

Mary Lois Boyd Jackson

Mary Lois Jackson was 1 of 10 children from the union of Henry and Sweetie Lacy Boyd. She graduated from Fred Douglas High School in 1960 and married Willie Jackson shortly thereafter. Mary Lois had a servant's heart. She earned her Bachelors of Science in Education at Texas College thereby gaining K-8 certification. Knowing that the ability to read and write is the key to employment and staying out of the judicial system, she pressed forward in obtaining expertise in teaching this skill. Mary Lois earned a Master's in Elementary Education at Michigan State University and a Reading Recovery certification from Western Michigan University plus, 32 hours of post-graduate work at Central Michigan University. She used all the knowledge she gained, coupled with Godly love, to pour into children's lives for 40 years in the Saginaw Michigan Public School District. She went on to become one of the groundbreaking literacy coaches that trained other teachers.

Mary Lois was a woman of God. She was an active member of Bethel AME church where she served on the steward board, trustee board, Class leader's Council, Intercessory prayer team, puppets of praise ministry, Waves of Praise Flag Ministry and Crowns of Glory liturgical Dance Ministry. This is just a few things she took the lead on.

Mary Lois was a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. She was the president of the Zeta Omega Zeta Chapter in Saginaw. As such, she led her chapter in many community service endeavors. This led to her nomination for the Marquis Who's Who of American Women.

The union between Mary Lois and Willie Jackson brought forth four children: Morgann, Karl, Michael, and Michelle. Each of whom are brilliant community servants themselves. In their own words about their mother, "Love is the garment she wears. The outfit is aglow every day. To God be the glory for what you have done. We are all humbled."

"and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose". Romans 8:28