



Jacqueline L. Smartt

April 23, 1948 - January 7, 2020

Jacqueline Laverne Thoroughgood was born on April 23, 1948 at Beebe Hospital in Lewes, Delaware to Lucinda Thoroughgood and John Ross Burton. Both parents preceded her in death. Jacqueline, better known as Jackie, was raised by her mother with the help of her grandparents, Curney and Lucinda Thoroughgood. Her father visited often and ensured her needs were met.

Jackie passed away peacefully on January 7, 2020. She is survived by four sisters and 4 brothers. Colleen Thayer (Harry) - a sister from her mother and stepfather, Ira Barnes, Sandra Lee Neal (Richard), Ross Burton (Angela), Ridsen Burton, Robert Burton (Susan), Fonda Meekins (Gary), Christina Jones and Ronson Burton (Theresa) – siblings from her father and stepmother, Ethelda Burton, two aunts, Helen Cook and Bertha Jones, and 15 nieces and nephews.

Jackie attended Frederick Douglas School from first through eighth grades and graduated from Seaford High School in 1966. She was an honor roll student and participated in many activities, including the Nurse's Society and Honor Society. Jackie was the first person of color to be inducted in the National Honor Society at Seaford High School and was a member of the second class to integrate the school. Jackie would go on to receive her Diploma in Nursing from Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York in 1969. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from University of St. Francis. Jackie married Marvin Miller Smartt on November 11, 1972. From this union three daughters were born, Moravia, Marnese and Marnique which would bring eight grandchildren, Morielle and Dorian Austin, Johnathan, Justin, Maritza and Jovanna Cruz-Smartt and Nicholas Smartt and David Thomas.

Jackie worked in several positions in New York before moving with the family to New Orleans. After Marnique was born, the family would move to Memphis, TN where Jackie would hold several positions over the next 36 years while working at the City of Memphis Hospital (The Med). Marvin and Jackie divorced in 1993 and Jackie would go on to have a 17-year relationship with Robert Hawkins and his 3 children, Rachel Washington (Byron), Robert III and Reginald. Both Marvin and Robert would precede Jackie in death. In 2018, Jackie relocated to Florida to be closer to her children. In early 2019, she was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma and would undergo treatments for the next year until her

passing.

Jackie's hobbies were traveling and playing slots at the casino. She always had a big heart and enjoyed helping people which she did generously. Her charities are St. Jude Children's Hospital and the American Red Cross.

When asked if Jackie had any last words for her family she said, "I have been blessed to have lived for 71 years and I have done everything I wanted to do. I have no regrets. I have a great family and have had a great life and couldn't ask for anything more than that. I love and will miss you all."

Comments



“ Ms. Jacqueline Smartt was a beautiful person inside and out. She always greeted me with a big wonderful smile. She will truly be missed. Rest in peace . Darlene Harris, RN



Darlene Harris - January 15 at 01:33 PM



“ I remember coming to The MED in 1995 as a nurse working in High Risk OB. It wasn't long until I met the great, Ms. Smart! She wore a white uniform and was coming to check on the area, get the census and staffing patern. We grew so fond of each other that every now and then I would slip up and call her Jackie! I was there for the delivery of 2 of her grands and she trusted me to take care of her child. Wow! So many memories of an awesome example of leadership could be found in Ms. Smart. Her leadership was priceless at The MED, Regional Medical Center at Memphis and Regional One Health (one hospital)! Rest well Ms. Smart, you have done well ma'am.
Pam F.

Pam Finnie - January 14 at 12:56 PM



“ I did not know Ms. Smartt personally, but I feel like I know her because my sister, Elixia Ward, often spoke so highly of her. Ms. Smartt and she worked together for many years. Just from the way my sister spoke of her, I could tell that Ms. Smartt was a beautiful person inside and out. Besides being very fair as a supervisor, she was an extremely thoughtful, caring, kindhearted person. Her loss is felt all the way to TX. She truly left her footprints in this world. Our condolences to all that knew and loved her. Our prayer is that God comforts you as only He can in Jesus' name.

S. Washington - January 14 at 11:22 AM



“ The first time I saw Ms. Smartt, I was a GN. I saw her walking down the hall with her nursing hat on . I thought how regal to say the least. I always admired her....Her style, Her calmness and her smile! She made me proud to be a R.N., Just by the way she “carried” herself. She made an impression on my life! God Bless her and her family.

Avalon Nathaniel - January 13 at 05:51 AM



“ I first met Ms. Smartt when I brought nursing students to “The Med” from Shelby State Community College. We were assigned to her unit when she was the Nurse Manager. Subsequently, each time that I took students there , I said “I want to take them to Jackie Smartt’s Unit”. I was so very impressed with the manner in which she managed that unit with such professionalism but yet in such a gracious and welcoming manner. The staff always appeared to work hard but with such an attitude of caring and attention to detail. They were calm and appeared to be very happy just carrying out their duties. I feel that their work ethic and attitude was directly related to Ms. Smartt’s exemplary leadership style. She expected the best from all of her employees and never withheld praise from them for a job well done! I appreciated the collegial relationship that we shared and it was always a pleasure to take students to a unit that was so well run!! My sincere condolences to the family of Ms. Smartt. She will be remembered for the legacy of professionalism and awesome leadership that she embodied.

