



Josie B. Washington

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Josie B. Washington was born March 13, 1943 in Leona, Texas. A true woman of God, an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt. She was the Frist Lady of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Sacramento for 38 years. She spent 30 plus years in the field of education with Sacramento City Unified School District. She also was the former director for the National Youth Sports program (NYSP) at CSUS (California State University of Sacramento). She was a community activist and trailblazer, being the first Black woman elected to a public office (School Board) in Sacramento County in 1976 (an elected member and president of the Grant Joint Union High School District Governing Board) for 13 years.

First Lady Washington was full of life, laughter and love. She was a beacon of light and hope in the Del Paso Heights community, touching lives through her assertiveness of fighting for equality and educational equity of minority students in the Del Paso Heights community and those whom she fostered and counseled throughout her years in education. She was recognized for her work and trailblazing efforts in education by President Jimmy Carter with an invite to the White House in 1979. She was selected as one of the four hundred educators in the United States that attended and received this recognition.

Her favorite quote: "I can't, but God can!"

On July 6, 2024 our wife and mother passed away after a 12-year long battle with dementia. Preceded in death by her father and mother (JB Brooks Sr. and Josephine (Taylor) Brooks), her sisters Betty Jean Brooks, Jessie Lee Brooks and Lonnie Hattie Ephriam, her brother-in-law, Benny Ephriam and niece, Tina Brooks-Livingston. Leaving a legacy through her husband of 57 years, Pastor Eugene J. Washington, daughters: Eugenia Washington-Johnson (Marques), GioVonna Washington-Woodfy (Patrick), grandchildren: Lawrence Evans and Gianna Woodfy, and great-grandchildren: Maliyah and Maven.



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The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11 am at St. Paul Church of Sacramento, 3996 14th Ave Sacramento, CA 95820. Any floral arrangements sent directly to St. Paul have to be delivered between the hours of 9 am - 10 am the day of the service.

On behalf of the Washington and Brooks family, we thank you all in advance for your prayers, love, support and heart-felt condolences during our time of bereavement.



Events

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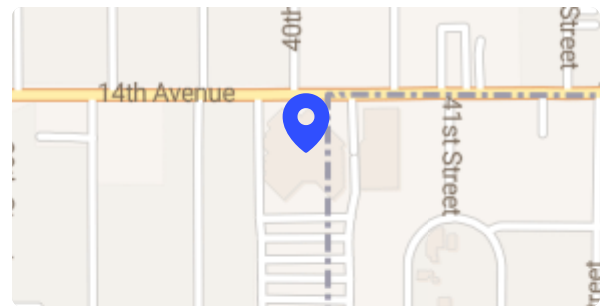
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Funeral Service

Friday, July 26, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

Saint Paul Church of Sacramento
3996 14th Avenue, Sacramento CA 95820

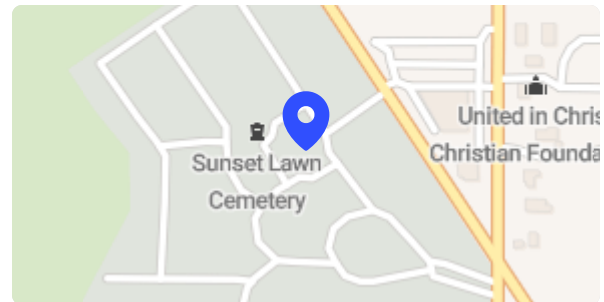


Burial

Monday, July 29, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

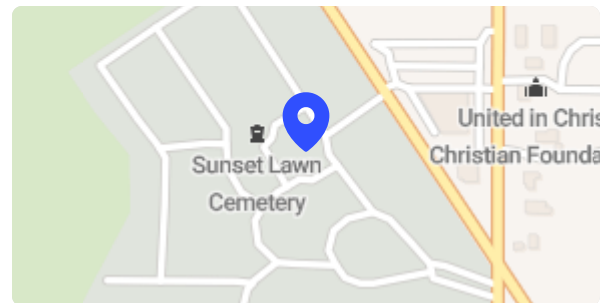
Sacramento: Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes
4701 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento CA 95838



Cemetery Details

Sunset Lawn Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park
4701 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento CA 95838

916-256-2659





Tribute Wall

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LE

Lawrence Evans sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Washington family.



July 26 at 6:05 PM

HW

Henrietta Adams Washington posted:

To the Family,Sis Washington was a beautiful woman of God. She will be remembered for her amazing accomplishments in the community, her classy style, but most of all her love for the Lord. May the love of family and friends continue to surround you, and the God that we serve comfort you during this difficult time.Respectfully,Henrietta Adams Washington

July 24 at 2:34 PM

LF

Love, Michelle And The Wickliffe Family sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Washington family.



July 23 at 9:32 AM

RP

Rev. Ernest J. Polk sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Washington family.



July 23 at 9:29 AM

RP

Rev. Ernest J. Polk planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Josie.



July 23 at 9:29 AM

PT

Penny Brooks-Terry sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Washington family.



July 23 at 3:53 AM



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MW

Michelle Wickliffe posted:

Mother Washington taught me to always let my light shine and I think about that everytime someone or something tries to dim it. She will forever be in my heart. She blessed me more than words can express when I was at my weakest after losing my mother and for that I will forever be thankful.

July 23 at 1:06 AM

CR

Constance Ridgeway posted:

Josie's sister, Gloria, married my brother, Ronnie and not only did Ronnie become family, but all of Ronnie's family became family. Josie became my sister in many ways. I have love and reverence for her many life accomplishments. Most of all I revere her Godliness she so easily spread to others.

July 18 at 2:13 PM

CC

Constance C. sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Washington family.



July 18 at 1:52 PM

LH

Lashawn Haney posted:

My prayers are with the family I'm truly going to miss first Lady Washington

July 15 at 4:41 PM



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CB

Cicely Brooks posted:

I have so many Memories of my Aunt Josie just to name a few....The poem "I have a genius mind, I am full of joy". The family trips every summer, the overnight stays at her house. The inspirational prayer books that she gave me every graduation high school and college!! will cherish all the memories because I know you always told me you were proud of me! You loved your niece and your niece loved you! Rest in peace and love until we meet again!With all my heart your niece you called Cissy Mae (Cicely) , you also called me all my other sister name but I knew you were talking to me because you would grab my hand!

July 12 at 12:46 PM

SW

Sherri Walker lit a candle in honor of Josie.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Josie B. Washington. May God's comfort and peace wrap around each and every one of you.

July 12 at 11:24 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Josie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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