



Mr. John W. Jackson

October 13, 1942 - September 20, 2016

John W. Jackson, one of five children born to the late Janet Miller Jackson and the late John W. Jackson Sr., was born in Queens, New York. John departed peacefully from this life with his wife and loved ones by his side at Pinnacle's Community General Hospital on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. John was raised and received his formal education in Queens, New York. After relocating to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he took courses at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Children and youth were dear to John's heart. He saw the need and founded a faith-based corporation named "Becoming the Sum of One." Through his corporation, high school graduates of the Harrisburg School District were awarded scholarships to obtain a higher education. Additionally, John, along with Pastor Larry Coleman, was instrumental in starting a mentoring program for ex-offenders held at Wesley Union A. M.E. Zion Church. He was also a member of the Yoke Fellowship Prison Ministry.

Prior to John's illness, he was employed as a supervisor at Service Master Janitorial Service of Harrisburg, as well as an independent consultant with Ambit Energy and Legal Shield Services.

John became a member of Wesley Union A.M.E. Zion Church under the pastorate of Reverend Fredrick Massey. Over the years, John served as a Steward, Greeter, Class Leader, Choir Member and a helpmate to parishioners, young and old. John's favorite scripture was: "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living shall not be in vain." I Corinthians

15:58.

Leisurely, John enjoyed movies on television and at the movie theaters. He spent many hours ministering and encouraging others to seek the Lord.

The cherished memories of John's life will long be remembered by his devoted wife of eight years, Anna M. Jackson of Harrisburg, PA.; two brothers, Michael Jackson (Patty), Terrance Jackson (Gale) of Harrisburg, PA; five sons, James Jackson (Tracey), Jerome Jackson (Linda), Daryl Crosby of New York; William B. Scott (Janette) and Gary Scott of Harrisburg, PA; one daughter, Karen Crosby of New York and a host of relatives, his church family and friends.

Lovingly submitted by his Family.

His life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 27th, at Wesley Union A.M.E. Zion Church, 5th & Camp Streets, Harrisburg, with viewing/visitation 10-11 a.m.

Flowers may be delivered to the church 9/27, 9-9:30 a.m.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ My love and prayers to the family of our dear John Jackson! What an inspiration and strong example of the transformative power of God's love. He was the embodiment of hope after my brother's arrest. When I was in deep despair after my brother's sentencing, God put this humble servant of the Lord in my life who helped pull me out of an abyss of sorrow and helplessness and showed me a blessed life redeemed. He will be sorely missed. I regret that I just learned of his passing today and was not able to help honor his life by attending his funeral. Praise God for his life. Praise God for his ministry!

Deb Bender - October 20, 2016 at 05:44 PM

RH

“ I am so sorrowful that I am sending condolences for such a beautiful friend as John. He was a very kind and loving person and went out of his way to help others. He was my friend and co-worker in Yokefellow Prison Ministry and my Ambit mentor. Will keep you Anna in prayer and the family. May God comfort you and yours at this time of bereavement.
Pastor Jocelyn R. Hicks



Rev. Jocelyn Hicks - September 26, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ You left us to quickly but you spent your last days the way you always were. Strong and graceful I'm glad I was able to spend time with you at the end. You are loved and will be missed .your daughter-in-law Jay



Janette Scott - September 25, 2016 at 11:47 PM

VB

“ I will miss my friend and brother in the Lord. He was a man that loved much because He saw how much God loved Him. He had a heart of gold and lived to be a blessing. John's life has been a testimony to God's trans-formative power of the Cross!

He will be missed!

Vladimir Beaufils - September 25, 2016 at 12:10 PM

RM

“ TERRANCE JACKSON MAY GOD EMCAMP HIS ANGLES ALL AROUND YOU AND FAMILY IN YOUR TIME OF LOST.

ROCHELLE MOSLEY 09/25/16

ROCHELLE MOSLEY - September 25, 2016 at 11:18 AM

KM

“ It was a privilege to have met and worked with John to the betterment of the community. Having run the race, we now commend him to the great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1) Grace, mercy and peace be with those whose lives he touched here.

