



Jerel Jean Braxton

July 12, 1943 - August 7, 2020

Jerel Braxton was a radiant light to our family and to everyone that she met. Her vibrant personality made everyone feel loved. Mrs. Jerel Jean Miller-Braxton, was the only child born to the union of Fred Miller and Emma Beatrice Dowdy-Miller in the Summer of 1943 in Memphis, Tennessee on July 12th. I was always told by my Grandmother that she was her “Miracle Baby” because she only weighed 1.5 pounds at birth...that just goes to show that she has always been strong and was born a fighter.

Fred and Emma brought Jerel to St. Louis at the age of 2 years old, so she considered it her home. As a child, she attended Cole Elementary and graduated from Cupples Elementary School. She graduated from Sumner High School in 1962. From there she attended Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri for a year.

In 1963, through her first marriage, she became Jerel Thompson. Through that union she had two daughters, Kimberly Leandrea and Candace Germaine. She always loved being a mother, so for a while she put her focus on being the best mother that she could be, but her ambitious heart wanted her to have more for her baby girls. She went back to school to obtain get her Associate of Fine Arts Degree from Forest Park Community College. She went on after that to get her Bachelors of Elementary Education with a certification to teach Math. She went on to teach for the St. Louis Public

School System for over 20 years until her retirement.

In the late 1960's she married again to become Jerel Braxton but to that relationship no children were born. Jerel's resilience helped her to battle cancer successfully three times before she succumbed to her fourth battle and was called home on the evening of August 7th, 2020.

Jerel's magnificent legacy lives on through her pride and joy: her children, grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren. Mrs. Kimberly Mason (Jonathan David) her eldest daughter blessed her with 3 grandchildren: Ms. Brittany Danielle Mason (mother of great-grands Khyan Amari and Kenneth Kristian), Ms. Jerrica Lauren Mason (mother of great-grands Cortez Alexander, Naomi Jai'lynn, and Kodie Thomas), and Mr. Jarred David Mason. Also, her youngest daughter, Ms. Candace Germaine Johnson-Thompson blessed her with 2 more handsome grandsons, Joshua Barnes Johnson and Blake Alexander Johnson. She leaves behind countless hearts that she touched through education, church, family members, and lifelong friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerel Jean Braxton*



Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. - August 27, 2020 at 02:08 PM

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I am so sorry for loss. Please accept my prayers and condolences. I worked with Mrs. Braxton for years at Ashland School and she was very professional in every way. She was always upbeat and encourage her students to do their best. R.I.P. my friend.

Billie Morrison - September 10, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ *I'm sorry for your loss...Cousin Jerel was indeed very special and shared her wonderful spirit with me as well. She came to the Gospel Workshop of America that her Cousins, my Mom, Alda Denise Mitchell (RIP) & my Auntie, Kathryn Saunders attended in, New Orleans, before Katrina. Her and I went site seeing and shopping while they were at the workshop. We had such a wonderful time together!!!! She told me as long as your feet looked good and your hair looked nice it didn't matter what was in between. As long as you're clothes were clean. I've always remembered that and never thought about having new clothes. She and Kimberly will always have a special place in my heart!!! Blessings and comfort to the rest of the family from the Lord God Almighty!!!!*

Enid Marie Jordan - September 03, 2020 at 04:32 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to My friend's beloved children, son-in-law, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She loved you so much. She was so much a part of my life for so long. We shared so many memories. I will remember her as a gentle and faithful human being. She has been a faithful believer in Jesus Christ throughout her life. During our childhood, teenage, young adult, and mature adult years her trust in Jesus never waivered. So don't grieve, rejoice. She's not dead, she is finally alive and at peace.*

Audrey Dibble - August 26, 2020 at 05:19 PM