peace and in the glory of God's arms. Peace and blessings for comfort and strength to your family. Regina Berry.
Clinton, Maryland*

Regina Berry - November 20, 2021 at 09:32 AM

DM

“ Dearest Alicia and family,

I am sending prayers and hugs your way. Continue to cherish those wonderful memories. Your mother truly seemed to be a 'gem'. Praying that there will be peace that will surpass all understanding and know that God is holding you in the palm of his hands.

*Much love and prayers,
Dana Mosley*

Dana Mosley - November 20, 2021 at 08:17 AM

BY

“ *I am sending my condolences to Alicia and family. I was living in Atlanta when I learned that Zelda had moved to the area. Well, of course I gave her a call. When she answered I yelled "HEY ZEEK" . Her response with that Zelda laugh: " I don't recognize the voice but I know it's somebody from the neighborhood. Keep talking" In a matter of seconds she knew it was me.*

We talked we laughed and we caught up. With Zelda it was hard to tell that we had not spoken in years. It was more like we had just talked yesterday and that was the way it was. If I wanted to catch up or just wanted a good laugh. Just call Zeek and my old friend would be there.

I will forever look through the rear view mirror of life and talk to my dear friend.

Bill Young

Bill Young - November 20, 2021 at 08:13 AM

MC

“ *Marchell Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Zelda Helena Alicia Jackson*



Marchell Coleman - November 20, 2021 at 04:18 AM

FP

“ *Wow, this one hits hard! Zelda was the first person I met and shared an office with at the Philadelphia Housing Authority when I started there in 1983! I think folks thought it would be a problem for her, me being 23 years old and knowing nothing. But God knew the blessing he had in store for me! Zelda dubbed me "the little whipper snapper" and then taught me everything about the department, and trust me she knew EVERYTHING! I was able to learn and grow there, gaining more and more knowledge and responsibility and eventually became Director of the Department! I didn't know it at the time but God had prepared that place for me and placed his angel, Zelda Jackson (and Jackie Siler) at the gate to watch over me! WON'T HE DO IT!!!!*

You were truly a blessing to so many people at PHA with your quiet confidence, sweet personality and crazy sense of humor. I thank you for sharing yourself and "Leeshee" with me and my family and pray that your journey home was peaceful. We will keep you in our thoughts, Alicia and family in our prayers and know that we will see each other again.

Love you Sis!

Fred "Whipper" Purnell and family

Fred Purnell - November 19, 2021 at 01:50 PM

LB

Blessings and my condolences to your family

Loretta Bryant - November 20, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Zelda Helena Alicia Jackson.*



November 18, 2021 at 10:12 PM

SP

“ *In loving memory of a great neighbor and friend. You have touched my life in so many ways. Rest in heaven Ms. Zelda.*

Sonia Perry - November 18, 2021 at 09:29 AM

RY

“ *My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Sister Jackson. Peace and Blessings 🙏*

Richard A. Yancey - November 16, 2021 at 08:47 PM

FM

“ Much love to Alicia and her family in the passing of her awesome mother Zelda. I first met Zelda as a neighbor at a neighborhood luncheon approximately 7-8 years ago and we became fast friends. I feel privileged and blessed to have known her and to have shared so many laughs and stories together. I feel incredibly sad that she is no longer with us, but likewise am able to celebrate her homegoing! She is now absent from the body but present with the Lord! When I think of her I will always smile, remembering her humor, her class, her love of life, her ability to always look like a million dollars, her ability to decorate her home beautifully, and her welcoming spirit even when you dropped by (with no warning) to visit her. I love you Zelda and will miss you always. Thank you for being you. We'll visit again one day. With love, Faye Miller

Faye Miller - November 15, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zelda Helena Alicia Jackson.



November 14, 2021 at 05:02 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Deborah Brown-Ingram - November 14, 2021 at 08:51 AM

RO

“ To Alicia and Family,

Mrs. Zelda was my buddy, my friend, my computer client, neighbor, and some of everything else. Reading the obituary, I remembered her decorating skills, and how when I was working on her computer, I would just sit there and talk just to look at her beautiful home. The last time I saw her over the summer, I had no idea that it would be the last time. I always tried to treat her how I would want someone to treat my Mom when I would do computer work for her. If it was nothing too much, she would always say, how much do I owe you? I would say don't worry about it, and she would always say I have to give you something. The first time, she asked what kind of beer I drink, and I told her two kinds. She said she would drop it off. When she showed up, I was expecting a six pack of each. She shows up with a 30 pack of Coors light and a 24 pack of Yuengling. She never wanted to accept me doing anything for her and not paying me in some kind of way. We talked politics, music, art, and of course her house design.

I called her back in August, and she never returned my call. I knew that was unlike her, and I had told my Wife I needed to check back with her, and the next day or so is when I received the news she had passed. That really hurt me, because I really wished I could have told her how much she meant to me. A wonderful soul, take your rest. To Alicia and family I pray that God continue to give you strength and comfort during this time. I love you Mrs. Zelda!!!

Royce - November 13, 2021 at 11:39 PM

DB

“ To Alicia and Family;

I always admired your mother's caring and selfless nature. She was a true friend and someone who was always a pleasure to have around. Our luncheons were always fun and fabulous. Your mother was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time.

Sincerely
DEBORAH BROWN-INGRAM

Deborah Brown-Ingram - November 11, 2021 at 12:52 PM

BG

To Alicia, Nate and family,

It was our distinct honor and pleasure to know your Mom. She was always so beautiful, sweet and funny and I deeply admired her taste in design and dress. Although we didn't spend much time together, she will be deeply missed. We pray for God's peace and comfort for all of you.

Love,
Ben and Cheryl Garcia

Ben and Cheryl Garcia - November 11, 2021 at 05:54 PM

EY

Dear Alicia, Nate and Family, I remember when I first met Zelda. She came to pick me up from my hotel in PA. I was someone who was the mom of one of Alicia's friends. We bonded immediately. Zelda was warm, friendly and caring. I knew I had just made a good friend. I was glad when she moved to Atlanta. We did not see each other regularly, but kept in contact through our daughters, who are like sisters. Zelda IS HERE, looking over us, and sharing her beautiful love...I send my hugs to you Zelda.

Elleen Yancey

Elleen M. Yancey - November 19, 2021 at 02:42 PM

MB

Dear Alicia you know how I felt about your mom we had beautiful times together when she lived in Philadelphia finding all line dance places every Friday then on Saturdays going to peddler village shopping and dinner. she was a dedicated member of the trustee board at church and was loved by many. I will always love and remember her. You know she loved you so stay strong and everything will be alright love you ms.mary bryant

mary bryant - November 19, 2021 at 07:08 PM