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JACQUELINE L. HENDERSON

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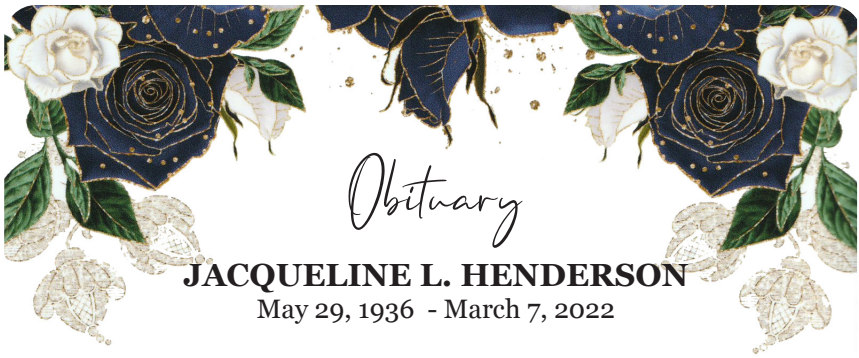
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Obituary

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Jacqueline Louise was born in Harlem, NY, on May 29, 1936, to Adlyne Johnson and Cecil Grant. She grew up the only girl with three brothers she adored, Wayman, Cecil, and John, all of whom preceded her in death.

From an early age, the girl everyone called Jackie was adventurous, fun-loving, outgoing, and friendly. In kindergarten at Harlem's Resurrection Catholic School, she met Carol Ebron (Jackson), who became her best friend for life. Jackie went on to attend Washington Irving High School.

In 1954, Jackie married Edward Strong, Sr., and they would have three children, Edward Jr., born in Harlem, Jalyne, born in Brooklyn and Diane, born in Queens. As a young mother, Jackie was active as a Cub Scouts Den Mother, a Public School teacher's aide, and a member of the St. Albans neighborhood Block Club. She loved to bake and participate in bake sales. She was an accomplished seamstress, making clothes for her family and costumes for her children for Halloween and school plays. She was a nurturing mother, very involved in her children's development and early education. Her marriage to Ed would last for 18 years.

In 1972, Jackie relocated with her daughters to Charlotte, NC. As a single mother, she worked for the General Electric Company. She would meet and marry Ronald "Ron" Henderson, Sr., in Charlotte, and become a caring stepmother to his six children, Ronald, Jr., Darryl, Sonya (deceased), Gayle, Tawana, and Godji.

In the late 1980's Jackie moved to New Jersey and lived for a while with her son, his wife, and her grandson, Sam. She worked in the Treasury Department for the State of New Jersey until her retirement.





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Jackie and Ron returned to Charlotte to retire and be close to their young grandchildren, Miles, Ahna, Kyaja and Alahna.

Throughout her life, Jackie maintained the same loving and kind spirit. She was welcoming to everyone; loved spending time with family and old friends, and always excited about making new friends. She was a devoted wife and mother. She showered her loved ones with unconditional affection and unwavering loyalty. They knew she would always be there, believing in and encouraging them to find their passions in life and follow their dreams.

Jackie loved music, especially soul music and gospel, and she loved singing. She'd proudly share the story of her singing on Wednesday Night Amateur Hour at the Apollo when she was only 18-years-old, and would say, smiling, "I didn't get booed!" Jackie was an avid Scrabble player. She also loved playing "scratch-offs," and watching game shows on television.

Her bright smile and peals of laughter were heartfelt and contagious. She was one-of-a-kind, loved and admired for her outer and inner beauty. Although gone from our earthly presence, Jackie is forever in our hearts.

Jacqueline is survived by her husband of more than 40 years, three children, five stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, sons and daughters in law, sisters in law, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, her best friend for life and many dear friends and acquaintances. She is remembered fondly by the many people whose lives she touched.



Jacqueline's Favorite Biblical Verse

*This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalms 118:24