



Johnnie Lou Jackson

August 12, 1936 - January 20, 2026

Johnnie Lou Jackson was born on August 12, 1936, in Arkansas to the loving union of Amos and Minnie Bowden, from an early age, she was grounded in strong values of faith, family and hard work that guided her throughout her life.

Johnnie moved to Chicago in 1953, where she would build a meaningful and lasting life. In 1956, she united in marriage with Randle Jackson. From this union, six children were born: Vester, Sharon, Debra, Raymond (Doc), Wesley and MacArthur. Johnnie was a devoted mother and grandmother who poured her love, wisdom and strength into her family.

Johnnie accepted Christ at an early age and was a devoted member of New Eclipse M.B. Church, under the leadership of Pastor Joseph White.

Johnnie dedicated over 30 years of faithful service to a nursing career, caring for others with compassion, professionalism, and grace. Nursing was more than a profession-it was a calling that reflected her nurturing spirit.

Johnnie's greatest joy was her family, and she showed them love through constant care and food. She had a deep happiness in cooking and baking. No one ever left her home hungry because she made sure every guest was fed and felt welcomed. Her kitchen was a place of comfort, conversation and togetherness. She enjoyed the simple pleasures of playing cards and a good shindig at the Post.

Johnnie was preceded in death by her children Doc, Wesley and Debra; her beloved companion Henry; and her 18 siblings.

Johnnie is survived by her three loving children MacArthur (Linda), Sharon (Marla) and Vester; her Goddaughter Arlette; her dear friend "Lil Sis" Lottie; along with three generations of grandchildren. Johnnie will be lovingly remembered as the strong matriarch, a lifelong caregiver, and a woman whose life was defined by love, resilience and selflessness. Her memory will forever live on through her family and all who were blessed to know her.

Cemetery Details

Restvale Cemetery

11700 S Laramie Ave
Alsip, IL 60803

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel
7030 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL 60621

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial/Interment

JAN 31. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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