



Virgil Jackson

July 27, 1958 - February 23, 2021

Virgil Jackson (62) departed this life on February 23, 2021. He leaves to cherish memories, the love of his life(Karen), two children, Erica(Ken), Marquis(Sheena), three sisters, Carol, Sharon, and Doris(Benjamin), three brothers, Alexis,

Larry(Bonita) and Randy(Clara), six grandchildren, Keelen, Kendall, Kamille, Jentle, Jordan and Paris, two uncles, Alonzo Gill and Marvin Black and the pride and joy of his nieces, nephews, and cousins. His parents and six siblings (Stephanie White, William, James, Jerry, Jewel and Vera Jr.) all preceded him in death.

Virgil was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on July 27,1958 to Joan A. Jackson and Vera Luster. He had 12 older siblings and one younger sibling. He was born the seventh child of seven to his mom and the sixth child of seven to his dad. He confessed his life to Christ at an early age. He attended Soldan High School.

Virgil married Karen Keys on October 29, 1982 and they were united in marriage 38 years until his death. To this union two children were born, Erica and Marquis. He went on to become a Certified Nurse Assistant at Tower Village, Children Society, Northview Village, and Veterans Administration Hospital for several years. Cooking was his passion and he received great joy from it. An opportunity presented itself and he landed employment at Boing Leadership Center as a cook where he spent 15 years before retiring in 2017. Virgil lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed people and would spark up a

conversation with anyone who crossed his path. If you spent more than five minutes in conversation with him, you felt like you knew him for decades. He was a genuine person with a warming personality. He would lend a helping hand to anyone if he could and he wouldn't let anyone go hungry on his watch.

He loved family and took pride in establishing relationships with everyone in his family. Virgil was the master at a lost art in this world today—He would pick up the phone and call to talk to you. If you knew him, he made sure he called and checked on you. To know him was to love him.

His final years were spent enjoying his family, mixing recipes, playing the lottery, spending time with his lotto buddies, working out, and spending time with his soul mate. He enjoyed playing poker and not funny cards (It's funny if it "ain't" about money).

Even in his final moment, he was performing an act of kindness. Though we will not get to hear his voice to express his true feelings, we are grateful and thankful for all the love and memories he shared with us through his lifetime.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I met Virgil and Karen while working at a local restaurant. We clicked immediately and I loved our relationship. When they came in work turned into fun and family for me. They were my weekend parents and always gave me life advice. As the restaurant changed leadership the food went downhill. Virgil expressed they stopped coming in for the food and just came to see me. So Virgil gave me tips on cooking and as their waitress I would go to the grill and prepare their food just the way they liked. We had many special times at that restaurant for years. Virgil would always tell me about his kids and grandkids, he was a very proud parent and grandparent. We would talk about everything in life and he always tell me I was too good for the place I worked at. Virgil always talked about his family, God, cooking, his job and we would tell our recent gambling stories. I know Virgil and Karen really cared for me. I am very sad to hear the sudden death of Virgil. One thing I know for certain is Virgil was an amazing man of God who beyond loved his family and friends. I am praying for Karen, his children, and his grandchildren at this devastating time. To know Virgil was to love him and even that is an understatement. May you all find peace and understanding and let God bring your sadness to celebration because you all got to experience one of the greatest of God's sons.



Melissa White - March 08, 2021 at 11:25 AM

AH

“ Karen I am so, so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. I will keep each and everyone of you in my prayers. Love to each and everyone of you. RIP my brother.

Aundrea Harrison - March 07, 2021 at 09:35 PM

AE

“ Rest in peace Virgil met you very briefly at the BLC and yes once we got to talking it felt like I knew you for a life time you will always be a good memory to me until we met again rest in peace my brother.