Kathryn Scott RN MSN - January 13 at 10:40 PM



“ Ms. Smartt,

I simply want to say thank you! From the moment I arrived your kind words kept me grounded and assured that everything would be alright! I entered ROH with a difficult task of leading the ED when it was "rough" and you continued to guide my steps and tell me we gonna take care of you sweetheart. Baby boy I promise you it's going to work out. You the reason for the calming approach. You had a mothering way of making everyone see the light and the fact that we were going to get through the storm. Again, I thank and honor you as you will be truly missed, but never forgotten!

Charles Lapsley - January 13 at 01:12 AM



“ I met Ms Jackie when she was one of the Care Managers. She told me when I first onboarded at Regional One Health, "Keep going, you're doing a great job!" She will be missed! Prayers for the family.

Linda Hughlett - January 12 at 10:09 PM



“ Mrs. Smartt was like a second mother to her externs. She kept us in line like a mother hen. She defended us also when we were in trouble. Most of all she made you feel loved. I know because I was one of her externs. I felt the she had for us and for her work. Mrs Smartt was more then my supervisor she was my friend and second mother.

Monique - January 12 at 03:57 PM



“ Jackie Smartt was a joy to work with. She was a good RN, & could brighten anyone's day with her smile & compassion. My prayers for comfort for her loved ones.

Deborah Barker - January 12 at 03:04 PM



“ Jackie was a lovely sweet soul. She always had a smile on her face - even in the middle of the night. She really was the epitome of a professional nurse.

Julie Overbey - January 12 at 10:15 AM



“ Mrs. Jackie, From the time that I entered the doors of The MED , you have always been a great mentor and Nursing Supervisor. You always greeted people with that beautiful smile and talks of your girls and those blessed grandchildren. When I became Nurse Supervisor, I felt like the most Blessed girl in the world to be working beside some of the most knowledgeable and educated seasoned Nurses in the old MED. It was truly an honor to work with you. When I decided to go back to school and was ready to take my test, I was working a lot of hours. I didn't tell her that I was short with n funds to take my boards, but she left an envelope at my desk and she was gone home. I tried to give that envelope back and she said it was my graduation present. Well, I passed boards and I hope that I made you proud. Rest in love and know that you made such a big difference in my life and your legacy will live on in the hearts of us that were Blessed to cross paths with you Angel. Rest in eternal peace- Well Done



Kim Bradd-Sims - January 12 at 03:51 AM



“ Reading this made me cry because it was so like my Mom to do such a thing. Thank you for the beautiful comment and memory and for sharing time with our mother. Blessings to you.

Marnese Smartt - January 12 at 07:17 AM



“ Mrs. Smart always greeted you with a big beautiful smile sweet lady she was !

essie nicks - January 11 at 06:06 PM



“ Thank you for the wonderful comment.

Marnese Smartt - January 12 at 07:18 AM



“ This was a great nurse and lady



Teresa Jackson - January 11 at 06:05 PM



“ I have such sweet memories of Jackie when I was at The MED from 1981 to 2003. She was always there if we needed anything. When I became house supervisor she was a great resource when I needed advice or to just talk! Prayers for her family!



Martha Lee - January 11 at 02:04 PM



“ When I first went to the Med in 2000, Ms. Smarrt was one of the best House Supervisors around. She was always smiling and very helpful. RIH Ms. Smarrt.



Gloria Hyde - January 11 at 12:53 PM



“ Jaqueline Smarrt was a mentor to me when I became a house supervisor at The Med. She was kind, loving, and fair. She will be truly missed.

Latasha Patillo-Jones - January 11 at 11:08 AM



“ she was so caring and very humorous. we lived her and she and I were namesakes. she would say "hi ms jackie" and I would say "hi ms jackie".

Jacqueline yates - January 11 at 07:30 AM



“ Jackie was such a kind lady and very professional. I always enjoyed having conversations with her and she was an excellent nursing supervisor! She will be greatly missed and I am thankful that our paths crossed on this earth!

Cara Massey - January 11 at 05:13 AM



“ Nora Brown. A beautiful flower has been called to heaven. Ms Smart was always fair and good to me. She was an excellent nursing supervisor and had the ability to make good decisions that helped save patient's live. She is already missed

Nora Brown - January 11 at 11:52 AM



“ Thanks Mrs. Smart for welcoming me aboard to the ROH team n helping form me in to one of the best sitter you'll truly be missed

Jameka Mason - January 11 at 03:20 AM



“ Mrs. Jacqueline Smart was a very intelligent and professional nurse. She was a go to nurse, I joined The Regional Medical Center in 1984. I had several chance encounters with Mrs. Smart and they all were positive.



