

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Jackson Payne Buckner

FEBRUARY 18, 2011 - FEBRUARY 27, 2023



MARCH 9, 2023

VIEWING - 10AM | SERVICE - 11AM

Kingdom Fellowship African Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Matthew L. Watley, Sr. Pastor



"BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU, AND BEFORE YOU WERE BORN I CONSECRATED YOU; I APPOINTED YOU A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS."

-JEREMIAH 1:5



From the Buckner Family

We extend our sincere gratitude and deepest appreciation for your love, kindness, and support during our unimaginable sorrow. The memories of Jackson that so many of you have shared, along with messages, calls, flowers, meal services, gifts, and words of condolence have meant a great deal to us all.

Over the past few days, we have learned even more about just how extraordinarily special Jackson was. Our entire village of family, teachers, coaches, neighbors, and friends poured into his life and helped shape him into a young man of substance. He made friends so easily and was true to each and every one of them. He supported them, championed them, and made them happy. And, of course, he was our “gentleman’s gentleman” who found something good in everything and everyone, and that’s how he would want all of us to go forth. . . leading with passion and acting with kindness.

So, while we are all brokenhearted and the pain of our loss stings to the very core, we know that Jackson would want us all to live life to the fullest, to work and play hard, and to never give up or stop pursuing our dreams. He had so many dreams and plans for the future. We know that with the love and support from of all of you, he would have made them come true.

Special thanks to Beall Funeral Home and Lakemont Memorial Gardens for their exemplary and caring arrangements and Rev. Matthew Watley, First Lady Shawna Watley, and the entire Kingdom Fellowship AME Church staff who continue their fragrant work in honoring Jackson’s life. We are truly and forever grateful.

Please continue to keep our family in your prayers in the days ahead. Never, ever stop working towards your dreams; that is what Jackson would have wanted all of us to do.

In Jackson’s memory,
The Buckner Family

Arrangements

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BOWIE, MD 20715

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**KINGDOM FELLOWSHIP
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11710 BELTSVILLE DRIVE,
CALVERTON, MD 20705

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HELD PRIVATELY

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900 W CENTRAL AVENUE,
DAVIDSONVILLE, MD 21035

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Heaven received another angel when Jackson Payne Buckner gained his wings on February 27, 2023. Jackson was a remarkable young man who created an extraordinary life during his twelve sweet years on earth. A gentleman and renaissance youth of many talents, Jackson possessed intellectual, athletic, social, and emotional abilities that made him stand out.

Academically strong, Jackson was a permanent fixture on the Principal's and High Honor Rolls. He appreciated the importance of educational excellence and had a level of wit and insight that was unusual for one so young. For those qualities, he was selected annually to serve as the Master of Ceremony for Honor Roll assemblies at his elementary school, Chesapeake Math & IT South (CMIT). Following his father's lead -- an ardent Muhammad Ali fan -- Jackson would regularly repeat Ali's mantra, "If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it," as he set about preparing himself for a life of greatness.

Greatness would have been his destiny. Jackson was likely to pursue a computer science or engineering career because he could do anything technical or related to numbers. He could solve various types of Rubik's Cubes in a few seconds and had no difficulties completing LEGO sets designed for adults. He once put together a 1400-piece LEGO set in three days flat at age 10. Jackson also enjoyed doing puzzles and solving riddles. By far, his great love was playing video games with his twin sister, Sloan, and buddies at both CMIT and Bullis School.

Jackson's mastery of and passion for things that challenged the mind and body also extended to his love for sports. He prided himself on being a three-star student-athlete with early football, basketball, and lacrosse achievements. He played football for the first time last year for both Bullis and the 11U Mighty Boys of Upper Marlboro. He made notable plays and even scored his first touchdown at his middle school's opening game. Jackson also loved playing basketball for his middle school. Over the last two summers, he received the Nike Basketball Camp's Mental Toughness Award and the Gonzaga College High School's Purple Eagle - Master Shooter Summer Award. Jackson was also a budding lacrosse star, gaining even more self-confidence when he made the elite Next Level Lacrosse 2029 Team with less than four months of playing experience.

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Stemming from his time at Reid Temple Christian Academy and CMIT South, Jackson's biggest talents may have been his positive outlook on life, his treatment of others, and his charismatic personality. He won various school awards, including the Work Habit, Citizenship, Kindness, Really Respectful, and Character citations. He was undoubtedly a young man who loved God, his family, neighbors, teammates, classmates, and friends with great passion. He greatly admired and respected his grandparents and adored his big brother, Tyler. He and Sloan were inseparable and they did everything together. They jointly cared for Hunter - their first dog, learned sports, and completed homework and many school and community projects together. Almost daily, Jackson unabashedly told his parents how much he loved them. He sought his dad's guidance and advice on almost everything, and he was known to write uplifting notes to his mom and hide them for her to find later.