Sincerely
Alisha Ewing

Alisha R Ewing - March 07, 2021 at 12:47 AM

SW

“ I met Virgil over the phone and he provided me with a detailed recipe of how to make Black Beans Burgers. Although, I haven't made the burger yet, I will remember him when I do. I will call the Burger, the Virgil Black Bean Burger. Even though we never met, I could tell from our conversation that he was a genuine person. Rest In Peace Brother Virgil!

sammie welton - March 06, 2021 at 07:09 PM

BF

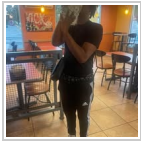
“ My heart, sympathy, and condolences to the family. Virgil was one of the 'baby brothers' in the many families living in our building. My memories of him as a youngster - a really good kid - only enforces what he grew into in adulthood - a good man.

Billy Flakes - March 06, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ I called Virgil “Brother in law” because Karen is my Sis. I lived around the corner from them about 5 years and would see my “brother” in Hucks almost weekly. I’d laugh when he would spot me and I’d say, “I know why you’re here...” He laugh and say “Yeah, you know.” He was funny and could talk about everything. I’d call Karen and she’d hold the phone while he gave me the lowdown in recipes, the neighborhood or whatever we were taking about. Karen and I would just laugh. If I call Karen, it was a good time because it was all three of us laughing and having a good time. I loved his cooking and will miss his laughter.

Terri Pruitt - March 05, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ We just found Virgil a couple of years ago, and he immediately became family. He’s gone too soon but will never be forgotten, and is sorely missed.

- Stanley & Deborah Morris



Madison Morris - March 05, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JT

“ I am so saddened by the lost of Virgil. I moved into our neighborhood about 10 years ago and from the start he and Karen became instant family. I work long crazy hours, and Virgil always looked out for any deliveries or craziness that was happening around my home. I would thank him profusely for taking the time to get a package or give me some house advice and his response was always “you’re welcome, anytime “ His helpful giving spirit was one to be in awe of as you just don’t find people so kind these days. He was truly the epitome of God’s commandment of love your neighbor as yourself. You will be missed Virgil. My prayers to Karen and the rest of the family .



Janelle Thompson - March 04, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virgil Jackson.



March 04, 2021 at 08:01 PM

ST

“ My dear friend Virgil I would not had a wedding without inviting him so it was so good to see him at my wedding and all the fun we had at the BLC Virgil you will be truly missed my dear friend Salena Taylor



Salena Taylor - March 04, 2021 at 07:02 PM

AD

“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy...
Virgil was a friend.....we laughed when he would come to his doctor's appointment but if Karen wasn't there he would not take the elevator.
He always kept me laughing....especially when he would say he was going to snitch on me for not treating him right.....he would call out Dr Threats.
Virgil heart ❤️ was of gold.....yes he made sure no one was hungry..one time he bought our whole office Thanksgiving dinner...I mean a dinner with the whole trimmings even dessert. Yes while helping him carry it into the office I slid the dessert in my car. (Dont judge he had me spoil).
Rest on my friend. You will truly be missed and forever in my heart.

Athena Davis-Binion - March 04, 2021 at 06:56 PM

JW

“ You will truly be missed, sending heart felt prayers to your family.
Love Jimmie Ware (TeTe)

Jimmie Ware - March 04, 2021 at 05:21 PM

MT

“ Dear Virgil I am so sorry how you left us, But in the BOOK of life it says no one know the day, the hour, or how that they are going to leave this old earth. When my brother Bud called me to inform me of your demise I didn't believe him. He had to repeat it to me more than once. My heart skipped a beat. I went back in my mind, remembering you from the age of 3 years old. I begin to remember only the good, for example how you were going to help me fight my father at a birthday party I had. Or how you would go after anybody you thought would hurt your sisters. What I remember most is when you came up to me at Runt's funeral and told me you was still my little brother and how we embraced and kiss. So, I hope you make it into the Pearly Gates. Love, Melinda M. Burnett Turner

Melinda M. Turner - March 04, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virgil Jackson.



