



## MURIEL HOWELL JACKSON

November 9, 1947 - March 21, 2026

Muriel "Cookie" Howell Jackson was born on November 9, 1947, in Washington, DC, to the late Marvell Montague Howell and Freddie Howell. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved stepfather, Jack Salley.

Muriel departed this life unexpectedly on March 21, 2026, at her home in Forestville, Maryland.

Cookie grew up in the Trinidad neighborhood of Northeast Washington, DC, where she attended Eastern High School. After graduating, she continued her education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where she earned her Bachelor's degree.

During her early adult years, Cookie joined the illustrious Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, remaining a proud and active member for many years. Her commitment to sisterhood and service was evident throughout her life.

In 1979, she married the love of her life Nathaniel "Butch" Jackson. They lived in bliss for 39 years. He predeceased her in 2018. Although no children were born from this union, Cookie embraced her role as a devoted stepmother to Rockne, Shirley, and Pressley, whom she admired and respected deeply.

Cookie dedicated her professional life to education, spending the majority of her career at Thomson Elementary School as a passionate and impactful fifth-grade teacher. She touched countless lives through her dedication, compassion, and commitment to excellence in the classroom. Among her many honors, she received the Superintendent's Special Commendation from 1983 to 1985 and was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1995 by The Washington Post.

Her passion for education extended beyond the classroom, as she frequently collaborated with organizations such as National Geographic and NASA to provide enriching learning experiences for her students.

A faithful servant of God, Cookie was an active member of Mount Calvary Catholic Church, where she sang in the gospel choir and contributed her time and talents in service to the church. She lived a life rooted in humility, faithfulness, and stewardship, always seeking to serve others and glorify God through her actions.

Muriel "Cookie" Jackson was known for her loving and caring spirit. She not only cherished her family but also extended her compassion to relatives and others beyond her immediate circle.

She leaves to cherish her stepchildren: Rockne Jackson, Pastor Shirley (Michael) Battle, and Pressley Calhoun whom blessed her with 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; a host of loving family members, including her aunts Gloria Queen and Doreen Crowell; cousins Tyrone Wilson, Charles Wilson, Sheila Basey, Leni Basey, Michael Montague, DuRay Montague, Robin Montague, Sam Queen, Gary Queen, Harvey Queen, Lionel Queen, Martin Crowell, Rhonda Crowell; and many other relatives, friends, sorority sisters, former students, and colleagues.

Cookie will be remembered as a devoted wife, educator, mentor, and woman of deep faith whose legacy of love and service will continue to inspire all who knew her.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mount Calvary Catholic Church  
6700 Marlboro Pike  
Forestville, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to Cookies's family and dear friends. We were college roommates at Central State University during her sophomore year. She was a caring and dear sister beloved. She later spoke at my retirement in 2001. She also traveled with me to mother's home in Lynchburg VA. where her bubbly personality stole hearts of all of my family. I will remember her as loving person. Again, sorry for your loss. Cynthia Ray*

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**Cynthia Ray** - April 11 at 05:17 PM

WJ

“ *I miss my friend! When I moved to NC in 2005, we kept in touch sporadically, but when we did talk it was always with love! We taught together for over 30 years and we became good friends who would meet on Fridays after work and just hang out. Cookie was involved in many activities in the DC Public School System and received various awards for her endeavors, but one thing she cherished was the opportunity to teach overseas in Germany for one year. I really miss my friend/ buddy. I will remember our fun times together and cherish those memories!*



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**Wiletta Jones** - April 11 at 02:44 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Fusilier lit a candle in memory of MURIEL JACKSON*



Barbara Fusilier - April 10 at 11:22 AM

MC

“ *Mrs. Battle's 2025-26 kindergarten class purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MURIEL HOWELL JACKSON.*



Mrs. Battle's 2025-26 kindergarten class - April 09 at 12:15 PM

LF

“ *Love Courtney Frazier purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of MURIEL HOWELL JACKSON.*



Love Courtney Frazier - April 09 at 11:33 AM

LF

“ *Love Courtney Frazier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MURIEL HOWELL JACKSON.*

Love Courtney Frazier - April 09 at 11:33 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Shirley Battle, Stepdaughter** - April 06 at 05:56 PM

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**Shirley Battle, Stepdaughter** - April 06 at 05:53 PM