



Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson

November 24, 1946 - December 2, 2023

Valestene Jackson passed from this life on Saturday, December 2, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born November 24, 1946, to the union of Lloyd, Sr. and Ellie (Seals) Cooper.

Valestene attended Walker School. She worked at CB Form Company until she became disabled.

She was a faithful member of Jones Chapel Baptist Church—where she served until her health failed.

Valestene was an exceptional cook and well-known for her Sunday dinners. No one could cook hot water cornbread like Valestene. Many years ago, she sold chili dogs and candy out of her home. The neighborhood children lovingly referred to her as, “Candy Lady.”

She thoroughly enjoyed hosting family dinners and would always cook enough to feed an entire army. Valestene lived a life of service. If anyone was in need, Valestene would step in without hesitation. Serving others brought her the greatest joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thurman Jackson; son, James Z. Brown, Jr.; and sister, Navil Anderson.

She leaves to cherish her memories three daughters: Joyce Porchia—and loving son-in-love, Cedric Porchia of Muskegon, MI; Jackie Monk and Glynda Reed, both of Magnolia, AR; sons: James Evans (Xenia), Dashawn Evans (Jennifer), Curt Reed, and Steve Reed; a very special niece and sidekick, Casanti Williams; two daughters-in-love, Sharon Moman and Juanita Battle; three sisters: Mary Montgomery, Charlette (L.C.) Cooper-Jones, and Diane Rowden—her best friend, all of Magnolia, AR; three brothers: Lloyd (Dorothy) Cooper, Jr. of Magnolia, AR, Harold (Linda) Cooper of Muskegon, MI, and Herman Dean Cooper of San Diego, CA; 11 grandchildren; five great granddaughters; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will sorely miss her.

Celebration of Life services will be held Friday, December 8th, 2023, at the Columbia District Auditorium (Youngblood) in Magnolia, Arkansas, at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at 23rd Psalms Cemetery in Magnolia, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Rev. Michael Clayton, Eulogist. Services will be live streamed: <https://www.facebook.com/rlreedfuneralhome>.

Visitation will be Thursday, {Dec. 7th} from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services or During Visitation Hours.” However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.

Cemetery Details

23rd Psalms Cemetery

Columbia Rd # 30 East
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Columbia District Auditorium
611 S. Madison St.
Magnolia, AR 71753

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Tonya Porchia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Tonya Porchia - December 11, 2023 at 10:17 AM

HT

“ We will forever miss you 💔💔💔



Helen Traylor-Easter - December 09, 2023 at 04:21 AM

DC

“ Destiny Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Destiny Cooper - December 08, 2023 at 11:15 PM

BS

“ Betty Sims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Betty Sims - December 08, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Condolences to the Family
Mrs Val, Thank you for being a pillar to our
community, alot of us might have missed
some meals if it was not for you and your
Candy store...We love you Ms Val and you
will be missed over here on Burnt Bridge Rd* ❤️❤️❤️



Anthony Beasley - December 08, 2023 at 07:15 AM

RH

“ *Mrs. Valestene Cooper- Jackson Family, Our
Thoughts And Prayers Are With You During
Your Loss And In These Trying Times. Mrs.
Valestene Was A Wonderful Friendly Neighbor.
She Will Truly Be Missed.
Praying God's Blessings On You In All Ways
Needed. With Love And Sympathy, Robert and Debbie Harper*



Robert and Debbie Harper - December 08, 2023 at 03:48 AM

CF

“ *Cooper and Jackson Family
We are sorry for your loss.
We pray that Almighty God Comfort and bless the family now and in
those Long hard days to come.*

Cotis and Joyce Franks - December 07, 2023 at 11:20 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Gracie W Tucker - December 07, 2023 at 09:06 PM

GT

May you feel the love and prayers of so many loved ones and friends who are sharing in your hurt and pain. Hopefully you will some comfort and ease knowing all of us care. What a beautiful, well lived life we can reflect on. She was a shining star with her beautiful smile and a heart of gold. We know, no matter what we say or feel, God's will shall be done. Think of what heaven is like now with her radiant smile shining all around. She was so much joy to so many, but now she receives the best joy a soul can fine and that is to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Rest well my friend, see you later.