March 04, 2021 at 03:26 PM

VK

“ There are countless memories that I have of Virgil. To think it all started with an 8x10 photograph of him that Karen kept in her room and carried in her heart through all four of our high school years. From this we were blessed with the births of Erica and Marquis and later their children. May God hold you all tightly in his arms. You will never be forgotten brother-in law rest in heaven!



Vinita Keys(sister-in-law)

Vinita Keys - March 04, 2021 at 02:39 PM

CE

“ Mr Jackson was a very nice man his wife as well they let me come live with them when I was going through a tough time That just shows the many kind act that he has done ..I will be for every thank for that ...May God keep and give peace to his wife and kids and the rest of the family ...Oh and he made the best chicken lol THANKS ERICA for sharing your family with me.Rest well Mr Jackson a great soul...Chevonne Everett



Chevonne Everett - March 04, 2021 at 02:00 PM

SH

“ *I remember when I first met Virgil, I would go over to Karen's house to visit her brother and he would laugh and say hey "Karen, Benny's got a girlfriend". Also remember when going to see Benny, I'll ask, who's cooking and Benny would say oh that's Virgil, I was like oh, It smells real good I thought that was your mom, lol. To my sister Karen, you have my Condolences, You, Your Children and Your Entire Family are in My Prayers*

LOVE YOU

SHARON H.

Rest In Heaven Virgil

Sharon Holloman - March 04, 2021 at 01:55 PM

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Love, Stacy/Angie/Tiffani/Chad/Melena/Anthony/Nikki purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Virgil Jackson.

Love, Stacy/Angie/Tiffani/Chad/Melena/Anthony/Nikki - March 04, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virgil Jackson.*



March 04, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgil Jackson.*



March 04, 2021 at 08:21 AM

VF

“ This is oh so unreal, I can not believe I am doing a memory instead of talking to Virgil. As we got older we didn't see each other as much but we used to talk on the phone for hours catching up. Virgil was like a brother to me we had a close bond that his wife had a good understanding of. I met him over 40 years ago. He was a visionary, fun loving joker of a person that knew how to get things done. His gift that stood out was his ability to cook just about anything. I remember the first thing I ever tasted of his was a cake.

On several occasions he helped me out of situations, I was once in charge of a prayer breakfast at church and putting my mom's 70th birthday celebration together I didn't have anyone to cook. Virgil and His wife Karen took over the cooking on both occasions and laid out a feast for me adorned in professional attire as they catered for free.

Virgil loved to entertain with family he would always thinks of me and invite me. We had some good times. One thing without question that I witness is that he was a great husband, father and grandfather. In my opinion I do not think they could have asked for anyone better. He will be miss by me and my family but we will always cherish his memories. R.I.P.

Vickie Ford - March 04, 2021 at 12:28 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Virgil Jackson.



March 03, 2021 at 11:01 PM

KH

“ *A rose that blooms in wreathed in thorns
and battles to reach the sun
is more beautiful for its struggles
like a smile born through tears
Vines that seem to choke the trees
and steal life from their branches
drape elegantly to the earth
and weave their unique patterns
A stream that cannot freely flow
but instead tumbles over boulders
and crashes, splashes, makes a fuss
turns the noises into its melody
There is beauty within chaos
Perhaps the greatest of all.- Kamille Handy*

My grandfather has been through a lot of things in life, but also overcame the obstacles with a smile. I always thought that was the most beautiful thing about him. And just having 2 kids and 6 grandchildren and a wife with his crazy personality his life was full of love and chaos.



