



Josephine Lowery

November 21, 1946 - November 25, 2007

Funeral service will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 721 Johnson Street. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will conduct a memorial service at 6:00 p.m. Our devoted Josephine Lowery passed away at her home suddenly on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at the age of 61 years. Josie was born November 21, 1946 in Plainview, TX. She attended Saginaw Public Schools and was a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University receiving a BA in Secondary Education. Josie taught a number of years in the Buena Vista School District, she later became Director of State and Federal Programs for the district. She retired from the BV School District in 2004 and was recently elected to Buena Vista's Board of Education. Josie was past president of the Buena Vista Lioness Club, a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and was a faithful member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She was an avid reader. Josie is survived by her loving and supportive husband, Bobbie Lowery; a son, Damon (Leesa) Melbourne, Australia; daughter, Kenyetta (Eric) Gray, Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Eric, Errol, Errow, Asia, Isis and Cleopatra; brothers, Leandrel and Jessie Polk both of Dallas, TX, and Leland Driver, Plainview, TX; sisters, Rudy Owens and Aquilla Watson both of Plainview, TX and Mattie Beachum, Saginaw, MI; brothers-in-law, Doris (Jennie) Willsboro, NJ, Lee Arthur Lowery (Leona), Schaumburg, IL, James (Helen) Lowery,

Tracey, CA, Jonah and Timothy Lowery both of Saginaw, MI; sisters-in-law, Bernice Barlow, Saginaw, MI, Irene Lowery, Croydon, PA and Hester Lowery, Saginaw, MI; many other relatives and friends including her extended family members, Mable Holloway and family, Vivian Keys-Brown, the families of the Taylors, LorAnn, Delores and Harry Taylor, the Sharpers, Howard, Gwen and Ollie, Marla Winters, DeAndre Mitchell, Reggie Stanton and Ledell Wilson-Stewart of San Francisco, CA. Mrs. Lowery was preceded in death by her parents, Wilson and Thelma May Jackson; mother, Addie Driver; brothers-in-law, Oscar Lowery and Wesley Lowery. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to all who have supported this family through these difficult times.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *To the Lowery Family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear the news about the death of Mrs. Lowery.

My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. I think we may all be in in a state of shock.

Mrs. Lowery was such a funny, entertaining and supportive person to be around. She was often a bright spot in my day when I worked at BV. There are so many times that I remember when I needed assistance with work and she was ALWAYS there. She will be greatly missed by many!!

Shernita (Erby) McMillan - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Damon my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during your time of a great loss. Know that your happy memories will carry you through, because God loves you all.*

Stay close to family and friends at this time it will help to sustain you. Call on me if there is anything I can do make your day(s) brighter.

Love Always,

Audrey (Watkins) Savage

Audrey (Watkins) Savage - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

OS

“*Josie was just an ordinary woman that did extraordinary things. Her greatness was exemplified in simplicity. A helping hand; A word to the wise; A shoulder to cry on; Shelter in my storms; The clothes off her back; In short she used whatever she had in her hand, to minister to the multitudes. She invested in lives, and surely she is wearing a crown in Glory.*

Although, there is no blood between us, she will forever be remembered as eldest my Sister, my mentor and my friend.

Ollie Ruth

Ollie Ruth Sharper - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“*To Bobby, Damon and Kenyetta and all the Lowery family,*

Words cannot begin to express my heartfelt condolences to you on the loss of Josie. The world has lost an extraordinary woman: wife, mother, a friend to many, educator, and champion of all who had the good fortune to come into her presence, Josephine was the epitome of womanhood. She was an amazing servant of the Lord - always and tirelessly giving of herself to help others. And, she was a valued and trusted friend and an older sister to me. God, in his providence, saw fit to bring me into your family and I will be eternally thankful and grateful for her presence and affect upon my life.

Know that my family and I will be lifting you up in prayer in the days, weeks and months that lie ahead. Josephine shall be sorely missed yet the good works she has done will live on in all of our lives as a testament to her greatness. The supreme 'diva', I will always cherish and hold dear my memories of Josie.

All my love to each of you

Gwen

Gwen Sharper - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Sorry to hear about your lost. Josephine will be miss dearly. I've known her though out my whole time living in the BV district attending school. miss her much.

tabitha - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mrs. Lowery was a great teacher/counselor/ and mentor. I attended Buena Vista Schools where she worked for many years. She was always on me to do my best. I remember her coming to my house when I had my son and bringing my work for school to make sure that I did not fall behind. I was a sophomore at BV then. Needless to say I did not fall behind but coninued to excell. I graduated in the top 10 of my class (1995) and continued on to college with a young son. I am now a teacher in the Saginaw Public School District. I have her and the many other great teachers like Ms. Beachum, Ms. Taylor, and Mr. Bennett to thank for that. She will be missed and her work will continue with the many lives she has touched.

