



## Vashti Jackson Woodson

August 25, 1918 - April 5, 2020

Vashti Jackson Woodson was born on Sunday, August 25, 1918, and departed this earthly life Sunday, April 5, 2020, to join her heavenly Father. She was the daughter of the late Roscoe and Ella Pinckney Jackson.

Vashti Woodson graduated from the historic Booker T. Washington High School and eagerly attended Benedict College, Midlands Tech and numerous community educational programs. She was married to the late David L. Woodson. The couple was blessed with six successful children.

Vashti was an active member of Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church since 1940. She served as Parish Secretary from 1960 – 1979. She served in many capacities including Eucharistic Minister, Religious Education Teacher, Parish Council Member, Girl Scout Leader and Senior Savvy Club member. She dutifully served as President of the St. Martin's Rosary Alter Society and Midlands Deanery President. Vashti was selected as Woman of the Year for the Rosary Altar Society. She also served as a substitute teacher until she was in her eighties.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Roscoe Jackson, Jr. and John Wade Johnson; and two sisters: Leveland Jackson and Elizabeth Ashford.

Left to cherish and celebrate her remarkable and engaging longevity are her six children: Thomas Raymond Woodson of Greensboro, NC, Veronic Woodson Ramseur, her unselfishly devoted primary caregiver for many years, Naomi Woodson Scipio, Anthony (Ethel) Woodson, of Sterling, VA, Margaret Ann Woodson, and Rosalyn Frierson (Roy) Smith; twelve grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and a host of dear relatives and friends.

Memorials in her honor may be made to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Building Fund. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of her life will be held at a future date

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vashti Jackson Woodson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Ms. Vashti,  
So sorry to hear of her transition. But, this I know that she lived life abundantly and followed God's lead in every step of everyday. God bless her family and may their hearts be soothed by God's abundant grace and mercy.  
In Sympathy, Lydia and Lee Rainer  
Lorton, VA  
Wimauma, FL*

L. Rainer - May 02, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers are with the family. Her sister, Ms. Leveland Jackson was like a second mom to me away from home while a student at Benedict and living upstairs at Johnson Funeral Home where she and I worked during 1978 until 1982.*



Luther Johnson, III - April 25, 2020 at 03:50 AM

CC

“ *To the Woodson Family*

*Your mom was such a special person to so many of us. I will always remember her teaching in the classroom at Dent Middle School. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Cheryl Caution-Parker*

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**Cheryl Caution-Parker** - April 16, 2020 at 02:01 PM



MC

“ *May God bless the Woodson family. What a beautiful person and spirit in this place. We were so lucky to have so many wonderful years with such a fine lady who had such physical and mental strength and tenacity until she was released to heaven. Our prayers are with you. Michelle Childs, Juliana and Floyd Angus*

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**Michelle Childs** - April 15, 2020 at 01:53 PM

VV

“ *To The Woodson Family, Your mother will live forever in so many hearts... she had such the beautiful spirit!!!*

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**Valeria White Vasser** - April 14, 2020 at 08:43 PM



TW

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Tony Woodson** - April 11, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TW

“ 4 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Tony Woodson** - April 11, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MP

“ *Heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Tony. I am sure she was a wonderful woman, because she raised you! May she rest in God's eternal peace. Take good care, Michele & John*

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**Michele P Pagan** - April 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM

LS

*A very blessed and pleasant centenarian whose memory and wisdom will always be remembered ! So many enjoyable conversations!*

*Lydia Sandiford*

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**Lydia Sandiford** - April 21, 2020 at 10:40 PM

AG

“ *Adrienne Gilyard lit a candle in memory of Vashti Jackson Woodson*



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**Adrienne Gilyard** - April 11, 2020 at 07:44 AM

AG

“ *Sending my thoughts and most sincere condolences in your time of bereavement.*

*Adrienne N. Gilyard*

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**Adrienne Gilyard** - April 10, 2020 at 10:24 PM

CH

“ *With so many fond memories.... May you rest in heavenly peace with the Lord.*



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**Cynthia White Higgins** - April 10, 2020 at 06:52 PM

EH

“ *Mrs Woodson was a role model for three generations of my family, my mother, my husband and myself and my daughters. We all admired her talents, beauty and grace. We aspired to be the kind of person she showed us. She was a woman of faith who loved every one, respected and encouraged all of us. She will be dearly missed but the legacy she left for us to follow will be remembered forever.*

*With Love,*

*The Harrison Family*

*Mike, Etta, Cicili and Malorie*

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**Etta Harrison** - April 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM

BC

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of Mrs. Woodson. We had the honor of meeting her when she visited with Tony and Ethel during the summer. Mrs. Woodson was a person of deep faith. She exuded calm, warmth, graciousness, and kindness. Not only was she pleasant, she was always smiling. Mrs. Woodson was also elegant, refined and patient, despite our prolonged and incessant chattering after Mass. She will be missed by her other family at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian. May her soul rest in peace.*

*Bill Brousseau & Yvonne Cooper*

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**Bill Brousseau & Yvonne Cooper** - April 10, 2020 at 01:03 PM

ES

“ *Ella Smith lit a candle in memory of Vashti Jackson Woodson*



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**Ella Smith** - April 10, 2020 at 11:31 AM

AM

“ My lovely sorors: Naomi, Veronica, and Rosalyn May God continue to keep you during this difficult time. I pray the wonderful memories will sustain you. Condolences to your family.



Love  
Your Soror Annie E. McDaniel

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**Annie E McDaniel** - April 09, 2020 at 11:46 PM

MP

Naomi, Veronica, and Rosalyn, my Sorors, I'm still hurt that I did not know your lovely mother had gone on to be with the Lord. I knew she was a lovely lady from the very moment when we first met. I'm so sorry for your loss, but she appeared to have lived a great life and to live to be a 101 is a blessing within itself. I pray that the good memories made with sustain you during the difficult times of missing her.

