



LeVonne Jackson

August 25, 1955 - August 13, 2008

JACKSON, Ms. LeVonne - Age 52, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 12Noon Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2109 M.L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 1PM, Rev. Kevin Dixson officiating. Pastor H.B. Dixson, Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12Noon Wednesday. Mrs. Jackson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 2PM-8PM Tuesday. Ms. LeVonne V. "Diamond" Jackson was born August 28, 1955 in Flint, Michigan, the daughter of Charles William Lay and Naomi Lay. She served as one of the choir directors of the Echo's of Mt. Zion and was president of the voice of Mt. Zion for a term. LeVonne graduated from Flint Public Schools and attended University of Michigan-Flint, studying in African Studies. She worked for Flint and surrounding area schools as an Afrikan Drum and Dance Instructor and teaching the Swahili Language. She also worked with the Act-So program for the youth and was an instructor, trainer and chaperone for out of state competitions Freedom School. LeVonne was the founder and instructor of Diamonds Chakula Afrikan Ngoma Shule. She lead the Juneteenth parade and Renaissance festival for many years. LeVonne was a proprietor of Diamonds Afrikan Import and Export. She knitted blankets for all her children and grandchildren. LeVonne enjoyed cooking Sunday dinner for her family and love ones, interior decorating, hair braiding, jewelry making, making clothes

and learning and teaching her Afrikan Culture. She was a jack-of-all-trades. Levonne loved her family and the Lord with all her heart. She was known as “Momma D” to a host of children throughout the communities. Ms. Levonne V. “Diamond” Jackson leaves to cherish her memory: fiancé, Matthew Taylor; 2 daughters, Tonya (Kevin) Dixson, Zaire N. Jackson; 4 sons, Stanley C. Holder, Andre T. (FreeFia) Holder, Timothy D. Holder all of Flint and Thomas E. Holder of Holland, MI; 7 god-children, Aysha D. Brantley of Columbus, OH, Ericka Cummings of Flint, Dakarai A. Cole, Jabulani K. Cole, Malaika M. Cole, Kondwani F. Cole, Kitomila T. Cole all of Columbia, TN; 20 grandchildren; devoted mother, Naomi Lay; godmother, Roxie Sims of Flint; sisters, Gwendolyn Elaine (Lennon) Cole of Columbia, TN and several other siblings; god-sisters, Artie Dixson Tyler of Flint, Jackie Corr of Detroit; brothers, Runnell (Daisey) Lay and Daniel M. Lay; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends including special cousin Jean Johnson and special friend, Robert P. Jackson. Ms. Jackson was preceded in death her father Charles William Lay. The family would like to express special thanks to Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church family, Lisa McCarville, Pamela Lee at Clio Floral Depot, loving god-mother, Elaine Cole and family, the nurses at Hurley 4th floor CCU.

Tribute Wall



“ *LeVonne Jackson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Diamond I am going to miss you. I would like to thank you for all the wonderful memories you provided me. I am so much more enriched by all the knowledge you shared with me about our African Culture. You were a true friend, a sister, and mentor to me. I will never your infectious laugh. Your light will be forever in my heart. I love you Nora.*

Nora Gillespie - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with you all at this time. It saddens my heart to know that we have lost such "a precious jewel." She will truly be missed! Be strong in THE LORD. He will see you through.*

Sharon Jackson - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Words can't express the sadness I felt when I was told this "special" person has left us. Diamond was a special friend to me and my sister's Janice and April. May she find peace in heaven were I know she is dancing with the other angles. God Bless.*

Tina Fielder-Gibson - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Our prayers are with you all. Praying that you find comfort and strength in the Lord, in whom I know you place all your hope, knowing that earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Love You
Neicy & Nekeya

Neicy Perkins - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ I have known LeVonne (Diamond) since the fourth grade. Every time I saw her, she always greeted me with a big smile and a hug. I will miss seeing her, talking to her and watching her perform. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Norma Keys-Wells - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I love you aunty!! Even though we didnt spend enough time together i known you was always there for me you will be truly missed

Daniel Lay - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Diamond was one of the most unique people I have met. I consider it an honor to have known her. I leaned so much from her about my African American heritage. My class got to experience some of the dances that Diamond often brought to the table and for them it was a learning experience as well. I am glad I was able to call her friend. I will miss you.

Mildred

Mildred Larkin - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I will really miss you. I cant belive your gone. But one thing that I know for sure is where you are now(heaven).

Stephanie, Blake and cherell Mason- Hendricks Yarbrough

Stephanie M Mason-Yarbrough - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Its also a personal loss for Ty and I in a way that may not be easy to understand. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong.

Katie Fields - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We will miss Diamond it was such a blessing to have known her, my family send sympathy and love from our family to yours. And remeber this, she will be watching over all of us so lets make her proud until we see her again.
Amen...

Armstrong Familiy - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I remember Diamond trying to get me dancing the African dance when she was teaching at Baker College in the gym. She was always smiling and making jokes while she was trying to convince me to dance. Now Diamond is beating to the drum up in heaven with all the angels. RIP Diamond and god bless you! You will be miss dearly!

Laura Carroll - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Please accept our condolences in the loss of your loved one. She was beyond special.
Momma D you used your body,voice, and beautiful spirit as God's instrument to communicate all the human emotions. The knowledge,song, dance and smile you left in our hearts will be with us always.
Asante Sana! Momma D
Ninakupenda!

Carolyn Gist - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ My heart is truly sadden to learn of the passing of LeVonne. I have had the pleasure of knowing her since Dort school days. I will always remember her smile. After graduating from high school, i would see her through her many community activitites. She was always positive. God planted a beautiful flower. He named her LeVonne. LeVonne touch so many lifes by giving of her time and talents. When she had finished her her heavenly assignment, God called her home. May God's love bring comfort to you and yours during this most difficult time.

Charles Woods - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Diamond was one of the most God loving women I have had the pleasure of knowing, her hands were a blessing from God because of the many things she could do with them. She braided my hair for many years, and made me many of her crafts. She will be greatly missed.

Gwen LeGardye - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *My prayers continue to be with the family during your time of bereavement for weeping may endure for our night but Joy cometh in the morning.*

*Love Always
Nekeya 'Keya' Perkins*

Nekeya Perkins - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Anytime I needed something made you were there, I had the best looking nails at my senior prom because of you. You will be deeply missed.*

Lilly Pad

Lillian Pringle - August 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM