

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work and play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much;  
Good friends, good time, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free*

### *Acknowledgement*

The Family of Ola Mae Edmonds Brown Jackson:

*THANKS EACH OF YOU!*

Perhaps you prayed for us or prayed with us. Perhaps you called us or wrote a Facebook post. Perhaps you sent one of the lovely cards we've read, or you may have sent the beautiful flowers we see. Perchance you spoke the kindest words anyone could say, or just thought of us during this time. Whatever you did to give us support and to console our hearts, we thank you so very much for whatever part you played in loving us because you loved Ola.

~The Family~



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## *Celebration of Life*

*In Memory of*

*Sunrise*

1/21/1947



*Sunset*

9/10/2023

**Ola Mae Edmonds Brown Jackson**

***Thursday, September, 21 2023***

11:00 a.m.

**Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church**

2803 W. Edgewood Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32209

Rev. Glenn F. Foreman, Jr., Pastor

*Officiating*

## **Obituary**

A loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, family member, great-grandmother, family member, and friend, Ola transitioned from this life on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Ola was a native of Jacksonville, Florida and the youngest of six (6) children born to Lee Curtis and Addie Mae Edmonds on January 21, 1947. Her parents noticed the natural business acumen of their youngest, and thus, she helped to run the family business, **Edmonds Confectionary**, at an early age. Ola attended the local public schools and after graduating from New Stanton High School she furthered her education with two years of typing and shorthand. Her business skills prepared her for the world of work at the Jacksonville Urban League and later with the Jacksonville Electric Authority, where she retired after more than 30 years of service.

Loving her family and friends was easy for Ola, because she loved God and served him as a lifetime member of First Baptist Church of Oakland. The depths of her physical love and spiritual love for others allowed Ola to use her God given speaking talent to encourage the hopeless, to share the gift of laughter, and to give of her time and talents. All who met our beloved Ola saw her as her family saw her, as one who loved God and one who was always willing to share his goodness.

As the last child to be born, she was also the last child to transition from this earthly life. Ola was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Irish Latonya Monique Osborne; parents, Lee Curtis and Addie Mae Edmonds; brothers, Lee Curtis Edmonds and Valentine Edmonds; sisters, Rebecca M. Edmonds, Ruth M. Edmonds, and Elsie M. Edmonds Caldwell, and many aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

Ola leaves to cherish her life and honor her memories her husband of more than 35 years, Johnnie J. Jackson; grandsons, Jaswan J. Knowles and Juwan E. Smalls; great-grandsons, Josiah Knowles and Javion Smalls; stepchildren, Nannette, Karen, and Johnnie Jackson, Jr., along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, and colleagues who will forever cherish Ola's gift of friendship and love.

## **Order of Service**

### **Processional**

### **Musical Prelude**

**Processional Selection** \_\_\_\_\_ Choir

### **Scriptures**

Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ Minister

New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. George A. Price

St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church

**Invocation** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. George A. Price

**Solo** \_\_\_\_\_ Tiffani James Hewitt

**Remarks** \_\_\_\_\_ Japonica Smith

Paula Wright Coles

**Selection** \_\_\_\_\_ "I Won't Complain"

Tiffani James Hewitt

**Words of Comfort** \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Glenn F. Foreman, Jr.

### **Committal**

### **Recessional**

