PALLBEARERS

Jason Jackson
Calbert Jackson
Marquan Jackson
Justin Jackson
Mariontе' Jackson
LeMarr Jackson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

William Jackson
Samuel Jackson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family would like to express gratitude to Pastor Kenneth Hoskins, Pastor Nathaniel Allen, and Rev. C.B. Davenport for their pastoral support. Thank you to the Macedonia M.B.C. Family and Christ M.B.C. Family for wrapping your arms around us. Family and friends, we appreciate all the love and support you've shown us through this difficult time. And if we missed you, you too! Special thanks to Crystal T. Hardley and Toombs by Crystal Funeral Services.

REPAST

Macedonia M.B.C.
Lower Level
Immediately following service

INTERNMENT

Garfield Cemetary
2222 Kalamazoo Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Services Entrused to Toombs by Crystal Funeral Services
4257 Kalamazoo Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF

ELMA
JACKSON ROBINSON

94 YEAR JOURNEY



November 26, 1931 - December 10, 2025

FAMILY HOUR

Saturday, December 20, 2025
11am

HOMEGOING SERVICE

Saturday, December 20, 2025
1pm

Macedonia Missonary Baptist Church

48 Dennis Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Pastor Kenneth Hoskins, Officiating





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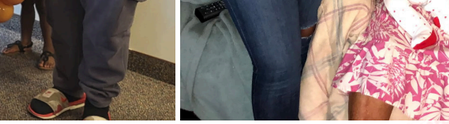




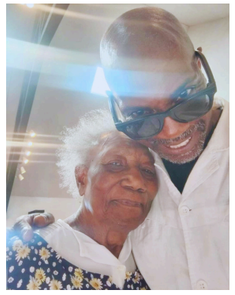




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Happy
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LETTERS

My sister and my best friend,
I'm really going to miss you. But God knows what's best. Our memories we shared together will always be in my heart - our trips to the mall and our dinners we shared. Sister Robinson knew what I didn't have to tell her that I loved her cause we showed it toward each other each day. RIP.
-Sister Ruby Jones & Family

Mother Robinson,
Oh how blessed and privileged we all were to fellowship around your bed, singing *God Has Smiled on Me* going right into *Amazing Grace*. I said, "Mother, sing your song, *Come on in the Room*" with your baby Gretha, Prestina, and Cassina by your side When we stopped singing, Gretha said, "Mom, you done singing or do you want to sing more?" You told us that you were ready to go be with the Lord. I'll surely miss you, Mother Robinson, especially watching the beautiful smile on your face glowing like an angel, walking up the ramp, giving me hugs and kisses. I'd ask, "Mother, are you old ladies ready to eat?"
Her favorite word was "Yep"
RIP.
Know that Cassina loves you



Please give her back
Everything is outta whack
We're trying to stand strong
But the world cracked when you left

Are we gonna find our way
To where you're at
'Cause man, Granny
This is kinda bad

You were the glue, the laugh, the light
The voice that calmed our hardest nights
Your love was loud without a sound
You held us up when we broke down

Every memory plays like a song
Your strength still tells me to keep going on
Every time my mind thinks about you
I get sad - but I get thankful too

'Cause you taught me love
You taught me grace
You taught me how to keep my faith
Even in loss, I hear you say
"Pooh, you gon' be okay."

So this ain't goodbye,
It's just peace
Rest easy, Granny -
Live forever in me
-Nikki Pooh

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	*Come on in the Room*
Prayer	Lady Sharonda (Sharunna) Hoskins
Scripture: Old and New Testament	
Selection	Macedonia Choir
Poem	Samantha Whitfield
Sister Robinson's Earthly Walk Acknowledgements	Sister Sharon (Shurn) Rush
Musical Tribute	Kenny Keys, Rae Hudnell, Ernie Figures, Tavieon Nolen, James Jones
Spoken Word	LeMarr Jackson
Reflections	Pastor Nathaniel Allen
Selection	Macedonia Choir
Eulogy	Pastor Kenneth Hoskins
Recessional	*Come on in the Room*

Repast immediately following the service in the lower level



SISTER ROBINSON'S EARTHLY WALK

Elma Harris Perkins was born to Lomax and Pecolia Perkins on November 26, 1931, in Montgomery, Alabama. What a coincidence that a precious baby girl was born on Thanksgiving Day. Who but God knew at that time that one of the sweetest of God's creations was born.

