



Dr. Mirtlean Mable Jenkins

May 15, 1934 - March 4, 2019

Dr. Mirtlean Jackson Jenkins was born in Shannon, MS to Charles Jackson and Demetria (Gilliam) Jackson. She confessed hope in Christ at nine years of age, and was baptized under the Pastoral Leadership of Rev. L.T.

Phinnissee of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of East St. Louis, IL, where she served in the choir, the Young Matrons, and was Asst.

Superintendent of the Church School.

She was educated in the East St. Louis Public Schools, and upon graduation attended Lane College in Jackson, TN. Later she received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO, a Master's degree in Psychiatric Social Work from St. Louis University, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Services Administration from the Union Graduate College in Cincinnati, OH. She also studied at the University of Illinois, University of Nebraska, George Williams College, and the University of Maryland. She was a National Certified and Wisconsin Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Social Work Field Instructor. Dr. Jenkins' life was devoted to serving people, particularly the poor and disadvantaged, starting her career as a public assistance worker. Her career includes employment in both private and public agencies, and a teacher of grades K -graduate studies. She was a veteran professional clinician, educator, consultant and administrator who served on the teaching and administrative faculties of the University of Nebraska School of Social Work, Cardinal Stritch University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Social Work, Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), and

George Williams College. She further served on the faculty of St. Martin's College (Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program), and Springfield College of Milwaukee, WI.

On December 24, 1954, she was united in holy matrimony to Jessie Jenkins. To this union one child was born. Prior to becoming a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and while residing in Omaha, NE, she affiliated with Pilgrim Baptist Church. While living in the Chicago Metropolitan area, she served at Second Baptist Church. At Mt. Zion, she served as a Deaconess, Trustee, and Sunday School teacher. Among the numerous organizations in which she held membership were: Harmony Chapter #3 (Eastern Star), Epsilon Kappa Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Milwaukee Chapter of Links, Inc., Academy of Certified Social Workers, National Council of Negro Women, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers, National Black Alcohol Counselors, and American Assoc. of University Women.

She is also listed in Who's Who if Human Service Professionals and Who's Who if American Educators. She departed this earthly life on March 4, 2019, and will be lovingly remembered by grandchildren: Tisdale Griffin, Kiara Griffin, Kili Griffin and Mary Griffin; great-grandchildren: Terrance, Lyniah, Jeremiah and My'Kiah; brother, James (Alma) Jackson; brothers-in-law, Atty. Jimmie Jenkins and Anthony Jenkins; sisters-in-law: Regina Jackson, Vera DePriest, and Ida V. Faulkner. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Demetria Jackson; husband, Jessie Jenkins; daughter, Deirdre Smith; brothers, Charles Jackson, Jr. and Jimmie Lee Jackson.

Cemetery Details

Southern WI Veterans Cemetery

21731 Spring St.
Union Grove, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion B.C.
2207 N. 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry about the loss of Mirtlean. My deepest condolences goes out to the family. May “the God of tender mercies” comfort you all during this time of sorrow. (2Cor.1:3,4)

B.D. - March 07, 2019 at 09:39 AM

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Thank you. I'm Kiara Griffin her oldest granddaughter, I'm just now seeing this I had no idea that this was even on the internet. We appreciate you.

Kiara Griffin - February 26, 2022 at 12:48 PM