



Nell Griffis Jackson

November 11, 1931 - October 3, 2019

Nell Griffis Jackson of Newnan, Georgia met her Lord on October 3, 2019. She was born November 11, 1931 to the late Oscar B. and Lorena Karr Griffis of Villa Rica, Georgia. She graduated from Villa Rica High School, Villa Rica, Georgia in 1948. On August 25, 1951, Nell Married Searcy Jackson from Carrollton, Georgia. In 1954 Searcy answered the Divine call from God to enter the ministry. Both she and Searcy believed a call to preach was a call to prepare; thus, they began their educational careers. Nell's employment career included the accounting department of Southern Bell in Atlanta, the payroll department with Talon Zipper Co. in Cleveland, GA, First Federal Savings and Loan in Cordele, GA, First National Bank in Gainesville, GA, accounts receivable clerk with Air Host Inn in Atlanta, bookkeeper with Newnan High School and over 17 years with First National – First Union Bank. The earlier jobs, Nell was working to enable her husband, Searcy, to complete his college and seminary training. She worked during the day and attended college at night, taking church related courses. She attended Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, GA, Mercer University in Macon GA and The University of Georgia satellite campus in Gainesville GA. In addition to her parents, Nell Jackson was preceded in death by her sister Doris Jordan and her husband Ray Jordan, Betty Miller and her husband Tom Miller, a brother Charles Griffis and her nieces Judy Jordan Philips, Jane Miller Hall and a nephew David Jordan. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Searcy Jackson of Newnan, GA; her children Danny Jackson and his wife Brenda of Leesburg GA, Jeff Jackson and his partner Stan Pollard of Atlanta, Jan Rivers and her husband David of Augusta GA. Her grandchildren are T. J. Jackson and his wife Amanda of Leesburg, Heather Rivers of Augusta, Jackson Rivers and his wife Erica of Carrollton and Zoe Margolin of Atlanta. Nell was instrumental in organizing the WMU, the Sunbeams and YWA while Searcy was pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Bowden GA. She also exercised leadership in all the churches where they served. While Searcy was transitional pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church, the Young at Heart Senior Ministry was formed. It is a vibrant part of the church to this day and a tribute to the vision she and Searcy had for the ministry. Nell was known by her traits of dependability and sincere dedication to whatever task in which she was involved. These life lessons were also the bedrock of raising her children. If a task was worth doing in life, it, absolutely must be done correctly

the first time, as that may be the only chance one gets. Nell was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother to her family and understood very well her duty as the wife of a minister. She would comment that while Searcy might be leaving the church they were serving, they really wished they could keep Nell. Nell was born of an incredible servant's spirit. Her greatest joy was in service to the sick, needy and the hurting. Church membership was never a determinant in her servant heart. To be in her life, hopefully, you would receive one of her famous pecan pies, and if you were out of the area, they could always be shipped to you! The life of this dear saint of God will be remembered and joyfully celebrated in a service to be held at her beloved Macedonia Baptist Church in Newnan on October 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM. The family and friends will gather for visitation at McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan on Saturday, October 5, 2019 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to memorialize her life, may do so by a memorial gift to Macedonia Baptist Church 1504 Macedonia Road Newnan GA 30263 or to Brightmoor Hospice 3247 Newnan Road Griffin GA 30223, www.brightmoorhospice.com.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com.

Please see the link to view Mrs. Jackson's Tribute Video:
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/RNB5Z699GTTX7HYW>

McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Abilene Baptist Church Cemetery

2046 N. Hwy 113
Carrollton, GA 30117

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

OCT 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Baptist Church
1504 Macedonia Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Nell was one of the sweetest ladies I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She and Mr. Searcy passed on their kind ways to their children as well. Every time I was around her, she made me feel special and I just thought about what a gracious lady she was. She will be truly missed. My prayers are for Mr. Searcy, Danny, Jan and Jeff and the whole family. I love y'all.*

Cindy Duke - October 14, 2019 at 02:39 PM

BW

“ *Though it has been many years since I last saw Mrs. Jackson, my memory of her is as vivid as if it was yesterday when I last saw her sweet smile. She was such a loving, kind, supportive and caring woman who adored her equally sweet husband and their children. She was also an amazing southern "chef" and I will always remember the car full of home-cooked dishes of everything imaginable that her son and my dear friend Jeff would bring back every time he went home to visit his parents. Sending my love and healing thoughts to the family.*

Betty Willis - October 09, 2019 at 11:00 PM

CS

“ *Miss Nell was a lovely, kind and gentle lady. Certainly, God has a new plan for her spirit in the Kingdom of Heaven. I remember her clearly from growing in Macedonia Baptist Church and know she will be missed by her family and friends. My prayers and thoughts will continue for Mr. Searcy, Danny, Jan, Jeff and extended family.*

Charles Sprayberry

Charles Sprayberry - October 08, 2019 at 08:35 AM

SB

“ *Mrs. Jackson was an amazing women of God when I first got to know her 5 years ago she was so helpful nice . I always saw her standing by her husbands side and supporting him .She was an amazing testament of a wonderful person . My prayers are with your whole family.*

*Sincerely yours ,
Steve Bridenbaugh*

Steve Bridenbaugh - October 07, 2019 at 03:07 PM

EW

“ Mrs. Jackson was one of the kindest, most loving, and most giving persons who ever lived. She was an exceptional role model. No one was more dedicated to her church and family. I have so many fond memories of Mrs. Jackson. My heart goes out to Mr. Searcy, Danny, Jan, Jeff, and the rest of the family. I know you will miss her so much, as we all will. She was truly a special lady.