Elma was the second oldest of nine children. As a young girl, she would help care for her siblings, combing her sister's hair and cooking meals for the family while her parents went to work. Elma's youngest sister tells the story of how Elma would discipline her when she got out of line. Even before starting her own family, Elma was motherly. Spare the rod, spoil the child was her motto. Being a great sister pruned her to become an amazing mother and grandmother.

At a young age, Elma married Nelson Jackson Sr. Nelson adored taking care of his wife, driving her everywhere. To this union, three children were born: Dorothy, Nelson, and William. As time went on, Elma was widowed. With three children in tow, she began her walking journey. She walked to work, the grocery store, and wherever they needed to go. Still on the move, Elma would give birth to six more chilren: Diann, Kathy, twins Sonja and Tonja, Samule, and Lana. In 1965, with all nine of her children, she participated in the March on Selma, walking wtih Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She made her way and her stamp on history.

In 1967, Elma made a big move to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she became a member of Macedonia M.B.C. under the leadership of Dahalia Anderson. Shortly after, she gave birth to her son James and then, Elma's baby girl, Gretha was born. Rev. Anderson would make sure that Sister Jackson and all eleven children would get to all services being held at the church. Sister Jackson was a faithful servant of God and no matter what, she and her children were going to get to the church house. She would walk to church and everywhere else, becoming known as the little old lady who lived in the shoe. She was that but she DID know what to do -TRUST in the Lord and lean not to her own understanding.

For her family, Elma purchased a home located at 608 Prospect Ave SE. She continued serving at Macedonia M.B.C under the leadership of Pastor Charlie Jones, becoming fast friends with Sister Ruby Jones and their families became family to one another. She met Roosevelt Robinson (Bell), an army retiree, and they married. Pastor Jones officiated the wedding, and Jerome was the witness. Roosevelt would now become her driver. She would always say to him, "I walk faster than you drive," which was true. He would get tickets for driving too slow. Elma never gave up on anything. Pastor Jones would always request Sister Robinson's cooking for church events, especially her fried chicken (the best ever!). She never gave up on anything. Although she had a sixth-grade education, she returned to school around age sixty and graduated from Mid-City Alternative School, where she also worked in the cafeteria. Later on, Elma began working at the United Methodist Community House as a senior companion until she became a senior herself and joined the program. She had a passion and love for God, people, gardening, and cooking. She attended Macedonia M.B.C until the day she transitioned to be with the Lord.

Preceded in eternal rest by: Father Lomax and Mother Pecolia Perkins, Elma's first husband Nelson Jackson Sr. and second husband Roosevelt Robinson, one daughter Dorothy Jean Jackson, two sons, Nelson Jackson Jr. and James Jackson, two brothers Roosevelt Perkins Sr. and Jimmy Lee Perkins, four sisters Cora (Hank) Diepstra, Carrie Conely, Callie Perkins, and Virginia Moore, four grandsons, Drake, Kodey, Chucky, and Christopher Jackson.

Elma leaves to cherish: two sons, William and Samule Jackson, both of Grand Rapids, Michigan, six daughters, Diann, Kathy, Sonja, Tonja, Lana, and Gretha Jackson, all of Grand Rapids, Michigan, twenty-five grandchildren, forty-eight grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren, one sister Ella (Heron) Hudnell and one brother Mackie (Sonya) Perkins, an abundance of nephews, nieces, friends, and loved ones including Sister Ruby Jones who was very dear to her, Laura Carr, her dinner buddy, and Pearline Reynolds, her bingo buddy at the Methodist Community Center, most of all, her "man" Jermone Jones.

