



Leola Irby

July 19, 1955 - September 13, 2005

Leola Jacquelyn Irby, affectionately known as “Jackie” was born on July 19, 1955 to the late Alexander Irby Sr. and Leona A. Irby in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on September 13, 2005 after a life long battle with Sickle Cell Anemia. Jackie was raised in Turners Station, then moved to Edmondson Village in July, 1965. Jackie matriculated through Baltimore City School System and graduated from Edmondson High School in 1974. Jackie loved to write and express everything on paper. She loved to shop and to her family she was a professional shopper in her own right. Jackie loved to cook, and her favorite food to fix and eat was neckbones and taters. She loved pictures, taking them posing for them. She was a model and was naturally beautiful with a winning smile and eyes that the camera loved. Jackie was active in the fight against Sickle Cell Anemia. She was heavily involved in her Sickle Cell support group. There Jackie met many other sickle cell patients that she grew to love. For many years she actively participated in the Sickle Cell Walk-A-Thon and other fundraisers until her health began to fail. She was also involved with the Learning Bank, a school for further learning for adults. Jackie also loved contributing to her community by serving in the Bea Gaddy soup kitchen for years. Jackie had a sincere friendship with her doctor, Stanley Walker, M.D. Even though Jackie bore no children, she was a mother figure to all her nieces and nephews, and that even extended to the greats. Jackie was the center of her family, a person who nurtured you, was a confidant and easy to relate to. It was hard not to love her. Jackie could make

you laugh for hours on end by being funny and silly. Jackie loved the Lord Jesus Christ and she accepted him into her heart as her personal Lord and Savior as a young adult. Her faith grew stronger in the Lord as her illness lingered on. She attended Cookleys Community Baptist Church. She was on the choir and actively planned and participated in annual fashions shows for the church until her health failed. She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother Leona A. Irby; three brothers, Alexander Jr., Robert W. Sr., and John H.; five sisters, Virginia "Jenny" Dorsey, Corrine "Coco", Arvonne "Voot", Deborah "Debbie", and Barbara "Peanut" Robinson; three brothers-in-law, John Dorsey, Stephen Robinson, and Richard Smith; three sisters-in-law, Joyce, Margie and Alma Irby; two god-daughters, Erica and Jessica; and a special group of friends, you all know who you are; seventeen nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. She joins in heaven her father, Alexander Sr., and her brothers, James Sr. and Albert Irby.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leola Irby*

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“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire family. Know that God is with you and his comfort will keep you whole. From our family to yours, our deepest sympathy goes out to you. May God bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow. The Turner and Lansey Families###imported-begin###Nicole Turner###imported-end##*

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“ *I send my condolences to the family and friends. However, God leaves us a great comforting hope in his word the Bible. John 5:28,29 promises we will see our dead loved ones again in a resurrection in this earth. May you draw comfort from the scriptures and from Jehovah God.###imported-begin###Kendra A.###imported-end##*

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“ *Condolences to the dear loved ones of Jackie. May the spirit of our Lord and Savior abide upon all who were left to cherish her memories. We, who attended the Sickle Cell Support group were very fond of Jackie. She was a loyal friend and member, committed to the cause. Just know that she dearly loved each of you and had a special place in her heart for all of her family members. It just doesn't seem like she's gone, because her spirit lingers. We will see her again!###imported-begin###Lizzie Johnson###imported-end##*

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“ Dear Family, please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of such a beautiful person. I have a 20 year old daughter who suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia and my heart truly goes out to you. We almost lost her in 1994 due to complications from the disease, but I know it's a blessing that she's still with us today. I just want to share some words of comfort found in the holy scriptures. One such scripture that is encouraging is John 5:28,29 which says, "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear my voice and come out." Jesus is letting us know what hope our loved ones have. They will live again. Once they have been resurrected, they won't have to die again because at Isaiah 25:8, Almighty God, Jehovah says, "And he will actually swallow up death forever..." But will she be sick? The answer is no according to Isaiah 22:24 which says, And no resident will say: "I am sick..." These are just a few of many wonderful promises we can gain comfort from. By means of the "Kingdom" that we pray for in the Lord's Prayer when we ask, "Let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven..." Please compare these verses in your copy of the bible to see these truths firsthand.##imported-begin##Denise Dukes##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. I am only 12 years old, but I can remember the sadness I had when I lost my best friend. If you draw closer to the Almighty God Jehovah by reading the bible and praying to him he can help you to cope with your loss. Revelation 21:4 says....And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore the former things have past away. So you see in the very near future all these things will be put to an end. I hope this scripture will comfort you the way it has comforted me.##imported-begin##Bria Norton##imported-end##

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“ DEAR FAMILY, AS TIME GOES ON WE ALL LEARN TO COPE WITH THE LOSS OF OUR LOVED ONE. MAY YOU CONTINUE TO DRAW COMFORT FROM THE BIBLE. THE APOSTLE PETER RESURRECTED A WOMAN NAMED TABITHA BACK TO LIFE. SHE WAS A WOMAN WITH MANY TALENTS AND LOVED BY ALL. (ACTS 9:36-42) MAY YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT SOON YOU WILL SEE "JACKIE" AGAIN. THE EARTH WILL SOON BE A PARADISE WHERE WE CAN LIVE FOREVER.##imported-begin##MICHELLE##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ My husband and I would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. The Holy Bible helps us to appreciate how Jesus feels for us when a loved one dies. John 11:35 tells us that Jesus gave way to tears upon learning of the death of his friend Lazarus. This gives us assurance that Jesus cares for us during this time of our grief. Jesus also comforts us with the hope of a resurrection (see John 11:35). It is my hope that these words bring you comfort in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Mildred##imported-end##

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