Kamille H - March 03, 2021 at 10:57 PM

AS

“ I worked with Virgil at the BLC. He was always so happy and ready to talk! He was without a doubt a social butterfly, a talented cook and had a passion for baking. Virgil loved his family so much and was always telling us about his Grandkids. I moved to FL in 2016 and Virgil took time to come to my going away party gifts in hand and a huge smile on his face. After I moved away he messaged me to check in and really cared about how I was doing. There is no doubt Virgil will be rewarded in heaven for his kindness, caring, and giving heart. Please accept my dearest condolences, may Virgil Rest In Peace wrapped in the arms of Jesus. ❤️

Abigail Steib - March 03, 2021 at 10:56 PM

LF

“ Growing up Virgil lived three houses down from my grandmother on Arlington ave. Hanging out in front of his house are some of my fondest childhood memories. His nieces were my best friends growing up and he was my "Uncle Virgil." He was always cooking or baking some scrumptious meal so of course I wanted to be at their house 🤤🤤 Virgil filled any room he walked into with his presence. He will be greatly missed. Tell my uncle Poppa Cool I said hey. Heaven, prepare yourself for this social butterfly 🦋

LaTonya Ford - March 03, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virgil Jackson.



March 03, 2021 at 10:46 PM

MP

“ I've known Virgil all my life. Our families grew up together in Pruitt Igoe. Although the government considered Pruitt Igoe a failure, it was like having a big family and Virgil was part of the family. I haven't lived in St. Louis for 24 years, however when I was home and ran into Virgil it was like old times. I will miss his kind and funny spirit, he kept me in stitches. To his wife Karen, children, siblings, family and friends, I offer my deepest sympathy. May God wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you comfort. R.I.P. Virgil.
Marsha "Poo" Flakes Pope

Marsha Pope - March 03, 2021 at 09:52 PM

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“ One of my memory is me ringing the doorbell a thousand time till they answer then here come Virgil to the door . I know this ain't nobody but that damn Sheryl or Sheri ringing my doorbell like that. Virgil and I were always talking about them numbers (lottery). I ain't caught 🐞 since you left us , but 1 of your number did come in the 😭. So Karen Keys-Jackson if you hear the doorbell ring multiple times that's me . I'm gonna ring it and try to run my fat ass away before you get to the door for old times . Love you Virgil and I miss your ass already . 223 I will play forever ❤️❤️❤️❤️😊



Sheryl Keys (Sister-in-law) - March 03, 2021 at 09:47 PM

AE

“ Words can't express the sorrow that I feel. Mr Virgil was a gentle Giant who I enjoyed getting to know the last 3 years. He welcomed us into the neighborhood and from that day forward we were buddies 😊 Mr Virgil was more of a uncle to me and he never missed a beat when it came to the subdivision. I will miss meeting up with him at the pantries and getting all the good stuff...lol I will miss our long conversations in the middle of the street and him telling me how my daughter would come outside without a coat on in the ❄️. I will cherish all the conversations we had as well as the food that was sent over to us when our home was being renovated oh and let's not forget the cake that he baked for my daughter's 12th birthday ❤️ Rest Well Mr. Virgil



Ashley Ellis - March 03, 2021 at 07:46 PM



Thank you for the kind words

Erica Jackson - March 03, 2021 at 09:47 PM

MW

“ I had just talked with Virgil in January, I did not know him and his wife stayed across the street from my friend Ashley's mother. Every time Virgil and I ran into one another we where excited to see each other. The Jackson family grew up with our family in Pruitt Igoe . Virgil will be greatly missed, I will miss laughing with you every time we ran into each other. Rest In Heaven my friend! Love Monica (Fee Fee Flakes) Wright 💕💕

Monica Wright - March 03, 2021 at 05:49 PM



Thank you for the kind words

Erica Jackson - March 03, 2021 at 10:08 PM

SS

“ *I worked with Virgil for many years, he was a lot of fun, never a dull moment. Even after we kept in touch. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. RIP friend.*

Steve Schneider - March 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



David Whittaker at Boeing Leadership Ctr - March 03, 2021 at 12:05 PM

RS

“ *I met Virgil a little over a year ago when I was canvassing the neighborhood we live in while I was running for city council. When he opened the door, it was like I knew him all my life. We started talking and we talked for a good hour or more. There was just a level of comfort in him that you don't find in everyone. After that conversation we spoke every once in a while about things going on in life. He just enjoyed talking with everyone. Virgil you will be missed so very much. To his family, thank you for sharing his kind spirit with all of us that knew him. I'm so sorry for your loss.*