Regina Harris-Porterfield - January 11 at 02:46 AM



“ Jackie was such a wonderful person! She was the house supervisor during my time at the MED. She was a mentor to me, especially when I was in charge in GICU. I literally thought of her just a few days ago... and thought of her voice saying, “Hey Jason!”. She always made me feel happy and that I had a purpose. She had an ability to be assertive yet extremely kind, and I had much respect for her. I learned so much from her about how to be a nurse.

The world and nursing profession has lost a fantastic person too soon

Jason Sasser - January 11 at 12:43 AM



“ Mrs. Smartt was my very first Nursing Supervisor when I graduated nursing school and started working at The MED now known as Regional One Health. She was always smiling, very sweet, stern but fair. She knew what she was doing. My heart goes out to her family, prayers for you all.

Stephanie - January 11 at 12:01 AM



“ Jackie was an amazing nurse and manager. She had an amazing personality and was always so nice. May she rest in peace. Stephanie Winfrey

Stephanie Winfrey - January 10 at 11:27 PM



“ Until we meet again Doll!



Wanda Banks - January 10 at 09:42 PM



“ Thank you Jackie for being my TRUE FRIEND!!! - from 1980 until the day you passed. Not many people can say they have had a TRUE friend like you were to me and for these amount of years. We loved each other unconditionally. You were with me through my ups, downs, good, bad, sad and all in between days, supporting me 110%. You even prepared me for your death but, that does not make it any easier. I will truly, truly miss you Jackie. Rest well my precious friend, I will see you after while.

To: Moravia, Marnese and Marnique (god-daughter): Please know that you are my family and, there is noting I won't do for you that is within my power. I am asking God, the father of love, to comfort, strengthen and give you peace that surpasses all understanding.

Love/hugs,
Annie



Annie - January 10 at 08:16 PM



“ Annie there are no words to express how much our mother loved you and how much your friendship meant to all of us. Thank you for being a true friend to Mom and a Godsend to us. We love you.

Marnese Smartt - January 12 at 07:22 AM



“ Nurse Smartt was a very sweet and caring nurse. As a nurse supervisor she always was thoughtful and caring of us nurses. Whenever I would see in the hallways of the hospital, she would always greet me and say, "How are things going , Edyth?" She always was an advocate for us nurses and the patients. She will be greatly missed!

Edyth Dorning RN - January 10 at 07:49 PM



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Edyth Dorning RN - January 10 at 07:51 PM



“ Truly a jewel and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her!!

Tammie Holmes - January 10 at 07:58 PM



“ Mrs. Smartt I take comfort in knowing the last time we saw one another we departed with a hug and a smile followed by a take care sweetie. So full of love and such a nurturing and caring person. Thank you for being the epitome of what a person should be to others. The ROH team will miss you dearly. Love Always Angelita

Angelita Rodgers - January 10 at 07:25 PM



“ Love you Ms. Smartt you will be truly be missed

Genelle Briggs - January 10 at 06:00 PM



“ Very beautiful lady will miss ya

Deloris Allrn - January 10 at 05:46 PM



“ Thank you Jackie Smartt for being the epitome of a nursing supervisor. I really appreciated her caring attitude and pleasing personality. May she rest with the angels. My sincere condolences to her family and God bless you all abundantly!



Tara Mabon - January 10 at 04:11 PM



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Toni Thomas-Morrow - January 11 at 01:44 AM



“ KIMBERLY M LOVE lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline L. Smartt



KIMBERLY M LOVE - January 10 at 03:20 PM



“ I haven't seen her in years but I wont forget her smile or voice saying "hey baby how are doing" such a sweet soul. Ms. Smart will Truly be missed.

Timicas Triplett - January 10 at 02:47 PM



“ A good friend and I'll be loving nurse

Larry Pinkins - January 10 at 02:38 PM



“ My prayers and condolences to the family.I worked for years @ the Med and Jackie was my supervisor.She was a very sweet and fair person. Her position never went to her head.I'm a retired LPN, Jackie always said we are a team and our goal was to take care of our patients !! But God

Ruth Moore - January 10 at 01:20 PM



“ Mrs.Smartt was my nursing supervisor, we worked closely together at Regional One Health. She always had a smile and she loved to look forward to her vacations in Jamaica. She would bring us back the best treats from her adventures .I've known her my entire nursing career and she will be missed by all of Regional One Health. In the most Craziest of situations she always had a way to make us laugh..Rest well...you've earned that sweet restLove Jessica Richardson

Jessica Richardson - January 10 at 10:42 AM



“ Jackie was my niece , one with a very kind and loving lady. She would always come to our family reunions full of love for family1 We will surely miss her thism year.May God Bless he daughters and grandchildren as we will pray for them. love to all. Aunt Bert

Bertha Jones - January 09 at 10:15 AM



“ As I think of the short time I worked with Jackie I will always remember her as one of the special persons who has touched my life. Jackie was so genuinely kindhearted, thoughtful, and caring; and I can't help feeling blessed to having a dear friend like Jackie.

To the family may God hold you close to his heart where he can feel your deepest loss and fill you with His deepest love. .

Much Love, Much Prayer Minnie Moore

Minnie Moore - January 09 at 07:25 AM