

# My Close Friend

There is a rare friendship  
Closer than any other  
Closer than a sister  
Closer than a brother.

They like you as you are,  
Not how you ought to be,  
They're not out to change you,  
That really sets you free.

They walk in step with you  
And, O, they walk so far.  
That's why they're dearly loved,  
To me that's who you are.

"There is a friend who sticks closer  
than a brother. " - Proverbs 18:24

## Floral Bearers

Friends and Family

## Pallbearers

Friends and Family

## Interment

St. Matthew Baptist Church Cemetery

## Acknowledgement

With sincere gratitude and appreciation, we wish to thank all of  
the clergy, church family and friends for their prayers, support,  
calls, cards, flowers, visits,  
words of encouragement and expressions of love.  
We are blessed to feel the prayers, kindness and caring of so  
many people. For those of you who have shared precious  
memories of our loved one, thank you so much. Our lives have  
been enriched by the time we had with her and we find peace and  
strength in the presence of God's love. May God bless you. We  
ask that you keep us in your prayers as we allow God to comfort  
us through this period of adjustment.

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."  
— Matthew 5:4

### Professional Services Entrusted To:

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## Celebrating the Life of

*Sunrise*  
AUGUST 20, 1949



*Sunset*  
JANUARY 1, 2021

## Lessie Laulette Jackson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M.

*St. Matthew Baptist Church*

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REVEREND DR. RONALD E. AVERY, PASTOR

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO  
STRENGTHENS ME." — PHILIPPIANS 4:13



# Lessie Paulette Jackson

*Peacefully and quietly, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called our beloved Lessie Paulette Jackson to reward on January 1, 2021. Paulette was born on August 20, 1949 in Edenton, North Carolina. She was the daughter of General Lee Freeman and Martha Johnson. Paulette's aunt, Daisy Johnson, provided extra love and guidance upon the passing of her Mother. Her mother, Martha Johnson, father, General Lee Freeman, her aunt, Daisy Johnson and her brother, Larrell Freeman, predeceased Paulette.*

*Paulette was a graduate of D. F. Walker High School in Edenton, North Carolina. She was blessed to assist with organizing and then attending a variety of high school class events over the years. One of her major events was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion of her Class of '67 held in 2017. Paulette's priorities of family, faith and education provided the impetus for her to decide to continue her education once her children grew of age. She enrolled in Shaw University and graduated with a major in Sociology in 2001. Following her graduation from Shaw University, Paulette taught for several years. She was later employed as a Deputy Clerk for the Wake County Clerk of Superior Court until her retirement.*

*Lessie Paulette Jackson married her high school sweetheart, Andrew Lee "Foxy" Jackson, the love of her life in 1967. Unto that union, four children were born: Travis, Darren, Rhonda and Marcus.*

*Paulette accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. She grew up in Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church where she was a founding member of the Youth Choir, Youth Usher Board and Tharrington Club. She and her family joined St. Matthew Baptist Church upon moving to Raleigh. She was an active member of St. Matthew Baptist Church for many years until her health declined. Paulette served as a Member of the Trustee Board, was a Past President of the Usher Board and was in charge of the Youth Missionary Department of St. Matthew. She also sang in St. Matthew's Inspirational Choir.*

## *Her Life and Legacy.....*

*Family and Friends knew Paulette to be an avid reader. But she also organized fun events for family and a circle of close friends. Many recall the monthly Bunco gatherings that she attended with her daughter and friends. Two of her favorite annual events included the CIAA and the Women's Empowerment Meeting.*

*She leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted husband, Andrew Lee "Foxy" Jackson; children: Travis Jackson, Darren Jackson, Rhonda Jackson, and Marcus (Pamela) Jackson; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Freeman, her uncle, Leslie Johnson, a niece, Sherita Freeman, a great-niece, Maddison Walker and a nephew, Christopher Plummer, other relatives and friends.*

*Paulette was an exemplary Mother. Her children came first. They were blessed to have her cook breakfast for them every morning before school. But every morning during the weekend she also treated her family to a special breakfast. She enjoyed trying different recipes. All that knew her knew that her favorite food was fried chicken. She either bought it or cooked it. If Paulette had her way, friend chicken would be on the menu every time.*

*Paulette was a dear and special friend to many. Yet her special gift was that each of her friends knew and understood and valued the depth of their friendship. Her legacy will live forever in the hearts of all who loved and knew her.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Reverend Dr. Ronald Avery, Officiating*

CALL TO CELEBRATION

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

WORDS OF COMFORT

SELECTION

COMMITTAL

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