

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



RONALD

NATHANIEL JACKSON, JR.

JANUARY 30, 1981 - OCTOBER 16, 2024

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

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OBITUARY

Ronald Nathaniel Jackson, Jr., was born on January 30, 1981, to Ronald Jackson, Sr. and Deneane Bowman Bass in Washington, D.C. Ronald affectionately known as “Ronnie,” was his father’s eldest son and his mother’s only son.

In 1991, when Ronnie was 11 years of age, his family moved to Norcross Street in Temple Hills, Maryland. They attended a few services at From the Heart Church Ministries, which was within walking distance. Every time his family visited the church, Ronnie would ask, “Can we start coming to this church?” So, on January 30, 1994, the family joined the church where Ronnie received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior on July 31, 1994, at the age of 13.

Ronnie was educated in both the District of Columbia and Maryland Public Schools. When he was a young boy attending elementary school in D.C., he never wanted to miss school. He loved attending school and going on field trips with his classmates. He would frequently attend the Boys and Girls Club with his friends playing football and basketball.

Ronnie was an avid sports fan who loved the Washington Commanders football team, formerly Washington Redskins, and was a season ticket holder with his brother. He also had a love for cooking and exploring culinary delight. He was a great cook who put together some simply scrumptious dishes.

Moreover, Ronnie had a love for swimming. He could always be found at the pool even when he was not supposed to be there. When he bought his first home, he purchased it with an indoor pool and would often go swimming with his children whom he loved so much.

Ronnie was a loving father to his children. It was important to him that his children be close as a family. They would often do various activities together, such as go on trips, go to the beach, and more. He was very jovial and full of laughter and loved to be around his children and other family and friends hosting gatherings at his home during certain holidays. During those gatherings, he played chess and loved to challenge others. He traveled a lot with family and friends. One of the places he loved traveling to was, the Dominican Republic. In addition, he loved riding on his cousin’s boat and flying in his cousin’s airplane.

Ronnie was a hard, honest worker. At the early age of 11, he displayed a lifelong entrepreneurial spirit where he and his friends would find odd jobs around Marlow Heights, Maryland. For instance, they were caddies at the local Giant Food Store helping customers with their groceries to their cars, they shoveled snow for the people in the neighborhood, they washed car windows (at the corner of Iverson Street and Branch Avenue), and they cleaned inside the Marlow Heights Movie Theater. And as if that weren’t enough, they participated in fundraisers selling Katydid’s candy for the church’s basketball team.

When Ronnie was old enough to get a job, he worked for various fast-food establishments. After finishing school, for a number of years he worked in transportation beginning with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the D.C. Circular. He moved on to the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Virginia, as an HVAC engineer. Subsequently, he worked for Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He also owned a small business named Rontradings, LLC. Finally, Ronnie was always helpful to family and friends in providing them with advice regarding financial endeavors.

Ronnie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memories his daughters: Nataleigh, Naiyah and Reyne; sons: Ronald, Reisen and Royel; mother, Deneane Bass (Alvin); grandmother, Sterline Bowman; sisters: Sylvia Dorsey, Lorena Law, Tamika Mitchell, Patrice Mitchell, Doniesha Jackson, Roniesha Jackson and Jasmine Nails; brothers: Anthony Dorsey, Roland Mitchell, Nathaniel Nails, Donzell Mitchell, Terrence Nails; stepbrother, Jermaine Hoes; uncles: Bryant Bowman (Dana), Gerald Bowman and Robert Anderson; aunts: Tossie Williams, Robin Jackson-McCreary, Jeffersine Jackson, Jacqueline Jackson and Hope Jackson-Clark (Richard); godmother, Chiquita Garner; friend, Lee Williams; best friends, Donnell “Pete” Miller and William “Slug” Payton; godsons: David Perry III, Christopher Robinson, Jr. and Aidan Mosly; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ronald was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Jackson, Sr.; grandmother, Mae Jackson; grandfather, Lawrence Bowman; uncles: Lawrence Bowman, Jr., James Jackson, and Jaffery Jackson; cousins: ReShawn Jackson, Wendell Jackson, Eric Jackson, Paul Clark, Donte McCreary, and Marquise Langston-Jackson.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-14
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9

Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Donnell Miller, Friend
Mr. William Payton, Friend
Mr. Anthony Dorsey, Brother
Ms. Nataleigh Jackson, Daughter

Obituary (*Read Aloud*) Dr. Kenae Black

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope Reverend Steven Battle, Sr.