Gracie W Tucker - December 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM

CT

“ *Condolences to the Cooper family, God bless you, Valestene will be missed*



Claudia Stephens Tucker - December 07, 2023 at 05:20 PM

AM

“ *Anette Massey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Anette Massey - December 07, 2023 at 04:04 PM

OJ

“ *So sorry to hear Val is gone she was a good lady always had a smile*



olivia johnson - December 07, 2023 at 03:51 PM

HC

“ My dear sister Val. I miss you so much. My heart is broken. I'm going to miss your beautiful smile and your wonderful cooking. I remember when the apartment caught on fire I saved the food on the stove then went to get the kids out. Val you had a heart of gold. I appreciated all that you gave me. Thank you for being a wonderful sister. Thank you for sharing your life with me. God has given you your wings. Love Always your brother Harold Cooper

Harold Cooper - December 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM

SD

“ Sandra Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Sandra Daniels - December 07, 2023 at 08:02 AM

JW

“ Joey Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Joey Williams - December 07, 2023 at 12:09 AM

JW

“ I love you and I'm going to miss you Tee Tee. Thank you for loving me. Take your rest. ❤️

Joey Williams - December 07, 2023 at 12:09 AM

TM

“ Tamika Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Tamika Moore - December 06, 2023 at 10:14 PM

FT

“ From Tyrone and Carrie Thomas purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson.



From Tyrone and Carrie Thomas - December 06, 2023 at 08:36 PM

TW

“ Tonitte White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Tonitte White - December 06, 2023 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ Doris Fields lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Doris Fields - December 06, 2023 at 12:38 AM

BW

“ Our prayers are with the family of Sister Cooper-Jackson. May God bless and keep you. Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - December 06, 2023 at 12:34 AM

KM

“ Love, prayers, and condolences to Joyce, and the rest of the family. Rest in God's Peace Cousin Valestene ❤️🕊️



Kathy Moore - December 05, 2023 at 09:58 PM

BC

“ Betty Chappel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Betty Chappel - December 05, 2023 at 09:15 PM

FM

“ Felicia Mckinney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Felicia Mckinney - December 05, 2023 at 08:52 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jacobs-Hanson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Brenda Jacobs-Hanson - December 05, 2023 at 08:42 PM

BC

“ *Byron Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Byron Cooper - December 05, 2023 at 07:14 PM

MC

“ *Montay Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Montay Cooper - December 05, 2023 at 06:32 PM

JW

“ *Joann Radford Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Joann Radford Whitaker - December 05, 2023 at 06:15 PM

HC

“ *Herman Dean Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Herman Dean Cooper - December 05, 2023 at 05:56 PM

TC

“ *Tammi Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Tammi Cooper - December 05, 2023 at 04:53 PM

KC

“ My sweet Auntie Val, Lord I can't believe I'm having to talk to you like this. I would never in a million years guessed that sitting beside you one day, leaving to go put my tree up, I would be running across the road to find you gone from us. This here is so unimaginable. Aunt Val, we love you so much and one thing about it, you were going to speak your mind. You told me that you had to say what was on your mind and you did. I appreciate our conversations, you understood me. We both love to talk. But what's even more amazing is the love for your brother. You love all of your siblings, but I'll never forget you crying to me saying that's your brother and you love him. That was obvious anyway. Sadly, you and him left us together but there is comfort in knowing that you still have each other. That is some kind of love. That is a love that some can only dream of. I know you didn't want to leave but your heart was so so Sad for Jr. It's crazy because you all would fuss at each other and then laugh about it. It's almost as if you guys were twins. Aunt Val this was all in God's making I know but we still don't understand it. I know he makes no mistakes, TT you were beautiful inside and out and I wanna thank yall for always making me feel like I belonged right with the Cooper's! I wanna thank you for being there for dad and Mom as well. Our talk I'll never forget, it will always be on my mind what you said but now I Truly Get It! From now on when God shows you something, I know to listen. Joyce is hurting so, so, much but she knows how much you Love her and if you could've waited, you would have. We Gone Keep Your Memory Alive as Well, my heart still feel as if it's going to jump out of my chest but writing you has calmed it a little. I'm going to give ELAIDEN plenty of kisses from you.
REST UP TT, YOUR NEICE KIMI