Kevin M. Hepler, MD - September 25, 2016 at 06:41 AM

JS

Mr Jackson was an inspiration to those in the re-entry community. He was quick to call you on the carpet if he felt you were feeling sorry for yourself. He was quick to encourage your path in faith. God has called him and has told Mr. Jackson, "Well done." You will be missed.

Judy Sutliff - September 25, 2016 at 09:59 AM

RB

I just learned today of Mr. Jackson's entrance into the church triumphant. I knew him through our Lower Susquehanna Synod's Criminal Justice System Ministry, and he always graced our meetings with warmth, a clear and abiding faith, and a sense of hope. I will miss his presence among us, and I pray that his family and friends who hold him dear will find comfort, peace, and hope in the promises of our risen Lord Jesus.

Rev. Sharron Blezard - October 24, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *God Bless you my friend. Job well done.*



Sugie Johnston - September 23, 2016 at 08:42 PM

CC

“ *Dear Ana and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss! God bless you! Cindy Conroe- Norma's friend*

cindy conroe - September 23, 2016 at 08:32 PM

PH

“ *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of one of His little ones! My condolences to the Jackson Family...I counted John as one of my spiritual sons. I met him at Holtzdale SCI and watched God perform a miracle of healing for him, during Chapel Service. He will always be a part of my ministerial testimony and a great witness of God's forgiving love, grace and mercy! The Comforter has come ... ! Prophetess Gloria E Herring / Host of The Prophetic Voice Program on The Voice 17104.com.*

Prophetess Gloria E Herring - September 23, 2016 at 03:34 PM

JR

“ *Deepest sympathies to John's family. I met John at the OLCAM facility. He always had a smile on his face and good word to pass on. He told me many times about his children and grandchildren. He loved them all dearly and spoke at length of how much joy they brought him. He truly loved his wife and spoke very fondly of her.*

Rest in Peace my good friend, my brother. And as I so often heard you say to others, "God Bless". God Bless you, John

John Reale

John J Reale - September 23, 2016 at 02:14 PM

JA

“ *Prayers for the family, friends and his dedicated employees. I met John through the Olcam building, where we shared many stories and prayers. God Bless, may you rest in peace.*

Jamie

Jamie - September 23, 2016 at 01:43 PM

CT

“ *I met John when I was working at the Olcam bldg, next to the former River Rescue bldg. He was a nice man & enjoyed sharing his Faith.*

My sincere sympathy to his family, friends & employees. May fond memories comfort you all in the days ahead. God bless you.

Carol A. Tritt - September 23, 2016 at 12:34 PM

ES

“ To Mrs. May & family my condolences to you and your family. You are in my prayers.

Elder Michelle Smith-Jackson

Elder Michelle Smith-Jackson - September 23, 2016 at 11:19 AM

BD

“ Jackson Family,

May GOD be with all of you at this Special Time in your lives. I'm sure GOD is receiving Butch with open arms.

Your Brother in Christ, Barry.

barry davis - September 23, 2016 at 10:35 AM

TE

“ Mr. John was my friend, my spiritual advisor for the last year. He gave me insight to Our Lord that has helped me through the darkest time of my life. Basic but brilliant information from a God fearing faithful man that allows me to walk through each day knowing HE is in charge and will do what is best for us. I know my friend is in the company of the saints and angels and our Lord in heaven praising Him face to face as he did here on earth. I miss him so and I will remember all he taught me. I am forever "blessed" to have walked a time with this dear man. Til we meet again. Love & Prayers - TCFG

Teresa - September 23, 2016 at 10:21 AM

MJ

“ *One of the wisest and sweetest men I have ever met. He possessed great insight and sensitivity and tremendous warmth. He was both extremely intelligent and gentle, charming and determined with only good will in his heart for everyone.*

Michael Jefferson - September 23, 2016 at 09:58 AM

BW

“ *My condolence & prayers to you Anna & family*

Barbara A. Walker - September 23, 2016 at 08:42 AM

RK

I am going to miss my Friend! He was such an inspiration to me. He was the Energizer!!!!

Rev. Norma Kenley-Barber - September 25, 2016 at 05:40 PM