



Mrs. Tommie B. Slack

September 17, 1926 - August 9, 2017

Indeed, a good and perfect gift to all who encountered her, Tommie Louise Black Slack was thoughtfully wrapped in this earthly body September 17, 1926, and born to the union of Gillie and Julia Black in Water Valley, Mississippi. She was the youngest of four children, two who preceded her in death and another with whom she was privileged to grow up and of whom she was extremely fond of--her brother Claude.

Recognizing at an early age that she had indeed come down from the Father, Tommie accepted His Son Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. As a young woman, Tommie found a permanent church home at Mother Liberty CME Church, where throughout the years she committed her life to faith and service as a Sunday School Teacher, a Member of the Ruth Circle Missionary Society, a Choir Member, a Member of the Stewardess Board 3, and Chairperson of the Benevolence Committee.

Faithfully and diligently developing her gifts, Tommie graduated from Allen-White High School, Whiteville, Tennessee, and went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Home Economics from Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee. Pursuing graduate-level education, Tommie received her Master of Arts degree in Special Education from Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee, making her the first specifically degreed special education teacher in Madison County. Later, she received her Specialist in Education from Peabody University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ready to share her gifts, Tommie developed a sound work ethic early in life,

working at “The Tea Room Café” alongside her Uncle Buddy in Bolivar, Tennessee, when she was 10 years old until she graduated from high school. While in college, to help afford her education, she was a live-in babysitter for the Rosenbloom’s. During the summer months, she spent time with family and friends in Chicago, where she worked at a movie theater. To those who had witnessed her as a child teaching her dolls and bears, it was no surprise that she invested in the lives of students at Bolivar Industrial Junior High School, Bolivar, Tennessee, and in the Jackson-Madison School District, Jackson, Tennessee, 42 years of deep values, sound morals and upstanding character. As a woman of faith prone to service, she achieved many prestigious levels of honor, including Golden Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., which was given after 50 years of service and sisterhood, a Fifty-Year Diploma on April 27, 2003; Key to the City of Jackson, and a letter acknowledging her 90th birthday by the 44th President of the United States of America---Barack Obama. She was also a member of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

Committed to instilling in her own family the same Christian principles and beliefs which were the driving force of her life, Tommie was virtue, faithfulness and love to her husband, Walter Earl Slack; love and care to her children, Maria, Walter Jr. and Tamieka; a treasure trove of wisdom and love to her grandchildren Almeta, Ashley, Amber, Pierre, and Jet; and an awesome witness to God’s grace, faithfulness and love to her great granddaughter Aubrey.

Tommie was preceded in death by parents Gilly and Julia Black; brother Claude Black; brothers-in-law Jerome Slack and R.V. Slack; sisters-in-law Eleanor Slack and Mary Slack; and grandchild Jazz Grafft.

Having beheld the heavenly lights early Wednesday, August 9, 2017, Tommie returned to her heavenly home. Her memory is survived by husband Walter Earl Slack; children Maria Yvonne Slack-Ellis, Walter Earl Slack, Jr. (Marion), and Tameika Georgia Slack Grafft (Clay); grandchildren Almeta Maria Ellis, Ashley Renee’ Ellis, Amber Nicole Ellis, Pierre Andre Slack, and Jett Lee Grafft; great granddaughter Aubrey Elise Owens; as well as many cherished

nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, a special life-long friend Mrs. Neola Sardon and a host of other loving family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mother Liberty C.M.E. Church
456 South Highland Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301

Service

AUG 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Tommie B. Slack*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Jessie Chatman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie B. Slack*



Jessie Chatman - August 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ *My family would like to send sincere condolences to the Slack family for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the Bible promise at Isaiah 25:8. Please, pray constantly, avoid isolation, and lean on God as you cope during this most difficult time.*

Richardson Family - August 12, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Anita Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie B. Slack*



Anita Brooks - August 09, 2017 at 04:06 PM

HB

“ Councilman Harvey Buchanan sends his thoughts and prayers to the entire Slack Family.

Harvey Buchanan - August 09, 2017 at 03:46 PM

MS

We send our deepest love and prayers to Walter Sr, Maria, Walter Jr. and family. God will be with you during your time of sorrow and loneliness..

Love,
Susie and Juggie

Martha Sam - August 10, 2017 at 02:34 PM

BP

The family of Mrs. Ruby Guy, Mrs. Annie Lyons, Mr. Garland Lyons, Ramona Lyons and Bessi Foster Pegues would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Slack Family. Mrs. Slack was a great friend to our grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Guy and our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lyons. We will always have fond memories of her. God Bless You and Your Family.

Sincerely,
Bessi Pegues and Ramona Lyons

Bessi Pegues - August 13, 2017 at 08:12 PM