



## Wilma Janice Jackson

August 20, 1934 - July 28, 2025

Wilma Janice Jackson, 90 years old, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 28, 2025. She was born on August 21, 1934, to the union of her late parents, Ellen Cornelia and George Thompson in Humbolt, Tennessee. She was the last of their seven children to pass on. She lived her early years with her adopted mother, Susanne Delton, where she felt loved and supported.

Wilma attended Fisk University after high school and later transferred to Lane College where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Spanish. She later attended the University of Kentucky earning her Masters Degree in Elementary Education. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was active for a number of years with the American Legion Auxiliary. She taught tirelessly in the Fayette County Public School System for 27 years before retiring. After retirement, she continued working as a substitute teacher in Fayette County schools. She is fondly remembered by many of her former students.

Lovingly referred to by many as “Granny,” she will be remembered for her generosity and strength. She had a passion for gardening and yard sales—she loved a bargain! A big portion of her life after retirement was running an in-home day care. She was grateful to have lived a long life, full of wonderful experiences as well as a loving family, many good friends and compassionate caregivers.

Wilma was married to the late John Jackson, Jr. and they were

delighted to welcome a son and a daughter into their union. She delighted in all of her family and sought to do all she could to ensure everyone had what they needed.

Besides her husband, Wilma was preceded in death by her son, John Jackson III; her siblings, Annetta Sadler, Paul Thompson, William Cornelius Thompson, George Thompson Jr. Thomas Thompson, Marie Thompson.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Donna Wakefield; her daughter-in-law; Peggy Brady; her grandchildren, Seka (John Patton) Wakefield, Tamaira (Mike) Ames, John Jackson IV, and Wanda Jackson; great-grandchildren, Kingston Wakefield, Alex Brown, and Rowan Ames; and a host of nieces and nephews

# Cemetery Details

**Lexington Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## **FUNERAL**

**AUG 8.** 12:00 PM (ET)

First African Baptist Church  
465 Price Road  
Lexington, KY

*Visitation 11:00 AM Friday August 8, 2025, at First African Baptist Church*

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Thompson Family in North Carolina. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Wilma Janice Jackson.*



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**Thompson Family in North Carolina.** - August 06, 2025 at  
10:08 PM