
AND I HAVE YOU

Rain has drops
Sun has shine
Moon has beams
That make you mine
Rivers have banks
Sands for shores
Hearts have heartbeats
That make me yours
Needles have eyes
Though pins may prick
Elmer has glue
To make things stick
Winter has Spring
Stockings feet
Pepper has mint
To make it sweet
Teachers have lessons
Soup du jour
Lawyers sue bad folks
Doctors cure
All and all
This much is true
You have me
And I have you

– Nikki Giovanni

In Gratitude

The family and friends of Jackie Rogers are grateful for the many ways in which you have supported and uplifted us during this difficult time. Thank you to those who have gathered in person and virtually to remember and celebrate Jackie's life and the blessing she was to us all.



A Celebration of Life

Jacqueline E. Rogers

August 30, 1949 ~ January 9, 2025



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 AT 6 PM

Davis Funeral Home
89 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts
Fr. Oscar Pratt, Officiating

Life Reflections

Jacqueline Elizabeth “Jackie” Rogers

Jacqueline Elizabeth Rogers (Jackie) was born to Tommie Mae (Tharpes) Rogers and William James Rogers in Montgomery Alabama. She attended the St. John the Baptist Catholic School and the historic St. Jude Educational Institute in her early years, where she developed many lifelong friendships and graduated salutatorian of their small, but mighty Class of 1967.

She was a distinguished graduate of Hampton University’s Class of 1971, and exemplified the motto of "Letting Your Life Do the Singing" through a lifetime of service, achievement, and advocacy. Jackie embarked on her journey at Hampton University in the fall of 1967, where she overcame challenges with resilience and cultivated her lifelong love of service and education. This decision to attend Hampton proved to be a pivotal and life-changing chapter in her journey. Jackie often spoke proudly of being a member of “That class” (The Class of 1971), that fostered deep and lasting friendships that she would cherish throughout her life. She remained connected to her Hampton close friends and classmates, celebrating their weddings, births of their children and grandchildren, high school and college graduations and attending class reunions faithfully as she celebrated the enduring bond that they all shared.

At Hampton, Jackie majored in psychology and graduated Magna Cum Laude, a testament to her dedication and academic excellence. She also pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as she joined the Gamma Iota Chapter in the Spring of 1969, along with her twenty-line sisters. This transformative experience reinforced a lifelong passion for sisterhood and community service. Despite being unable to attend the line's 50th Anniversary celebration in person because of her health challenges, Jackie contributed significantly as part of the planning committee, offering her exceptional organizational and technology skills. Her line sisters ensured she was part of the celebration virtually, a testament to the love and admiration they had for her.

Jackie’s affection for her “Home by the Sea” was unwavering, and she was deeply committed to ensuring Hampton University’s legacy and sustainability. Following her graduation, she became an active member of the National Hampton Alumni Association. She played an instrumental role in shaping the organization, serving as a Board member during its incorporation. Over the years, she rose through the ranks, holding several leadership positions, including President of the Boston Chapter, First Vice President and President of the North Atlantic Region, and Organizational Effectiveness Chair on the National Board.

After graduating from Hampton University, Jackie decided to pursue further education at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. After completing her graduate degree in Social Psychology at Harvard, she decided to remain in the Boston area and eventually, made Boston her home for more than 50 years.

A social psychologist by training, Jackie began her early career as a prison psychologist and university instructor, later serving as Director of Research and Development at an education think tank. Her work spanned public, parochial, and community schools, where she devised innovative methods to enrich the learning experiences of disadvantaged children.

Life Reflections Continued

Her career took a pivotal turn in 1982 when she transitioned to John Hancock Financial Services, where she excelled for 22 years in roles such as Systems Analyst, Software Engineer, and Project Manager. Jackie’s expertise in technology and organizational effectiveness made her a leader in program management and process improvement.

Jackie’s commitment to community service was unparalleled. She fostered and mentored several youth with all achieving college education and fulfilling lives. Her advocacy extended to literacy programs for African American men, achieving national recognition for its impact. Her leadership in organizations like the Veterans' Benefits Clearinghouse and INROADS inspired many and earned her numerous accolades, including the Hampton University Outstanding Alumni Award and the Boston YMCA Black Achiever Award.

In her leisure time, Jackie found joy in travel, reading, journaling, and scrapbooking. A passionate traveler, she explored the Caribbean, Europe, South America, and beyond, always longing to visit Africa and the South Pacific. She offered pro bono workshops, shared therapeutic tools with at-risk youth, and chronicled her life in scrapbooks that reflected her rich experiences.

Jackie’s journey was marked by faith, perseverance, and an unwavering dedication to others. She will be remembered as a beacon of inspiration, leaving a legacy that echoes her alma mater's call to let her life sing through service, education, and compassion.

She is survived by her brother Gary (Butch) Rogers, many beloved family members, several lifelong friends, countless mentees, and a community forever enriched by her presence.

Order of Service

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Boston Alumnae Chapter

SELECTION

Blessed Assurance

PRAYER SERVICE

Fr. Oscar Pratt

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23
read by Dr. Faye Holder-Niles

SELECTION

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

READING OF THE OBITUARY

Kvass “Dee” Smith, Nephew

REMARKS AND REFLECTIONS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CLOSING REMARKS

CLOSING SELECTION

AMAZING GRACE

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

*Following the service, the Celebration of Jackie’s Life will continue at
Fort Hill Bar and Grille, 2805 Washington Street, Roxbury.*