

OBITUARIES

Dorothy M. Ward Jackson
Dec. 15, 1922-July 14, 2010

Funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy Jackson were held Saturday, July 24, 2010 at the Mt. Olive Community Church, Rusk, Texas. Pastor Mertis Bartley, II officiated the service. Mrs. Dorothy Ward Jackson was born December 15, 1922 near the Elm Grove Community on the Frank Carnelius Farm to Margaret to Williams and Henry Ward. Her family were sharecroppers. By the time she was 13, the family moved to Rusk. she and her syblings Roy Singletary, Doris and Henry attended Rusk Colored School.

She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. She met and married George Jackson in December 18, 1943. He preceeded her in death in 1989. They raised two children,

nephew Jimmy Ray Singletary and God Daughter Annie Jewel.

From 1946 to 1972 she worked and traveled outside Rusk but never changed her address.

In 1972 she opened her own motel and restaurant called the Jackson Motel and Restaurant. it was the first black owned and operated motel in Rusk. It remained open until 1995.

Preceeding her in death were her parents, brothers and a sister. She leaves to cherish her memory God Daughter Annie Jewel Majors; Nephew Jimmy Ray (Claudette) Singletary; one brother Herman (Mae) Ward; Two sisters: Laurissa Stramler and Mabel Jordon Session, Nephew: Walter (Piet) Singletary; one neice Lola (Adam) Mallard and many other relatives and friends. The service was under the directions of Williams Funeral Home. Burial was at Rusk Memorial Cemetary.

Sunshine Dickson
August 14, 1933-June 14, 2010

Sunshine Dickson was born to the parents of Turner Dickson, Jr. and Ellas Bailey Dickson August 14, 1933 in Rusk, Texas. She passed away Thursday, June 24, 2010 in Jacksonville, Texas. She was raised in Rusk and attended the Rusk Public School. She joined Mt. Olive Baptist at a young age and remained a member there until her death. She was a cook by profession and was well known around Rusk. She worked many years in the nineteen sixties and seventies at local cafes including the Red Light Cafe, Smith's Cafe and Thomas J. Rusk Hotel restaurant..

She was preceeded in death by her parents, two sisters: Buella and Ella Mae (Dee) Dickson; two brothers: Turner Dickson, III and Thurman Dickson.

She leaves to cherish her memories a daughter Minnie (French) Hooper; two granddaughters(she reared as her own) Eustacia (Arthur) Hackney and Carolyn Polk both of Rusk; granddaughter Kendra Hooper; one grandson, French Hooper of Rusk. eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter Alyjiah Kayton; two brothers: Floyd Dickson and Odell Tinsley; a host of neices and nephews and other relatives and friends.

I laid me down and slept;
I awakened; for the Lord
sustained me.

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Aretha Franklin plans movie based on her life

Aretha Franklin has been quietly meeting with today's leading black actors and actresses, including Denzel Washington and Terence Howard, for roles in the film based on her New York Times best-selling autobiography, 'Aretha: From These Roots,' and she says she's in the midst of finalizing negotiations. The 18-time Grammy Award-winning power belter tells BV Newswire, "These actors are enthusiastic about the project and have agreed to take on these roles subject to further negotiation."

Academy Award-winning actress Halle Berry is Aretha's top pick to play her younger self. Berry previously won an Emmy and a Golden Globe for portraying famed actress Dorothy Dandridge in the made-for-television movie 'Introducing Dorothy Dandridge.'

Denzel Washington, whom the Detroit native visited during his Tony Award-winning run on Broadway in August Wilson's 'Fences,' told Franklin he's open to playing the role of Franklin's father, Rev. C.L. Franklin. 'Law and Order: Los Angeles' star and Oscar-nominated Terrence Howard

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In Memory of
Senetta Yvetta Mallard

God saw her getting tired,
A cure was not to be,

He wrapped her in His loving arms and whispered "come with me".
She suffered much in silence. Her spirit did not bend.
She faced her pain with courage until the end. She tried so hard to stay
with us.

Her fight was not in vain.

So, God took her to her loving eternal home and
freed her from the pain.

We love you and miss you so much Netta.

~Your Family

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