Kimberlyn Cooper - December 05, 2023 at 04:22 PM

KG

“ Sending my Condolences to Joyce and Family. I’m so sorry for your loss know that “God Is Able” I Will Keep the Family in my Prayers 🙏🙏🙏 R.I.P & L❤️VE Sweet Lady!



Kelly Gentry - December 05, 2023 at 02:59 PM

TG

“ Mrs. Val, I will miss our conversation and your food! Get your rest beautiful! Prayers for your family and friends! 🙏❤️

Trudy Glover - December 05, 2023 at 02:26 PM

MB

“ Margie Burnell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Margie Burnell - December 05, 2023 at 12:58 PM

MG

“ Michele Garland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Michele Garland - December 05, 2023 at 11:59 AM

WJ

“ Wanda J. JAMERSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Wanda j. JAMERSON - December 05, 2023 at 10:08 AM

ML

“ Monica Love sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Monica Love - December 05, 2023 at 09:22 AM

RT

“ Rakena Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Rakena Turner - December 05, 2023 at 06:40 AM

ES

“ A beautiful person ,u will definitely be missed!



Evelyn Smith - December 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM

AS

“ *Alfredia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Alfredia Smith - December 04, 2023 at 10:33 PM

DY

“ *Darlene Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Darlene Young - December 04, 2023 at 10:22 PM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Vevelyn Jackson - December 04, 2023 at 09:04 PM

LT

“ *Love You and will missed you so much. Thank you for Everything. Lavern Turner*

Lavern Turner - December 04, 2023 at 09:01 PM

GM

“ Gloria Manning lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Gloria Manning - December 04, 2023 at 08:30 PM

JE

“ Juanita Bradford Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Juanita Bradford Edwards - December 04, 2023 at 07:47 PM

ER

“ Etta Rankin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Etta Rankin - December 04, 2023 at 07:30 PM

DK

“ Dorothy King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Dorothy King - December 04, 2023 at 07:21 PM

AE

“ Arnetta Easter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Arnetta Easter - December 04, 2023 at 04:04 PM

MS

“ Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Maurice Strong - December 04, 2023 at 03:36 PM

GC

“ Gwen Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Gwen Carter - December 04, 2023 at 02:56 PM

HJ

“ Harold Cooper Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Harold Cooper Jr. - December 04, 2023 at 01:26 PM

HJ

“ *Harold & Tarsha Cooper Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Harold & Tarsha Cooper Jr. - December 04, 2023 at 01:23 PM

HJ

“ *Harold And Tarsha Cooper Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Harold and Tarsha Cooper Jr. - December 04, 2023 at 01:21 PM

PC

“ *Pam Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Pam Cooper - December 04, 2023 at 01:15 PM

PC

Sending my deepest condolences to My Cooper Family during this difficult time. Auntie Val will be truly missed my heart breaks but God is in control 🙏 I Love You Guys and My prayers are with you all!

Pam Cooper - December 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM

GC

“ *Gwen Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Gwen Carter - December 04, 2023 at 01:07 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Linda Cooper - December 04, 2023 at 12:23 PM

HC

“ *Harold & Linda Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Harold & Linda Cooper - December 04, 2023 at 12:22 PM

EM

“ *Eula Faye Cooper McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Eula Faye Cooper McDaniel - December 04, 2023 at 10:04 AM

EH

“ Evelyn Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Evelyn Henry - December 04, 2023 at 09:13 AM

NS

“ Norrissa Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Norrissa Sharp - December 04, 2023 at 08:46 AM

