



Lillie Jackson

February 10, 1922 - August 10, 2022

AYER - Our beloved mom, Lillie Jackson passed away peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on August 10, 2022, at home surrounded by infinite love from her family and friends who were by her side daily. As the matriarch of our family, she was the one constant in all of our lives. Our mother's love has always been a sustaining force for our family, and one of our greatest joys is seeing her compassion, her kindness, and her determination reflected in every family generation.

Lillie was born over 100 years ago February 10, 1922 in Lake Charles, LA. She is the daughter of the late Velie and Mary Gage. As a military wife she travelled throughout the country and settled in Ayer, MA where she remained a resident of the community for 56 years. Lillie worked providing housekeeping services on Fort Devens from 1966 until retiring in 1992. Over her 26 years of service, she received multiple awards for her leadership, strong work ethic and dedication to excellence.

For Lillie, family is everything. She spent every day nurturing each generation's upbringing. Lillie was passionate about cooking creole/soul food for family and friends. As one of the first to volunteer, Lillie worked with a crocheting group as part of the community church's Prayer Shawl Ministry. Lillie was also an avid gardener at heart, possessing an abundance of great virtues including hard work, patience and sharing with others. As the town's

recipient of the Boston Post Cane award in 2021, Lillie was honored at the Ayer Select Board meeting as the town's most senior living resident.

Lillie is survived by her children Dorothy Lee Petty (Dot), and her husband Nathaniel of Lacey, WA; Mary Elizabeth Bly and her husband Willie of Mullica Hill, NJ; and Dorothea Marie Jackson (Tia) of Ayer, MA. Lillie is also survived by her grandchildren Norron Lee, Garrett Lee, Monique Vessey, Gladys Leach, Nathaniel Petty II, Marie McNeil, Anthony Anderson, Edward Anderson, Lia Bly, Rakeem Jackson, Theadora Martin, Lillie Gage Jackson and Zachary Doran as well as her great grandchildren, Jared Lee, Shayna Lee, Desirae Lee, Harrison Lee, David Lutz, Charlie Vessey, Dante Leach, Nathaniel Petty III, Analiesha Petty, Reginald Morris, James Morris, Tia Jackson and Reggie Jackson, Quinton Jackson, Isabella Anderson, Sheona Eckman, Edward Anderson, Ciara Anderson, Isiah Anderson, Nicolas Quintana, Malakai Jackson, Aubreelynn Jackson. Lillie has 13 great, great grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by her mother Mary Gage, father Velie Gage, siblings Earl, Paul, Lillian, Ida Mae, Lena and Elizabeth as well as husband Robert Jackson Sr., daughter Addie Chavis, and son Robert Jackson Jr.

Visiting Hours will be held on Wednesday, August 17 from 9:00-10:30 a.m., at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer. Lillie's Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at New Hope Church, 139 Sandy Pond Rd, Ayer. Those whom are serving as pallbearers will be family and close friends. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Cemetery graveside service will be held privately per wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation Period

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
25 Fitchburg Road
Ayer, MA 01432
info@andersonfuneral.com

Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Community Church
139 Sandy Pond Rd.
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall

TM

“ Theadora M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillie Jackson.

Theadora M. - November 30, 2024 at 02:39 AM

JB

“ Mrs. Jackson was a beautiful woman. I remember her as quiet and reserved and always nice and a pleasure. My condolences and prayers for the family. Walk in heavenly peace.

“Perhaps life is but a Journey Leading to the Perfect Home”
anonymous



Janice Clark Brown - August 22, 2022 at 08:59 PM

TJ

“ My mom meant the world to me. She was the hero of my childhood and throughout my whole life. Only a heart as dear as hers would give so unselfishly. Every time I think of her my heart just fills with pride! She made me laugh and I was blessed daily with her abundant love and care. Whenever I needed help, she was always unconditionally there. Mom was my rock, my anchor, my tutor, and my friend. She is my guardian angel and the source of my strength. I appreciated all that she did for me and our family. Words cannot express the gratefulness I have in my heart for her beauty and spiritual influence in my life. I am so thankful and her memory a treasure. I love my precious mom endlessly and know she is still by my side and watching over me. Loving memories of mom bring me peace, comfort, and strength. I pray God will continue to bless her and surround her with his grace and favor. I will miss her every day beyond measure...until we meet again.



Tia Jackson - August 19, 2022 at 11:38 AM

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Tia Jackson - August 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM

FM

“ My deepest condolence to the families and friends of Lilly Jackson. I know we will all see her with her Lord one day.



Francine Evelyn, Shirley, MA - August 16, 2022 at 08:50 PM

TG

“ Tami Geeston purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lillie Jackson.



Tami Geeston - August 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DP

“ The greatest memory of my beloved Mother will always be the conversation that happen on August 9th, 2022. I let my Mother know that i love her more than words can even begin to express. She gave me all she could give; an education, an a religion to carry me through life for 79 years. So i sang"yes Jesus Loves me". As a child this is the first song Mom taught me.And, again i told her i love her, journeying through my childhood day....calling her Mama. We will meet again with the heavenly father. Amen

Dorothy Lee Petty - August 16, 2022 at 12:10 AM

DP

“ The greatest memory of my beloved Mother occurred 9 August 2022. Mom and i communicated.I let Mom know i will always love her, the greatest mom there is .She did all the thing that carries me through the journey of life.An education, how to cook healthy and most of all religious, always love the Lord. Mom, you gave me everything, there is nothing more to give. Then i begin to sing " Yes Jesus loves me" this the first song Mother taught me as a child. I told mom we will meet again, with our Heavenly Father. My final words Mama, i love you. And she heard me. Amen

Dorothy Lee Petty - August 15, 2022 at 11:23 PM

MM

“ Marie J. McNeil lit a candle in memory of Lillie Jackson



Marie J. McNeil - August 15, 2022 at 06:01 PM

EC

“ Our condolences to the family! We have had the pleasure of living across the street from Lily for over 30 years. She has shared her gardening and her flowers with us especially the Lily bells. She was an inspiration to all of us. Her get up and go never wavered. We watched her shovel snow weed her gardens and go out for long walks. She will forever be in our thoughts. To her daughter's and grandchildren again are condolences.

Elaine & Dick Clements - August 15, 2022 at 10:03 AM