Robert Smith - March 03, 2021 at 11:57 AM

PA

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Virgil from working together. He was definitely a gem of a person. You could never see him and not smile because he was so kind, so giving and just an all around positive guy who loved his family and friends dearly. I loved hearing him talk about his family. His laugh, smile and kind gestures will forever live in my heart. I'm grateful to have known him. Virgil, the angels are rejoicing that you're among them but your sweet spirit will be missed. My prayers to your beautiful wife and family. 🙏
Sincerely, Patrina McDaniel and Family

Patrina - March 03, 2021 at 11:23 AM

LK

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lance Keys - March 03, 2021 at 10:03 AM

LK

“ I am really going to miss you Uncle Cuz you were such a big part of my life,I am going to be very sad for a very long time but you were so strong and I have so many great memories of you, I know you would want me to do the right thing and move on but I will never forget The great person that you were ❤️ I can't even believe I am saying this right now rest in peace Unk I love you so much



Lance Keys - March 03, 2021 at 10:01 AM

ME

“ He would light up the room with his laughter. My mother have been knowing him for about 30 years! Started off by being poker buddies to that’s my brother! She was definitely hurt by this one. He definitely would call and check on her. I’m sending love, prayer and peace to the family! ❤️



Meka - March 03, 2021 at 09:58 AM

TJ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Virgil at Boeing Leadership Center. It was never a dull moment when he was around. Once he retired he would call me and say Tammy are you keeping your turkey. No Virgil it’s yours. He was supposed to make me a Strawberry cake for my birthday and he never did. So one day he came up to the job and I said Virgil I’m not talking to you or giving you my turkey until I get my cake. He said I don’t want you to be mad at me and I did promise you your cake. Needless to say I got my cake and he got his turkey. Virgil will be missed. He would call and say we all need to get together. I miss seeing everybody. I told him Virgil it’s corona outside. He said maybe we can do a Zoom meeting I said cool we will do it after the New Year because everybody is probably busy right now. Monica and I will set it up. He never got his Zoom meeting. That’s the one thing I hate that we didn’t get to do. His one last request of me.

Tammy Jiles - March 03, 2021 at 09:11 AM

BG

“ A new found family member I never had the pleasure to meet face to face REST EASY VIRGIL...💙

bridgett hall gamble - March 03, 2021 at 08:01 AM

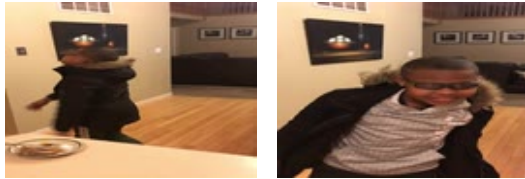
TB

“ Love you forever cousin Virgil! I may not have years of memories but the ones that I do have I'll cherish forever! 💙

Temeisha Brown - March 03, 2021 at 06:45 AM

CC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



cousin Chad - March 02, 2021 at 11:20 PM

CJ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Chanua Jackson - March 02, 2021 at 10:29 PM

CJ

“ Chanua Jackson lit a candle in memory of Virgil Jackson



Chanua Jackson - March 02, 2021 at 10:28 PM

KJ

“ My soulmate of 41 years and now you are my Angel. I have 41 years worth of memories that I will cherish and hold in my heart. I will miss your talkative voice, hearing you saying(my wife), that smile, blasting the radio in your favorite spot(kitchen), singing around the house, walking those miles together, the goofy dance, taking over the television, rearranging furniture, hearing the pots and pans, cooking, the nagging, and much more. Me and the kids will continue to keep your special phrase(AND STUFF LIKE THAT) going. It hasn't been the same since. Love you hubby.



Your Wife

Karen Jackson - March 02, 2021 at 12:55 PM