



Jacqueline Lewis Roberts

July 1, 1947 - August 2, 2023

On August 2, 2023, God called Jacqueline Lewis Roberts, affectionately called “Biggie,” to her eternal home. Jackie was born on July 1, 1947, in Richmond, Virginia, and was the first child to the late Rosalee Lewis and late John H. Lewis, Jr. The Lewis family consisted of four daughters and one son: Jackie, Cher, Brenda, Jonsette and John III. They grew up in the Church Hill neighborhood surrounded by the love of family members, neighbors, and friends. At an early age, Jackie gave her life to the Lord, and was baptized at Cedar Street Baptist Church of God, where she remained an active 50+ year member throughout her lifetime. In 1983, Jackie married the love of her life, Larry T. Roberts. Jackie and Larry enjoyed traveling, fine dining and being in the company of her family and friends. They especially loved Mexico, Barbados, Italy, and France, as well as visiting her niece in Florida. Jackie particularly liked the arts. One of the highlights of her travels was going

to The Venice Biennale, seeing the incredible artwork, and meeting artists. At family

reunions, she and Larry would oversee the fish frying and they taught the younger ones

the fine skills of fileting. Jackie was an excellent cook and always trying new dishes. Her

crabcakes were divine! Larry and Jackie were avid gardeners, and, from Spring to late

Fall, everyone benefited from the bounty of tomatoes, greens, beans, and lettuce,

amongst other things.

Jackie graduated from Armstrong High School, Virginia Union University and received

her master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Starting as a Teacher in

Caroline County and thereafter a Reading Specialist in the Richmond Public School

system, she rose to become a principal. She retired after 35+ years and continued to

work as a consultant. Jackie will be fondly remembered as a great mentor to many of

the teachers and students whom she advised and directed. Jackie also helped many

families who were struggling with navigating the educational system.

In 2009, Jackie was inducted into the James River Valley (VA) Chapter of the Links

Incorporated. As a committed member, she served on several committees chairing

Technology, Telephone, and HBCU. She also co-chaired International Trends and

Services and the Legislative Committee. She served as Chapter Recording

Secretary

for four years.

Jackie served as Conference Chair, Virginia State Reading Association and later

became the President of the Virginia State Reading Association. She also served as a

Legislative Buddy for the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals.

Jackie served on the Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital Advisory Board. She

was a staunch supporter of the Bon Secours Healthcare Foundation's signature

fundraiser, Wine, Women and Shoes, from its inception. As a dedicated committee

member, she co-chaired the Shoe Guys and raised thousands of dollars.

Jackie was a member of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc., and a past president of the Panhellenic

Council. She was an AARP Ambassador, and an active member of the Virginia Union

University and Virginia Commonwealth University Alumni Associations.

Jackie leaves in grief her loving and devoted husband Larry T. Roberts, stepchildren

Lamondre Pough and Lolita Pinckney, her sisters Cher Lewis (Henrik) and Brenda

Tucker (Marshall); three nieces, MaShawn Simpson (Steve), Emma Lewis Kennedy and

Zoe Feigenbaum, two nephews, Derek Lewis (Tammy), Marshall Tucker, Jr. (Lauren),

Goddaughter Jordan Lewis, in-laws Annie Mae Roberts, Ola Purvis, Marie Thomas,

Janet Roberts, Johnny Roberts (Mary), Beverly Roberts, supportive friend

Joyce Lanier

and a host of other relatives, friends, and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her

parents, brother, John H. Lewis, III, and sister Jonsette Lewis.

Remains rest at March Funeral home, 2110 E. Laburnum Avenue in Richmond VA,

where the family will receive friends on Thursday, August 10, 2023, from 4 to 6pm.