EM

“ Esther Murray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Esther Murray - December 04, 2023 at 08:10 AM

BH

“ Bonnie Hardwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Bonnie Hardwell - December 04, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ *Gone But Not Forgotten, I Love💕 you Val*



Fercia Marshall - December 04, 2023 at 06:56 AM



“ *Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Dianne Williamson - December 04, 2023 at 05:34 AM



“ *Trudy Glover lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Trudy Glover - December 04, 2023 at 01:25 AM



“ *Darlene Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Darlene Green - December 04, 2023 at 12:54 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



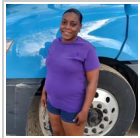
Mary S. Pickings - December 03, 2023 at 10:44 PM

CT

“ *Carrie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Carrie Thomas - December 03, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ *Praying for the family*



Shavone Aubrey - December 03, 2023 at 08:06 PM

JB

“ *Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Sending love 💕 R.I.P. Jackie Berry*

Jackie Berry - December 03, 2023 at 05:28 PM

JS

“ *My deepest condolences to my family,
Joyce (Moore) Smith daughter of Fracile and Thurman Moore.*

Joyce (Moore) Smith - December 03, 2023 at 05:18 PM

WH

“ *Whitney H lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Whitney H - December 03, 2023 at 04:35 PM

FM

“ *Felicia Mckinney sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Felicia Mckinney - December 03, 2023 at 04:12 PM

FM

“ *My deepest condolences to all the family and friends from Francia
Marie Moore (daughter of Thurman and Francile Moore)*

Francia Marie Moore - December 03, 2023 at 03:48 PM

HP

“ Hal PREVOE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Hal PREVOE - December 03, 2023 at 03:44 PM

RC

“ Reginald Curry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Reginald Curry - December 03, 2023 at 03:09 PM

SM

“ Cousin Valestene will be missed by family and friends we all got to go when Jesus call us family we must be strong and Pray Jesus keep is strong Amen

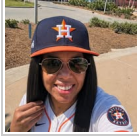
Sharon Moore - December 03, 2023 at 03:06 PM

PH

“ Paula Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Paula Henderson - December 03, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Very sweet lady had the best chilli dogs and soul food I magnolia I’m gonna miss you*



Alexis Smith - December 03, 2023 at 07:12 AM



“ *Mrs. Val I can't seem to wrap my mind around this. You just called me twice Wednesday and said I'll see you Sunday. This is so hard for me and your Boy. We will ALWAYS love and miss you. Take your rest. This is just not registering with me right now. RIL* 🥺🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

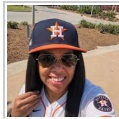


Erica Critton-White - December 03, 2023 at 04:00 AM



I’m gonna miss u Mrs. Val, take ur rest sweet lady

Evelyn Smith - December 03, 2023 at 06:06 AM



I know I talked to her too

Alexis Smith - December 03, 2023 at 07:11 AM



“ *Aunt Val I'm going to truly miss you this is a shock to me but I know God don't make mistakes love you Auntie go on and get your rest* ❤️🙏🙏💔💔😭



Mary Strickland - December 03, 2023 at 03:32 AM

ER

“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Edna Rowden - December 03, 2023 at 03:11 AM

ER

“ Edna Rowden sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Edna Rowden - December 03, 2023 at 03:11 AM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Pamela Shaw - December 03, 2023 at 02:35 AM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Pamela Shaw - December 03, 2023 at 02:34 AM

PS

“ Pamela Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Pamela Shaw - December 03, 2023 at 02:33 AM

GJ

“ So sorry to hear! My sincere condolences to the Family!!



Gladys Talley Jones - December 03, 2023 at 02:06 AM

GH

“ Gwendolyn Hardwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson



Gwendolyn Hardwell - December 03, 2023 at 01:24 AM

EH

“ My Condolences To The Family 🙏



eureka hardin - December 03, 2023 at 12:41 AM



“ *Dianne Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Valestene Cooper-Jackson*



Dianne Williamson - December 03, 2023 at 12:37 AM