Lanisha (Hannah) Spiller - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ It was a pleasure meeting Ms. Josephine, her and my dad went to high school together back in the day. For the short time knowing her, it was a privilage for me to have been able to work with her. She will be missed but not forgotten. My condolences go out to the "Lowery" family in your time of sorrow.

Tracey Packard - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I just want to offer my condolences to the family at their time need. I'm sorry to hear the Aunt Josie Passed and that she will be missed. I'm sorry we weren't closer like when we were younger but I hope that I can offer anything you need at this time. I hope she know that I loved her and that she will be missed. My heart also goes out the family.

Lisa Garrison - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ I've known Josie almost 20 years. I have styled her hair from the year of 1990 up until two weeks ago, which was the last time I saw her. She wanted me to give her some color. I told her that we would do the color in another two weeks, because she needed a relaxer instead, little did I know that I would be doing her hair for the last time on the day before her funeral. I will miss Josie very much, she has been a very big part of my life as well as my three daughters college years during those seventeen years. Josie pocessed such class and had a very beautiful personality. She was always dressed beautifully, and kept her nails manicured. I remember telling her that I wanted to be just like her when I grew up, and she just smiled and said "yeah, OK". May God be with you Jo-Jo, as I affectionaly called her, you will always be in my heart. I will miss you, and it was a pleasure knowing you. Thank you for coming into my life.

Valorie Green - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ My friend, my "Truffle Twin", your determination and sense of humor will be sadly missed. May the peace of the Lord be with you and your family.

Audrey O'Meara Meyers - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We were sorry to hear about the loss. May the fond memories comfort you in this time of sorrow.
*Be Blessed,
The Artis Family*

Barbara (Mitchell) Artis - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Joci, you took care of me and my family in so many ways, God will take care of you....Lynn*

Lynn Mitchell - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Josephine Jackson Lowery has been my friend for many years. we played together ate together and went to chruch together. we also sang,and prayed together. Josephine will be sadly missed. To the family, God will somehow,someway give you the courage to carry on. You will always be in my prayers. Bobbie Jean Terrell Buford*

Bobbie Terrell-Buford - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ *Where do I begin? I guess back to 1976 when my parents, Louis & Cora Mitchell, moved next door to the Lowerys. At that moment we gained four new extended family members. Josie will always be that special, classy lady to me that I met 31 years ago. It's hard to believe that she is no longer with us but her memories and the legacy that she leaves behind will never be forgotten to those of us who knew her. I thank God for allowing me to share life with Josie here on earth and we should all work hard to share life with her in eternity.*

Fred & Rita Taylor - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I met Josie back in the mid-70's through her sister-friends Gwen and Ollie Sharper. Josie's big smile and wit will forever be etched in my memory. Josephine led a full life, one that demonstrated her heart full of compassion and giving. What's interesting is that last week I was going through an old photo album and happened to have come across a picture Josie had given me quite a few years ago, of Kenyetta when she was a toddler. To hear of her death immediately after that saddened me.

I am truly honored to have known Josie and to have shared time with her on this planet. She definitely left this world a much better place, and I know I am a better person for having known her. May God comfort the Lowery family as you go through this difficult time. You are in my prayers.

Delores

Delores Lyons - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ To the family of Josephine Lowery, please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your family member. Our prayers are with you during this time.

Lydia Byrd - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ You will be greatly missed.

TaNisha - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to the Lowery Family. Mrs.Lowery was very committed to student achievement and always willing to go the extra mile. Damon know that I think of you often especially now.

Sherrie Williams-Kilpatrick - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Damon you and your family have my deepest sympathy. Be Blessed.*

Sherry.

Sherry Collins-Liddell - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Damon, words cannot express how much of a shock it is to know that your Mom had passed. She was a woman of few words but at the same time, you knew exactly what page she was on. She was no joke. Your Mother was an excellent Mother, as well as a spokesperson for the community. You and Kim were truly blessed to have had a Mom like Ms. Josey, I have known her all of my life along with Ms. Mable Holloway and Mrs. Keyes. Between those women you had no choice but to succeed. Know that you are in my prayers and take care. Love Dahl Enoch your classmate.*

dahl enoch - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *To the Family of Josephine,*

Words will never express how much I loved Josephine. Josephine was a very dear friend to me. When I met her, I met a loving and caring person. One that could be trusted, one that gave of herself without hesitations. She always gave me words of encouragement and insisted on me taking time for myself and not over doing things. Josephine gave ma a name, Helen Jiles Child years ago and now I can say I have something to hold on to now that she has gone on to be with the Lord. I have lost someone I consider a great friend. I will miss her smile and encouraging words that got me through the day. To the family, keep your head up and know that God is still in control and He makes no mistakes. We loved her but He loved her best. Be blessed in the Lord.

*Love,
Helen Jiles and family*

Helen M. Dyson-Jiles - November 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM