



## Verna B Jackson

November 2, 1947 - March 27, 2020

### VERNA D. BENTON-JACKSON

Verna D. Benton-Jackson was born November 2, 1947 to William and Pauline Benton in Fargo Arkansas. Verna was educated in Cotton Plant, AR public school system, and graduated from Cotton Plant Vocational High in 1967, and relocated to Chicago, IL.

Verna was baptized in Jesus' name in 1969 at Grace Apostolic Faith Church in Chicago, IL where the late Suff. Bish. Cornelius Southern was pastor. Over the years, Verna served faithfully under the pastorage of Suff Bish. Southern (1st Lady Gussie Southern) and Dist. Eld. Maurice Southern (1st Lady Rhonda Southern) in various areas of the ministry - President of the Missionary Department, Sunday school secretary, Health Professional (Nurses' Guild) and the kitchen staff. Verna was also a member of the Illinois District Council of the PAW, working with the Missionary Department and the Health Professionals.

Verna held various jobs and was last employed by Sweetheart Cup Co. for over 23 years. She was also a foster parent and child care provider for the state of Illinois. Verna loved baking, cooking, making flower arrangement, and planning large family gatherings, graduation and birthday parties, and was always cooking something for others.

On June 4, 1994 Verna married the love of her, life Dale Jackson, and move to Matteson Il where they lived for the last 26 years, raising family and extend family.

Preceding Verna in death, her father and mother, William Benton & Pauline Terry; stepfather James D. Terry; grandfather Willie D. Rodgers; grandmothers, Ellen Moore & Ophelia Benton; great-grandmother, Vader Madden; sister, Zodie Moore; brothers, James G. Terry, Lamont Truvillion & Leonard Stevenson; Mother Hallie "Honey" Carlton, a very special friend. Curtis Courtney Benton, her son, followed her in death (4.20.2020).

Verna made her transition on March 27, 2020 at 8:06 am. She leaves to cherish her loving memories, her husband of 26 years Dale Jackson, Stepmother, Charlotte Benton of Compton CA; four sons, Darrell Benton, Rodney Benton (Kelly), Justin Moore, all of Chicago Il, Dale Jackson Jr (Jill) of Wisconsin; two daughters, Kimberly Blackwell (Victor) of Olympia Fields, IL and Naveda Witherspoon (Michael) of Matteson IL; daughter in-law, Charmaine Benton; Godchildren, Katie Hester & Jordan Marshall and extended family, Dewina Wright, Larry Bell, Dana Cross, Ursula Crowder & Joanne Myrick. Five sisters, Delores Terry, Paulette Terry of Chicago Il, Pamela Spurlock (Arteil) Country, Club Hill IL, Naomi Mitchell, Hartford CT, Lynda Field of Carson CA. Six brothers, William Benton (Zorka), Willie Benton (Lynn), Dudley "Jack" Terry (Maxie), Michael Terry (Rose), Elvis Terry (Kim), Rodrick Truvillion (Shirley), all of Chicago IL. One uncle, Floyd Rodgers of Texarkana, TX. Five aunts Dorothy Arnott of Nescopeck, PA, Louise Ivery of Texarkana TX, Mary Porter of Los Angeles CA. Joyce Benton of St Louis MO, Electa Branch of Blytheville AR, Two Special sister in-laws, Cora Terry, Beverly Truvillion of Chicago IL. Two special friends Colie Gills and Anne Gordon. 22 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and .the Grace Apostolic Faith Church Family.

Verna "Buddy",

Each of us received something from our Mom, Pauline Barker Benton Terry. I got her features you got her generous spirit. It took maturity for me to figure out why a woman with eleven children were always opening our doors to more children. Over the years I saw you opening your doors and heart to others just like Momma did. If you saw a need you didn't hesitate to step up and offer to help.

You will always be in my heart.

Your sister,

Delores

I thank god for the 72 years he gave us together, as I talk to god about you being along, he reminded me that you were never along, and he was one that took you home. I will miss you very much, the one person that I could call and find out how everyone is doing or do you know someone from back home. So, sleep" Buddy" name given to you by our dad. I will hold on to 72 years memories until we meet again your big sister Naomi.

