



Dovelene S. Jackson

October 15, 1933 - September 12, 2025

Dovelene Sterling Jackson, 91, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, September 12, 2025, at her residence. She entered this world on October 15, 1932, in Pine Mountain, Georgia, born to the late Rev. Ernest S. Sterling and Mrs. Willie Bell Spence Sterling. She is married to Deacon Leon Jackson.

With a heart devoted to her church, family, and friends—especially her cherished special family, Flossie and sons—Dovelene touched many lives. She found joy in nurturing her beautiful flowers and spreading love to everyone she met. Her enduring legacy lives on through her loving husband, her bonus sons and bonus daughters and a wide circle of nieces, nephews, and cousins who will continue to celebrate her memories.

Dovelene was preceded in death by her sister, Emma Mae (Mrs. Leroy Champion), and her brothers, Rev. Ralph (Elizabeth) Sterling, Mr. Lewis (Bessie) Sterling, Mr. James (Rhudene) Sterling, George Sterling, and Mr. Tommy Sterling.

Her strong faith was her guide and comfort, as reflected in her favorite scripture: “Her Lord said unto her, well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord” (St. Matthew 25:21).

Known for her signature dark red lipstick Dovelene’s favorite song, “Lily in the

Valley,” beautifully reflected her spirit and unwavering faith.

Dovilene will lie-in-state on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Thankful Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon at the Church with Dr. Mack Page as the Eulogist. Burial in Forest Hills Cemetery. Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Thankful Missionary Baptist Church
980 North Orchard Knob Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37406-4209

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Auntie Dovelene,* 🌸🌺🌹🌸

Cheryl Mathis - September 22, 2025 at 08:14 PM

AB

“ *My condolences to the family, Resting in the arms of the lord* ❤️
The Brown Family

Aleetha D Brown - September 21, 2025 at 09:10 PM

DK

“ *Sister Jackson was such a sweet person that
beautiful spirits Condolences to the family.*
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Debra Keith - September 18, 2025 at 06:35 PM

LR

“ *Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of
Dovelene S. Jackson*



Lera Richmond - September 18, 2025 at 12:03 AM

RF

“ *With deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences for your loss, we
will always cherish the memories of Sis. Jackson's kindness and
warmth.*

Reginald & Claraniece Ferguson - September 17, 2025 at 06:44 AM

AJ

“ *Anita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dovelene S. Jackson*



Anita Johnson - September 16, 2025 at 01:04 PM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dovelene S. Jackson*



Carolyn Johnson - September 15, 2025 at 03:08 PM

MP

“ *Passmore Family*



Milton Passmore - September 15, 2025 at 02:10 PM

GD

“ *Gloria J Daniels lit a candle in memory of Dovelene S. Jackson*



Gloria J Daniels - September 15, 2025 at 01:10 PM