



Sylvania Jackson

January 24, 1925 - September 22, 2023

Sylvania “Renie” Oliver Jackson was born on January 24, 1925, to Benjamin and Peggy Oliver in Mt. Pleasant, FL. She departed this life on September 22, 2023, at her family home in Chester, PA.

Sylvania grew up working crops on her family’s land and others’. She met Henry Jackson in Quincy, FL, where they were united in the sacrament of holy matrimony that sustained them for 52 years until Henry’s death on February 6, 1997. They tried sharecropping in Florida but decided that was not the life they wanted to live. Sylvania and Henry left the South and moved to Chester, PA, during the Great Migration, like many other African Americans yearning for a better life and future in the North.

Their union was blessed with seven children. They also parented very dear foster children.

Sylvania worked for years as a stay-at-home mom and domestic worker. One of her proudest

moments was when she opened a licensed daycare in her home and operated it for many years, teaching and nurturing innumerable children in the area with loving care and sharing helpful lessons with parents.

Throughout her life, Sylvania was actively involved in her community. She was an avid learner.

She strove to maintain a healthy lifestyle for herself, her family, and others.

Sylvania was a

passionate cook, baker, and an enthusiastic walker. She was also a dedicated church member of

St. Luke Community Christian Church in Chester, PA, since 1951.

Sylvania leaves to cherish her memories her children Annette Tyler of Chester, PA, Gloria Jean

Jackson of Chester, PA, Samuel Jackson of Seattle, WA, Carmen Jackson of Chester, PA, Keith

Dorsey of Augusta, GA, Troy Jackson of Philadelphia, PA, Lynn Terry of Orlando, FL, and Kevin

Turner of Coatesville, PA; grandchildren Marc, Chyrrea, Eric, Amir, Aira, Mahkaea, Kalila, Jared,

Henry, John, and Jaken; great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews,

other relatives, and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband,

Henry; her children Raymond Jackson, Vicki Rankin, and Michael Turner; her granddaughter

Geislaine "Gigi" Jackson; her parents, Benjamin and Peggy Oliver; and her siblings, Jessie Mae,

Clara, Ada, Addie, Amy, Nora, George, Curtis, Bristol, and Hayward.

Cemetery Details

Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke Community Christian Church
317 Central Avenue
Chester, PA 19013
(610) 876-5197

Service

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ Dene A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvania Jackson.

Dene A. - October 11, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ Sylvania Jackson

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM

JJ

“ June Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sylvania Jackson



June Johnson - October 07, 2023 at 09:06 AM

JA

“ Prayers for the entire Jackson family! Mrs Jackson was the sweetest. I attended her daycare when I was very little. She lived next door to my Nana. My fondest memories were playing in her basement and backyard! She will be truly missed! Jade Campbell (Eva Minor's great granddaughter)

Jade - October 06, 2023 at 06:09 PM

LG

“ Lesley G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvania Jackson.

Lesley G. - October 06, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvania Jackson.*



October 05, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *The Carter family Frank and Margaret, Leon and Latoya, and Aaron and Suze Carter and Dolly Carter .We are sending Love hugs and condolences to the Jackson family prayers for comfort at this time of grief we Love you all*

sarah Carter - October 05, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Jackson family Gloriajean my heart goes to you I know she is smiling down on all of you R.I.P. Miss Sylvania*

sarah Carter - October 05, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sylvania Jackson.*



October 05, 2023 at 06:10 PM



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

October 05, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ Valerie Carter and family purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Sylvania Jackson.



Valerie Carter and family - October 05, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvania Jackson.



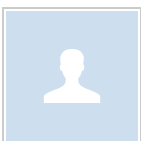
October 05, 2023 at 02:07 AM



“ Nana holding her great granddaughter So'phe



John jackson lane - October 04, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ Sylvania Jackson

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM

GJ

“ *Gloriajean Jackson lit a candle in memory of Sylvania Jackson*



Gloriajean Jackson - October 04, 2023 at 08:21 AM

GJ

I love you!

Gloriajean Jackson - October 05, 2023 at 11:45 AM

GJ

Mom, I love you!

Gloriajean Jackson - October 05, 2023 at 11:49 AM

AM

“ *Sincere condolences to the entire Jackson Family on the loss of your loved one. Mrs. Jackson was a friend to my dear departed grandparents and her children were friends to all their children, my mom included. Sending love to the family. Sooo many fond memories to behold of Mrs. Jackson.*



Angela D Mitchell-Williams - October 03, 2023 at 10:27 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvania Jackson.*



October 03, 2023 at 02:31 AM



“ *Island Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvania Jackson.*



September 29, 2023 at 03:42 PM