God bless!  
Mammie Price

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**Mammie Price** - May 15, 2020 at 01:11 PM

BL

“ Mrs. Woodson was a very dear friend. Cheerful and enlightening person. Margaret, I will always cherish and remember the laughter when you brought your Mother over to visit with me on several occasions. That smile was to die for when she laughed. 102 years old, I'm looking for those years to come to me. Take care and know that I'm here for you. There is greatness in you, remember what your Mother taught you.

*Bertha Lindsay, Senior Sales Director for Mary Kay Cosmetics.*

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**Bertha Lindsay** - April 09, 2020 at 12:52 PM



*Sending condolences from Jacqueline Higgins and family of Eastover SC.*

**Jakki Higgins** - April 10, 2020 at 08:21 PM

PM

*Thanks for sharing your mother with me for so many years. She was a spiritual lady with style, grace, and elegance. I admired and was inspired by her.*

**Pheobe S. Malloy** - April 15, 2020 at 06:07 PM

YR

*“ Sending condolences and well wishes to the Woodson family. What a blessed life filled with memories for so many who's lives were positively touched. Yvonne Rousseau & family*

**Yvonne Rousseau** - April 08, 2020 at 07:08 PM

BS

*“ My prayers and condolences to the Woodson family. You were so blessed to have your mom, grandmother and great grandmother for over 100 years! Always remember the fond memories of her!*

**Brenda Smith** - April 08, 2020 at 05:30 PM

SA

*“ Sending prayers of comfort for your loss. We pray comfort for the family, and also asking the Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We thank God for the time that you had with her.*

*Shirley Austin  
Holy Comfort Saint Cyprian Family*

**Shirley Austin** - April 08, 2020 at 02:39 PM

MP

“ Bless you Tony and all your family, I will offer mass for the repose of Mother Vashti Jackson Woodson. May she Rest In Peace. - Msgr. Charles Pope

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**Msgr. Charles Pope** - April 08, 2020 at 10:43 AM

DD

“ From Dr John and Deneen Davis (neighbor from VA)  
We know you were blessed to have the bright light of your mom for many years. God has her now and she's in a better place. May God continue to bless you always



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**Deneen Davis** - April 08, 2020 at 12:25 AM

GS

“ To the entire Woodson family, I send my deepest sympathy.

*While I have never had the honor to have met Mrs. Vashti Jackson Woodson personally, I have had the pleasure of having known her son Antony and his beautiful family. Just seeing that she was the parish secretary at St. Martin De Porres puts a smile in my heart. I spent many years attending Masses at our (Providence, RI) St. Martin De Porres chapel.*

*Time never permitted me to share with her what a wonderful a son along with this wife and two beautiful children she leaves behind! I ask God to welcome Mrs. Woodson home to rest in eternal peace.*

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**Gail Silva** - April 08, 2020 at 12:05 AM

VW

“ *Vonshell J. Woodson lit a candle in memory of Vashti Jackson Woodson*



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**Vonshell J. Woodson** - April 07, 2020 at 07:12 PM

VW

“ *You were loved and cherished by many people. How beautiful and sophisticated you were always even in decline. I was honored to have been seen by you . Your kind words always resonated with me. To see how you interact with your children Thomas whom I adore one could only hope that my relationship with my sons could be so deep. To your daughter Veronica I am in awe of how well she took care of you . It seems she did all that she could and it was her best. I know you were grateful. Your son Tony to see him cherish you as well was special to watch. You lead a beautiful and full life. An angel has come home. You will never be forgotten. Vonshell*

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**Vonshell J. Woodson** - April 07, 2020 at 07:09 PM

CW

“ *What a shining example of what it means to be like Christ. I remember Mrs. Woodson as the parish secretary at Saint Martin De Porres (Blessed Martin back then). Always had a smile and a kind word. Prayers for daughter and former classmate, Margaret, and all of the Woodson family. Looking forward to the celebration of life when circumstances permit. Rest in Heaven, Mrs. Woodson.*

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**Christopher Way** - April 07, 2020 at 02:03 PM

DA

*Thoughts and prayers are with the entire Woodson family especially the daughters who I saw bringing her to various functions over the years. It was always nice to be in her presence .She lived a long life and was bless to have such caring children. To God be the glory.*

**Doris J Andrews** - April 08, 2020 at 12:54 AM

EJ

*Mrs. Woodson was a thoughtful, inspiring, sincere, wonderful person who made a difference in the lives of so many people. Veronica, Naomi and all of your family are in our prayers. May it be a source of inner strength to know that there's a loving God watching over you.*

*Love and Prayers,*

*The Boykin Family: Gloria Jean Bell, Mary Scales, Letsie Bloom, Willie Boykin, Elsa Jackson, Myrna Boykin*

**Elsa Jackson** - April 08, 2020 at 04:14 PM

PH

*My dear sister, Veronica. I am praying for your contentment and even joy as you witness with your family the transitioning of your dearest mom, Ms. Woodson. Through faith, you will see her again "in that great 'gittin' up morning." Continue to lean on Jesus because your mom now rests in the bosom of Jesus. Her wonderful 101 years on this side are now infinite with Him. I can attest that your mom took care of you when you needed her, and you took care of her when she needed you! Blessings and love to you, my other sorors, and the entire Woodson Family. Keep the faith. Pauline A.S. Hill*

**Pauline A. Simmons Hill** - April 09, 2020 at 04:27 PM

CW

“*Christopher Way lit a candle in memory of Vashti Jackson Woodson*



**Christopher Way** - April 07, 2020 at 01:51 PM