# Cemetery Details

**PRIVATE**

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 16** (CT)

Noble Funeral Home  
8158 S Exchange Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60617  
(773) 731-8797  
<https://noblefuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Noble Funeral Home created a Meeting ID: 852 4363 1834  
Password: 699775 in memory of Verna B Jackson



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**Noble Funeral Home** - May 14, 2020 at 01:19 PM



*You had such a beautiful smile that reached the heart I will miss you.*

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**Betty Harris** - May 15, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Noble Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Verna B Jackson



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**Noble Funeral Home** - May 14, 2020 at 01:19 PM

DS

“Cousin Buddy is what I called her. Kind, loving, giving, warmth, friendly, compassionate, I could go on. Always there with a door wide open ready to take you in. I know, because she always open her door for me. My visits to Chicago, I was always under her protection. And her children protected me too. I have nothing but Loving memories of her. I will never let that memory fade. This happen so unexpectedly. Broke so many hearts when you left. Rest on Sweet Sweet Angel

Donna Sanders - July 26, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“Donna Ervin lit a candle in memory of Verna B Jackson



Donna Ervin - May 19, 2020 at 04:45 PM

AN

“Verna, you left me so suddenly. Words can't express how I felt about my dear friend/sister. Until we meet again!

Love Ann Gordon



Anne - May 17, 2020 at 02:02 AM

RB

“ Hey mom,  
As I often used to say, when I saw you and you would say heyyy Rod with that bright smile that brightened up the room. Mom I really miss you; it is a million things I can say about you right now, but it would take all day. You were a wonderful mother, you were like a ripen piece of fruit, you got sweeter as the years went by. I must admit growing up, I used to think that you were the meanest person on earth, because you showed me tough love, but as I grew into an adult, I realized that you were helping me to be the man, husband and father that I am today. Mom I will never forget you and you will always be in my heart. I love you forever. Your knee baby Rodney



Rodney Benton - May 16, 2020 at 06:16 PM

AF

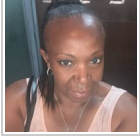
“ 🌅🌄 I was sad to hear that Buddy, Verna, and her son Courtney died; my daughter Ophelia and I offer our condolences. If you need anything please don't hesitate to let me know. When I visited her home and whenever we met she was always friendly and kind very hospitable.



Prayerfully, 🙏

Angie and Ophelia Franklin 🙏  
Cell (360)561-1951

Angie and Ophelia Franklin - May 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ Hey Cousin you truly will be missed, you always had a smile on your face and always welcomed me to home and to have something eat..

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**Patricia Benton** - May 16, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ 'Auntie Verna'...was the Rarest of individuals... it was amazing to me how one person could be so full of the kindness and generosity. always willing to help, when there was a need...didn't matter who it was. i remember how you would fuss at me saying ' you work right around the corner from me...Scarlette, it makes no sense that you don't stop by sometimes'. and when I did stop by, there was never a shortage of pleasant conversations, good advice....and some of the best food ever! I will forever hold those memories close to me, as you take your rest. heaven has gained a truly remarkable soul.

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**Scarlette** - May 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ I love you Big mama, you welcomed me into your family with opened arms. I will miss you.  
I love you Courtney, you were my brother, you always called me to ask my advice on a lot of things, some big and some small like colors for your room, or when you buy something new. The last text we sent each other was that we love one another.RIP, I love you bro

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**Kelly** - May 16, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *An Entrepreneur is one who takes the time in the present to do what most wouldn't.*

*To live a life in the future most couldn't.*

*Mama was an Entrepreneur of LOVE :*

*She took the time in her present to Love like most wouldn't do.*

*She has given us all a future full of Spiritual Energy, Power and Blessings that*

*Most couldn't do.*

*Mom, this Universe will never regret you. Because you gave a sensation that brings good vibration and a awesome representation.*