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

FAMILY SENTIMENTS

I Will Miss You!

Ronnie, I remember the day that you were born, I was so happy to see you and meet you. I would kiss all over your cute face and just sit and hold you. You were such a cute little bundle of joy and I loved you so much. I could NOT love you more!

You were smart, kind, very funny and always thoughtful of others. You were full of life. You always had a loveable spirit and exuded kindness. You were always about family, and you let nothing, and no one come between that. Grandma and I loved and appreciated the way you looked out and loved us!

I'm going to miss you so much. I will cherish all the times we had; moments spent; conversations shared the good and the bad. I will miss the debates I had with you. You were such a trip, LOL!!!

It hurt me to my core when you became sick, and your quality of life was ebbing away. As time moved on, I knew you were ready to go home to be with the Lord. You had expressed it to me on a few different occasions. I did not want to hear it, because I did not want to let you go. I admit, I was being very selfish and had to ask God to help me make peace about your decision. God answered my prayer and filled me with His peace! Right after that, God carried you home.

When I saw your face soon after you transitioned, I saw that you were at peace. This gave me even greater peace!

I'm going to miss the great and funny times we had; and the bond we shared. You are my only child, and I will miss you tremendously! Although, we had our share of small challenges, I thank God for the 43 years of being your mom and it's truly been my pleasure and delight! We had some great times together. You were a guy with a good heart who loved his children and our family. I can rest assure that you are at rest with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I look forward to seeing you again, when my work is finished here, and I will enter in that rest with you on that marvelous day!

Love you forever and ever, your mom, Deneane

Our Dad,

Our dad was very special to us. He made sure he would always spend time with us as a family just about every other weekend. He would take us swimming, to the movies, to beaches, on cookouts, boat rides, and amusement parks, Disney World being one of them. Our dad knew how to have fun with us. We cherish all the times we spent with him, and wish that we could make more memories, and fulfill the ones that we were planning with him. Now we know we will have to make more memories with each other, be there for each other, and enjoy each other as if he were here today. Our dad was more than just a father to us; he was our role model, our mentor, and our biggest supporter. Although my dad did not put his feelings into words, we knew he always loved us. He cared deeply for us and showed it through his actions. He worked hard to provide for us, to keep us safe, and to be there when we needed him. We're going to miss having those quality special times with our dad. He was a barrel of laughs, and we'll miss him tremendously. As we stand here, we feel a mix of sadness, gratitude, and admiration for the person my dad was. I hope that by sharing some memories and words about him, we can all find comfort in knowing how deeply he touched our lives.

Nataleigh, Naiyah, Ronald III, Reisen, Royel & Reyne

FAMILY SENTIMENTS

A Tribute to Ronald Jackson, Jr.

R is for Relaxed
O is for Observant
N is for Nice
A is for Ambitious
L is for Loving
D is for Daring

J is for Joking
A is for Active
C is for Caring
K is for Knowledge
S is for Smart
O is for Original
N is for Nourishing

