

"I'm Free"

Anne Lindgren Davison

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 or play,
 Tasks left undone must stay that way.
 I've found that peace 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 for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I've savored much:
 Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.
 If my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart, rejoice with me;
 God wanted me now. He set me free.



Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking
 along the beach with the Lord.
 Scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
 In each, I noticed footprints in the sand.
 Sometimes there were two sets of footprints; other times there was only one.
 During the low periods of my life, I could see only one set of footprints.
 So I said, "You promised me, Lord, that you would walk with me always.
 Why, when I have needed you most, have you not been there for me?"
 The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child is when I carried you."

To My Best Friend

Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
 'Tis a smile I still wear,
 at the sound of your dear name,
 The precious word is 'MOTHER', she was my heart's
 breaking cause she's no longer here
 with me. God chose her for His angel
 to watch me from above. To guide me
 and advise me and know that I'm still
 loved. The day she had to leave me
 when her life on earth was through,
 God had better plans for her, for this,
 I surely knew. When I think of her
 kind heart and all the love through the years,
 My memories surround me and I
 can't hold back my tears. She truly was
 my best friend, someone I could confide
 in. She always had a tender touch
 and a warm and gentle grin. I want
 to thank you Mommy for teaching me
 so well. And though the time has come
 that I must bid you this farewell, I'll
 remember all you've taught me as a
 mother and a woman and make you
 proud you'll see. Thank you, my Dear
 Mother, my best friend, for all the love
 you showed me. Although you've left
 this earth and now you've taken flight,
 I will remember that you are here with
 me each morning, noon, and night.

-Your bug, bug bug, Ladybug



Palbearers

Nephews, Class of 1970, and Friends

Flower Bearers

Nieces, Class of 1970, and Friends

Interment

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery
Turkeytown

Acknowledgment

The family of Janice Lenette Kirk Turner expresses our sincere appreciation for all calls, cards, and many acts of condolences shown by friends and family during this time of sorrow. Special thanks to Tampa General Hospital Cancer Institute Staff, LifePath Hospice Care, and Gadsden Memorial Funeral Home.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Janice "Jackie"
KIRK TURNER

Sunrise

March 21, 1952

Sunset

July 13, 2024

Friday, July 26, 2024
12:00 PM

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2103 East Broad Street
 Gadsden, Alabama 35903

Pastor Larry G. Weathers, Officiating

Obituary

Precious Memories

Order of Service

Jackie Lovette Kirk Turner, 72, peacefully passed away on Saturday morning, July 13, 2024, at LifePath Sun City Hospice House. Affectionately known as "Jackie" to all who cherished her, she was born in Gadsden, Alabama, on March 21, 1952, to John and Earlene Kirk. Jackie was a proud lifelong resident of Gadsden and a distinguished member of the Carver High School class of 1970. In 2013, she relocated to the Tampa, Florida, area with her beloved husband, Levy C. Turner.

Jackie's life was defined by her unwavering commitment to serving others. She was deeply involved in numerous civic organizations and her churches. At Antioch Baptist Church, she contributed actively to the choir, Jr. Red Circle, Matrons, Sunday School, BTU, and youth groups. Her sister, Lucy, was not just her closest companion, but also her partner in service at ABC, and they were seldom not seen together. After moving to Florida, Jackie continued her dedicated service at Rivers of Life Church, where she participated eagerly in Sunday School, Bible Study, VBS, and the Senior program.

Community service was a cornerstone of Jackie's life. A passionate Girl Scout, she believed in leaving places better than she found them. She volunteered tirelessly with organizations like United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and others throughout her life.

Jackie graduated from Carver High School during a pivotal time before desegregation and later earned her associate's degree from Gadsden State Community College. She dedicated herself to her work, first at Health Tex Clothing, until its closure in 1990, and then at Delphi (Inteva) until her retirement. Her strong work ethic left a lasting impression on her children, whom she raised with love and diligence.

Jackie was the fourth child among eight siblings born to John and Earlene Kirk. Known for her vibrant energy and positive spirit, she was preceded in death by her father, John Kirk; mother, Earlene "Mama" Kirk; and brothers, John and Clinton Kirk. She was survived by: her siblings, Louise Ransaw, Lucille Heard, Carolyn Hoyt, Regenia (Joseph) Johnson, and Antionette Flambo, along with two cherished "chosen" sisters, Mary Rowe and Katherine "Tap" Hood.

In addition to her siblings, Jackie leaves behind: her children, Johnathan P. Gray and J. Patrice (Kenneth) Marby; grandchildren, Kenneth III and Amariyah; and the love of her life, Kellan. Her marriage to Levy C. Turner in 2001 blessed her with bonus children, Linda (Geary) Davis, Michael (Cynthia) Turner, Beverly Turner, and Anthony (Evette) Turner, all of whom she embraced with boundless love.

Jackie will also be fondly remembered by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who affectionately called her "Aunt Jackie" and appreciated her presence (with her camera) during every significant moment of their lives, big and small. Her profound love for family was a guiding force in her life, evident in her wholehearted dedication to each and every member of her extended family.

Jackie's legacy of love, service, and devotion to family will forever inspire those privileged to know her. As we reflect on her absence, let us find solace in Jesus' prayer in John 17:3-5 (NIV), which says, "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began." She brought Him glory on Earth and has completed the work He gave her to do.



Prelude Pastors, Family, and Friends

SelectionChoir
Walk Around Heaven

Prayer Pastor Roderick Thomas

Scripture Readings Clergy
Old Testament..... Pastor Scottie Rice
New Testament..... Reverend Clay Usher

Selection Renita Davis & Benita Jemison
The Goodness of God - CeCe Winans

Acknowledgements..... Katherine "Tap" Hood

SelectionChoir

Reflections..... *Two to Five Minutes*
As a Church MemberJemelle Simmons
As a Co-Worker..... Devone Maness
As a Friend Phylis Rigby

Eulogy Pastor Larry G. Weathers

Closing Prayer Pastor Appointed

RecessionalPastors and Family
Let the Church Say Amen