*I will Love and Miss you forever Verna Dean (buddy) Benton*

*Jackson*

*Your Son*

*Darrell Benton*

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**Darrell Benton** - May 16, 2020 at 09:36 AM

KE

“ *I miss you so much, words can't explain it, I love you Big mama*

*- Your Granddaughter Kelsey*

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**Kelsey** - May 16, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *To my God mother you will be missed love you 🥹 Jordan*

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**Laurie Marshall** - May 16, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ Auntie, I remember when I was carrying Jordan you and uncle Dale asked if you and Dale could be Jordan God-parents I and Kevin graciously accepted, you and uncle would always come visit Jordan, when he was In the hospital and would always support him in everything he did. I will truly miss you on the back row of the church when come in with that smile 😊 Laurie❤️

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**Laurie Marshall** - May 16, 2020 at 08:47 AM

DS

“ Courtney, your laugh will never leave our ears. Always had a story or joke to tell. Never made those plans this year. God had a different plan. I will always Love you, Darrell & Rodney like my own brothers. 😞 I'm praying God gives the family comfort. To Dale, and all the siblings, grandchildren, all of the family, keep faith. Stay Strong. We Love you all.

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**Donna Sanders** - May 15, 2020 at 11:08 PM

MH

“ I'll miss those beautiful high cheekbones, that happy smile and those warm hugs at our next class reunion; and. I'll always look back with happy thoughts about Verna.  
Merle Roddy Hill '67

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**Merle Roddy Hill** - May 15, 2020 at 10:48 PM

DS

“ God has given us and taken from us a lovely soul. Always giving, loving, caring and ready to help. Cousin Buddy you will always be remembered with a smile. May God comfort the entire family during these hard times.  
Love your cousin Donna Sanders

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**Donna Sanders** - May 15, 2020 at 10:47 PM

LI

“ Verna, you look so pretty and happy in this picture, filled with love and compassion. Yes, we prayed for a healing, but the Lord wanted you to see and hear what He had planned for all who believed in Him. (Corinthians 2:9) I will miss our long, enjoyable conversations. Sorry I can't be there.

Love,  
Aunt Louise ❤️🌹

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**Louise Ivey** - May 15, 2020 at 07:11 PM

DM

“ Big mama we will miss you tremendously, you treated me and my kids as your own.. You helped me raise my children while being a single parent tryna work and make a living.... You will never be forgotten and I appreciate you so much... You always made sure we had everything we needed and some, big mama thank you for being my village.... I could write a book but everyone knows how much you meant to me.... KISS fatman for me please.... Rest well faithful servant job well done.... Love Dawndria& Family 😍

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**Dawndria Murray** - May 14, 2020 at 11:39 PM

WW

“ We will dearly miss cousin Verna's presence, her smile/laughter and just all around friendliness. I will always remember awaiting Verna and Naomi's arrival to family reunions with her baked goodies in tow. Years ago, she hosted the reunion in Chicago and we had the best time at her home...food, fun and fellowship. She was a beautiful person. Prayers of strength and comfort to the family.

Love,  
Weldon Watson & Family  
Amarillo/DFW, Texas

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**Weldon Watson** - May 14, 2020 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ Always a friendly and special cousin. She treated my mother. Marzie Harris with the utmost respect. joy to be around, when we so seldom got together as a family. Good cook too. Will be missed

Deborah Harris - May 14, 2020 at 10:39 AM

SA

“ My precious dear family, although it's hard to find words, I'm grateful for precious memories. I truly and sincerely miss Buddy. Giving God thanks for allowing us to share family reunion with Buddy and Courtney just last year. Dale, Darrell, Rodney, family, know you are in our prayers. As in the past God has brought us through challenging times, He's that same God!

With Love,  
Sandra Harris Andrews

Sandra - May 14, 2020 at 02:46 AM

CG

“ COLIE GILLS lit a candle in memory of Verna B Jackson



COLIE GILLS - May 13, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *PRECIOUS MEMORIES*



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**Noble Funeral Home - May 11, 2020 at 01:20 PM**