

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR**

*Josephine Jackson DeVore*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 02:00 PM**

**ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**137 Fairmount Ave, Newark, NJ 07103**





# Obituary

Josephine Jackson DeVore of Newark entered into rest July 18, 2023. Daughter of the late Rufus and Nancy Jackson, loving mother of Adrian DeVore, former spouse of Jesse DeVore, Jr., sister of Henry Jackson and Lela Harvey.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Sylvia, Nancy Elaine, and Rufus James Jackson, Jr. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and a great-great niece.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seventh Street Bistro, c/o Memorial West United Presbyterian Church, 286 S 7th Street, Newark.

## *The Negro Speaks of Rivers*

I've known rivers.

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than  
the flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.  
I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.  
I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.  
I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln  
went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy  
bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

I've known rivers.  
Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

— BY LANGSTON HUGHES



# Order of Service

Master of Ceremonies ..... Sylvester “Rick” Brown Jr.

Mistress of Ceremonies ..... Cindy Nicholson

Call to Worship ..... Rev. Carson Washington

Words of Welcome

Poem

Musical Interlude ..... Kasoundra Clemmons

Minister’s Reflections ..... Rev. Washington, Rev. Valencia Norman,  
Rev. Anita Wright, Rev. Dan Martian, Mr. George Spina

Musical Interlude ..... Antoinette Montague

Reflections ..... 2 minutes each, please

Poem

Family Reflections ..... Henry Jackson, Jesse DeVore, Jr, Adrian DeVore

Musical Interlude ..... Clifton Anderson

Eulogy ..... Robin R.C.W. Johnson, Esq.

## Recessional

Please join the family in the Fellowship Hall  
of the Church immediately following the  
services for a repast.





## *Love Is*

Some people forget that love is tucking you in and kissing you  
"Good night", no matter how young or old you are.

Some people don't remember that love is  
listening and laughing and asking questions,  
no matter what your age. Few recognize that love is  
commitment, responsibility no fun at all unless

Love is  
You and me

Nikki Giovanni

## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of  
comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of  
bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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