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EULOGY ..... Rev. Clifford Shepherd

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Jerusalem A.M.E.  
Mt. Zion A.M.E.

### Active Pallbearers

Nephews and Cousins

## Funeral Services

for



Mrs. Mary Liza Jones Jackson Edwards

Saturday, December 23, 1989 - 11:00 a.m.

Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church

Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. Clifford Shepherd, Eulogist

Rev. Troy Daniel, Pastor

Interment - Eastside Cemetery



*A Final Tribute - A Service By Payton's Mortuary, Statesboro, Ga.*

# Obituary

Mary Liza Jones Jackson Edwards, daughter of the late Myles Albert and Mittie Ann Russell Jones, was born in Evans County, Georgia on February 25, 1916. Her life was developed in the way of family, church, school and government.

She attended the New Zion School, Nevils, Georgia of which her father was one of the founders and builders. After her graduation, her parents and Mrs. J. P. Bryant agreed for her to live with Mrs. Bryant and attend the Statesboro High and Industrial School where she graduated in 1934. After her graduation there, she attended Georgia State College (now known as Savannah State) and in 1937, she was employed by the Brooks County Board of Education, this was her first job as teacher and later became Principal. The school then became an accredited. She was principal when the school had its first graduation. Mary was also employed by Boards of Education in Cook, Burke, Jefferson and Baldwin Counties.

In 1930, she became a baptized member into the First African Baptist Church, Rev. J. P. Murphy, pastor, at the Corner of Cotton Avenue and Church Street.

While working in Brooks County, she was married to Ellis Jackson of Adel, Georgia. To this union two children were born, Ellistein Maryland Jackson Wilson and David Myles Jackson.

While in Adel, Georgia, she became a member of the St. James A.M.E. Church, where her husband also became a member. In returning to Statesboro, Georgia, she transferred her membership to Bethel A.M.E. Church in Statesboro, Georgia, where she continued her Christian study, worship, hearing the gospel preached and serving the Lord unto death.

At Bethel, she was Sunday School Supertintendent, President of the Roxie Butler Missionary Society and served in many other ways. She was past secretary and assistant secretary of the Laymen's Organization. She was also a member of the Bulloch County Retired Teachers Association, National Education Association, Georgia Education Association, National Historical Society, Ladies Auxiliary, Post 528, Iota Iota Phi Beta Sorority, Black Women of Profession and the Savannah State Alumni Association.

Some of the other colleges she attended are - Ohio State, Morehead, Conn. State, Moreman and others.

Having been a teacher and principal, she had high honors for many others she knew.

She said the highest honor of all belong to Principal James L. Brown in Jenkins County School System who felt that in the pursuant of excellence he needed a teacher qualified to teach modern math. She was his resource and he was hers. He was the only principal to sign for her to get a scholarship grant, which was given by the National Science Foundation in modern math, and gave her the job of teaching it. And because he was strict, fair and supportive she could feel the results through students; that she had students to make the Governors Honor in the same year. And there she was named Teacher of the Year.

By the family, church, school and government, many has gained many great lasting qualities.

In her departing, she leaves to share memories, a daughter, Mrs. Ellistein Maryland Jackson Wilson of Miami, Fla.; a son, David Myles Jackson of Adel, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Glynda Pearl Jones Nelson and Ms. Barbara Jones of Baltimore, Md.; five brothers, Myles E. Jones and Furman Jones, both of Washington, D.C., Patrick P. Jones and Horace C. Jones, both of Statesboro, Ga. and Waymon A. Jones of Savannah, Ga.; three grandchildren, a great-grandchild, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

*Farewell, my dear ones, don't weep for me  
I'm at peace now, just asleep,  
Farewell, my children, I'm not alone  
The Mighty Maker has led me safely home.*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family acknowledges with sincere and grateful appreciation, the many expressions of sympathy, the acts of kindness rendered to us, and most of all, your prayers of comfort.