Evan Willis - October 06, 2019 at 09:36 PM

JH

“ Mrs. Nell was such a sweet woman. Her husband Searcy married me and my husband and they both have always been so supportive and loving. Rest In Peace Nell. I know you are healed now! Prayers for the family.

Joel and Valarie Hayes - October 06, 2019 at 09:12 PM

EJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family at this very difficult time. Nell is in a more beautiful place than any of us can even imagine. With deepest sympathy, Bob and Irene Jones

ELIZABETH Jones - October 06, 2019 at 03:33 PM

DC

“ I will miss Nell as she was such a good person to me as a kid growing up in Atlanta. Her mother and the rest of her family treated me as if I were a son and I will never forget them.

*Donald Calhoun
Whitinsville, MA*

Donald Calhoun - October 06, 2019 at 09:33 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Searcy and the entire Jackson family. We pray that God will give you comfort, peace and strength during this sad time for your family. Miss Nell was a good person that could bring joy to ones heart with her love and compassion that she expressed for others. She will be truly missed.

*Jimmy and Marsha Morris
Jana, Kristin and Bella*

Jimmy and Marsha Morris - October 06, 2019 at 12:20 AM

TG

“ It was my great privilege to know this wonderful lady Nell. She and Searcy played such a vital role in my youth at Macedonia. I send my sympathy to all the Jackson family members and express my appreciation for your friendship through these many years.

Tommy Garner

Tommy Garner - October 05, 2019 at 08:50 PM

WB

“ Danny - Len and I wanted to let you know we are thinking and praying for your family. She must have been a great Mom to have raised a great man like you, our police brother. God Bless....Walt Brooks (retired GBI SAC)

Walt Brooks - October 05, 2019 at 03:01 PM

JG

“ Mr. Searcy, I am so sorry to read of Miss Nell's passing. She was such a sweet lady and y'all were the perfect couple. My heart hurts for your loss. Love, Jennie Pursley Gillihan

Jennie Gillihan - October 05, 2019 at 02:46 PM

RA

“ Our hearts ache for you all. We have sweet memories of Nell and Searcy from the time we were very little. As adults, They have been with us at every major event in our lives. Our love for this couple is so deep. Nell laughed with us and cried with us when we walked through this same valley for our loved ones. She sat at the bedside with us, stood with us at the graveside, smiled and prayed over us more than once. She loved on us as a young married couple, offered words of wisdom to us as young parents. Of course, pecan pies were frequently involved. We love you all and pray for you as you walk through this valley.

May wonderful memories flood your minds and warm your hearts .

Much love and condolences to you all.

Ray and Alyson Putnam

Ray and Alyson - October 05, 2019 at 12:31 PM

LW

“ Love Jason and Shalya Winston purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nell Griffis Jackson.



Love Jason and Shalya Winston - October 05, 2019 at 08:47 AM

DB

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Nells. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. She was a very sweet lady.

Deborah Beavers - October 05, 2019 at 08:32 AM

LB

“ Searcy and family
Sorry to hear of Mrs. Nells home going. She was a wonderful lady. - Leola (lee) Beavers

Leola Beavers - October 05, 2019 at 08:29 AM

TS

“ Terri Shropshire lit a candle in memory of Nell Griffis Jackson



Terri Shropshire - October 05, 2019 at 12:48 AM

JE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Jackson's passing. Thinking of the entire family.

Jennifer Egas - October 05, 2019 at 12:17 AM

SL

“ Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Nell Griffis Jackson



Sandra Lewis - October 04, 2019 at 09:29 PM

DB

“ Ms. Nell was such a sweet soul. Many prayers for comfort for your family.

Donna Williford Burger

Donna Burger - October 04, 2019 at 07:39 PM

RM

“ *My Thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Love you all,
Robin Barron Mann*



Robin B Mann - October 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM

FF

“ *My prayers are with all the Jackson family during this time of loss. Miss Nell was
as nice as they come. Frank Farmer*

FRANK FARMER - October 04, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DS

“ *Dear Searcy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Nell' death, She was a Super nice Person and didn't meet
a stranger.
May the Good Lord give you Peace, Love and Contentment during this very
difficult time.
God loves you and I do too,
Don Jones Sr.*

Don Jones Sr. - October 04, 2019 at 02:49 PM

BW

“ *Nell was such a sweet lady. Know she will be missed ! Always a smile on her face
no matter what !!*

Beverly Walker - October 04, 2019 at 02:43 PM

JH

*One of the sweetest ladies I've ever known! My prayers go the to the kids and Mr.
Sercy during this sad time!*

Judy Burnham Hill - October 04, 2019 at 06:09 PM

GG

“ *Greg & Dianne Ferrell & Girls lit a candle in memory of Nell
Griffis Jackson*



Greg & Dianne Ferrell & girls - October 04, 2019 at 02:16 PM

BL

“ *BONNIE WILLIAMS LEGGETT lit a candle in memory of Nell Griffis Jackson*



BONNIE WILLIAMS LEGGETT - October 04, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nell Griffis Jackson.*



October 04, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nell Griffis Jackson.*



October 04, 2019 at 01:29 PM

TF

“ *The GASFA Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nell Griffis Jackson.*



The GASFA Family - October 04, 2019 at 01:20 PM

TS

“ *From The Sloan family: Sending love and prayers of comfort and peace to the entire Jackson family. May God wrap you all in his arms during this difficult time.*

Teresa Sloan - October 04, 2019 at 11:46 AM

MM

“ There’s a special place in all of our hearts for our mothers, just like there’s a special place in every mother’s heart for her children. You must continue to carry her memory in that special place in your heart. I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your mother

Michael Mason

Mike Mason - October 04, 2019 at 11:21 AM