Celebration of Life service will be 11 a.m. Friday, August 11, 2023, at Cedar Street

Baptist Church of God, 2301 Cedar Street, Richmond VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jacqueline Lewis Roberts Scholarship

for Educators at Virginia Union University, 1500 N. Lombardy Street, Richmond, VA

23220.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG 10. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

AUG 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Street Baptist Church of God
2301 Cedar Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall

KE

“ To Larry T. And Family My heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your loved one. May God continue to strengthen you and keep you.

Karen Epps - August 11, 2023 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ Jean M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacqueline Lewis Roberts.

Jean M. - August 11, 2023 at 03:16 PM

GS

“ Condolences to Jackie's family. May faith give you strength and may prayers bring you comfort.

Genevieve & Peter Simpson

Genevieve Simpson - August 10, 2023 at 04:11 PM

HS

“ Hester Stone Sottile lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Lewis Roberts



Hester Stone Sottile - August 10, 2023 at 02:46 PM

HS

Jackie will surely be missed by all of her classmate "Armstrong Class of 65".

Hester Stone Sottile - August 10, 2023 at 02:51 PM

CT

“ Cheryl T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jacqueline Lewis Roberts.

Cheryl T. - August 10, 2023 at 12:32 PM

WT

“ To The family....My sympathy and prayers to all. Mrs.Roberts, taught me years ago in the Caroline Co. School system. One of the best educators to have taught, and had a passion for fashion, students and colleagues both, learned a lot from you. Rest in heavenly peace, you've taught us alot...



Walker Taylor - August 10, 2023 at 11:55 AM

JZ

“ I worked with Jackie at WHES for several years. It was a pleasure to work with her. Jackie was always in a good mood, positive and very professional. She had a special way with people and could make the dreariest of days more palatable. She was a valued colleague and a friend. You will be missed. Sending my thoughts and prayers to Larry, the rest of her family and the multitude of friends whose lives you touched in a special way.

Jacqueline Zich - August 10, 2023 at 09:43 AM

AJ

“ Anthony And Ebony Jones lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Lewis Roberts



Anthony and Ebony Jones - August 09, 2023 at 06:53 AM

BW

“ *Always a brightly shining light in our lives. You are deeply missed.*

Bryon and Josefa Bethea Wall - August 09, 2023 at 12:38 AM

WJ

“ *Condolences to the family of my friend and classmate, Armstrong & Virginia Union.*

Willie Jones - August 08, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacqueline Lewis Roberts.*



August 08, 2023 at 03:48 PM

GY

“ *I was blessed to meet Jackie through her Sister Brenda, my (BFF). She always loved me like a sister. Gone too soon! Missing your earthly presence, Heaven is rejoicing!*

Gloria Yates - August 08, 2023 at 03:03 PM

BG

“ *Sending prayers for Larry, Brenda ,Cher and the entire family. Jackie will always be remembered as a dear friend, classmate & soror.💙☐*

Brenda Gray - August 08, 2023 at 09:49 AM

CT

We know our words cannot take away your loss but we are hoping you can find some comfort in knowing the memories you shared will last forever. Our prayers are with you all.

Clive & Jean Thompson - August 10, 2023 at 07:42 AM

NF

“ I will always remember Soror Roberts's smile, her fabulous style, and her zeal to do things right. She always was excited when Ebony Fashion Fair came to town, a signature Zeta endeavor. Love and condolences to Mr. Roberts and family.

Nancy Watkins Flanagan - August 08, 2023 at 12:40 AM

JJ

*“ Sorry for your loss.
Janice and Wilbert Jones*

Janice Jones - August 07, 2023 at 03:17 PM

GG

My condolences to Larry And Jackie's families! May God comfort you in your time of sorrow! Love and Peace! 🙏❤️

George and Diane Grooms - August 08, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - August 07, 2023 at 12:09 PM

BJ

I was deeply saddened to learn of Jackie's passing. Condolences to her husband and family during this time of sorrow. She was a great friend and neighbor and will be truly missed. May God continue to strengthen the family.

Brenda B. Johnson - August 08, 2023 at 11:36 PM