J is for Joyful
R is for Respectful

Reisen Jackson and David Perry III

Poem of Life

Author Unknown

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

From Uncle Lonzo, Aunt Dana and Family

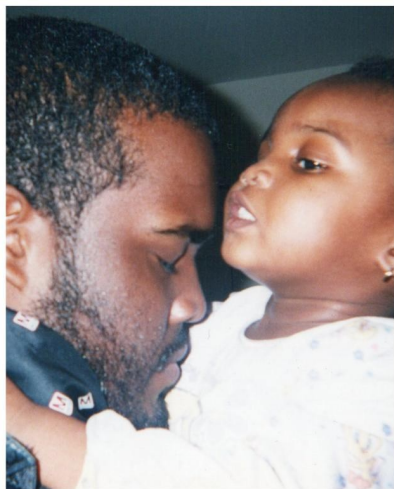
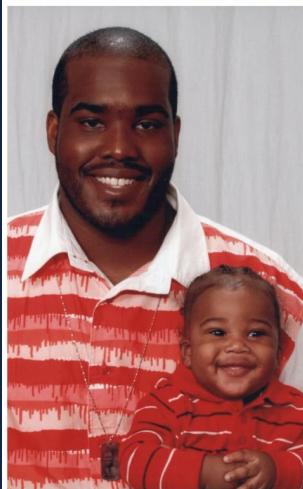
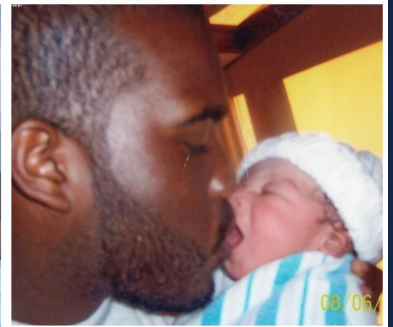
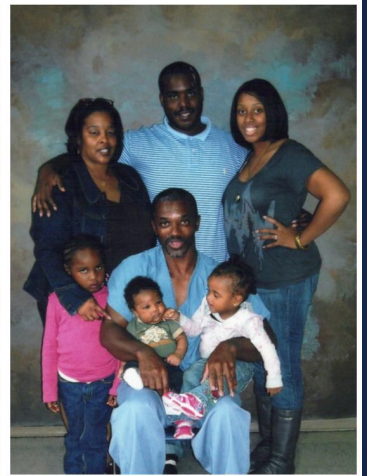
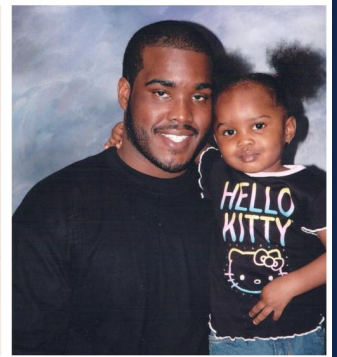
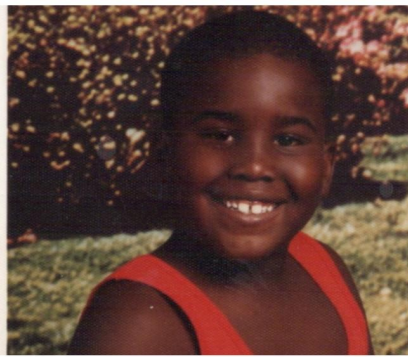
Letter to my son,

Ronnie, you will always be a part of my life. I will hold the memory of you forever in sight. I remember the times we laughed and smiled, despite the distance & miles. We had a unique relationship, unlike the average stepfather and son. Our bond was rooted in love transcending the blood. Your departure was profoundly painful for me. Because I spent so many years dreaming of what our lives could be. In my dreams and goals, my plans included your beautiful soul. I am at peace with your onward journey. I knew your struggle well. Your struggle was my struggle. The family is comfortable in knowing that you're finally in eternal peace. You left us with six beautiful, smart, loving, and wonderful children. The challenge will be enormous trying to fill your shoes, but we'll be there as grandparents are supposed to. Rest peacefully, my beloved son and may God's love and mercy forever be upon your soul.

Stepdad Blue

My heart and soul are full of memories of you, Ronald. My first grandchild and my first grandson. The tears continue to flow, but they are tears of joy for having known you as my grandson for the years I had with you. You were a joy to me from the time you were born into this world until the Lord God called you home. You were a wonderful, kind, generous person, always considerate of others. I am going to miss your big hugs, and hearing you say when you were little, going out to eat or driving to the mall, or elsewhere coming to a complete stop, "Push Grandma, push." I love you every day; you are my "good guy."

Love you always, Grandma Sterline





CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long,
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

CHORUS

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love

CHORUS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the Jackson and Bass families, sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

SPECIAL THANKS

To family and friends: The heartfelt outpouring of your overwhelming love in the form of prayers, cards, emails, text messages, and expressions of kindness is so appreciated. Thank you so much for being there for us, and for sharing the love of God in your hearts toward us. We love you; we thank God for you, and we pray God's blessings through Jesus Christ upon you.

To staff at Fresenius Kidney Care in Fort Washington, MD: Thank you for truly caring for Ronald every time he showed up for his treatments.

To members of From the Heart Church Ministries: We are truly grateful for Bishop and Mrs. John A. Cherry, II and the entire From the Heart Church Ministries family. We appreciate your outpouring of love. Your care and kindness are evidence of the love of Jesus Christ in your hearts.

PALLBEARERS

Joseph Adam, Wale Ayorinde,
Donnell Jackson, Jerome Jackson,
Donnell Miller, and John Law, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Kevin Law

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

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