As his Papa would say, Jackson was a "gentleman's gentleman" who lived a life of meaning, connection, and accomplishment. He will always be loved and very sorely missed.

Left to cherish Jackson's memory are his loving parents, Tyrone and Tami (Jackson), adoring twin sister Sloan, and big brother Tyler. Jackson was also greatly supported and loved by his grandparents, Willie J. and Ludena A. Buckner, Richard Jackson (deceased) and Bernice Payne Jackson; aunts Tracye Drake and Terry Jackson (deceased); uncles Richard Todd Jackson, Gregg Katak, and Kwan Drake; cousins Karlye and Kayden Drake; godfather Dr. Roderick Eugene Brown; godmother Teresa Bonner; and a host of family members throughout Maryland, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, and beyond.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

-JOHN 3:16



Order of Services

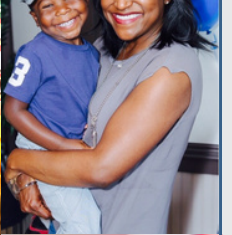
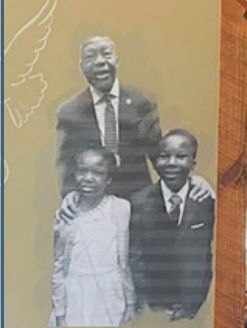
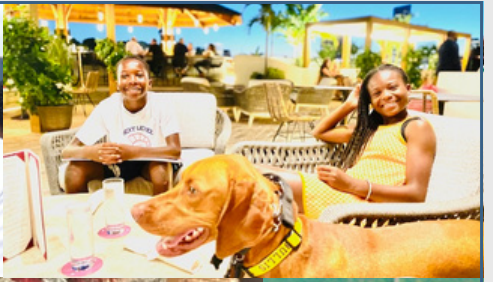
Rev. Kendra Smith, Officiant

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| Processional Hymn | "Every Praise" |
| Prayer of Comfort | <i>Min. Julia Chaney, Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church</i> |
| Old Testament Scripture | <i>Tracie Pough, Family Friend</i> <i>God Is Always With Us (Psalm 23:1-6)</i> |
| New Testament Scripture | <i>Zanda Bryant, Neighbor</i> <i>The Peace Which Surpasses All Understanding (Philippians 4: 4-9)</i> |
| Reflections | <i>Dr. Beverly Donovan, Chesapeake Math and IT South</i> <i>Boh Mitchell, General Manager and Head Coach of 2029 Next Level Lacrosse</i> <i>David Simmons, Head Coach of Marlboro Mustangs 11U Football</i> <i>Christian G. Sullivan, Head of Bullis School</i> |
| Acknowledgements | <i>Shawna Watley, Family Friend and First Lady of the Church</i> |
| Church Letter | <i>Rev. Kendra Smith, Kingdom Fellowship AME Church</i> |
| Obituary Video | |
| Sermonic Selection | "Jesus Promised Me A Place Over There" |
| Eulogy | <i>Rev. Matthew L. Watley, Sr. Pastor of Kingdom Fellowship AME Church</i> |
| Recessional | <i>Rev. Matthew L. Watley, Sr. Pastor of Kingdom Fellowship AME Church</i> |



"EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T STAY, I'LL STILL BE WITH YOU EVERY DAY.
YOUR BROTHER AND TWIN I'LL ALWAYS BE, FOR I AM YOU AND YOU ARE ME."







Family & Friends



Special Acknowledgements

Pallbearers

*Willie Buckner, Grandfather
Tyler Buckner, Brother
Dr. Roderick Brown, Cousin and Godfather
Ronald A. Miller, Jr, CMIT Principal*

*Keith Gafford, Neighbor
Brian Parker, Neighbor
Zanda Bryant, Neighbor
Dr. Kwan Drake, Uncle*

Honorary Pallbearers

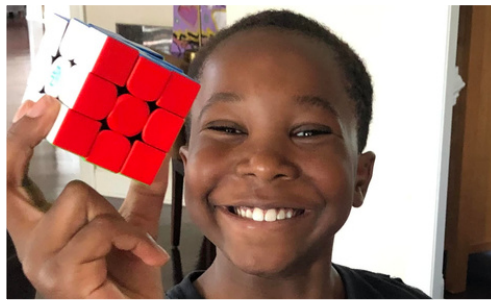
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*Hank Dixon
Jason Pharr
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"BROKEN CHAIN"

Little did we know that day God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories. Your love is still our guide. Although we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us, one by one, the chain will link again.



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