

CHARLOTTE DELORES (INGRAM) JACKSON WAS BORN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1934 IN ELLENDALE, DE TO THE LATE LEONZO AND GLADYS INGRAM. SHE DEPARTED THIS LIFE, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 AT MANOR CARE NURSING REHABILITATION CENTER, PIKE CREEK, WILMINGTON, DE.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVED HER EARLY EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC COLORED SCHOOLS, ELLENDALE, DE AND GRADUATED FROM WILLIAM C. JASON HIGH SCHOOL, GEORGETOWN, DE. SHE WAS EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND AN ACTIVELY INVOLVED MEMBER OF 4 H CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THAT EMPHASIZED USE OF THE HEAD, HEART, HANDS, AND HEALTH.



SHE PARTICIPATED IN AN EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE MODERN DAY BETSY ROSS FLAG DESIGN PROJECT (OVER 30,00 KITS ORDERED AND SPONSORED THROUGH 4H AND UNITED NATIONS PARTNERSHIP.

TRANSCENDING RACIAL DIVIDES, SHE WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF TWO STUDENTS IN THE WORLD, INTRODUCED BY FORMER FIRST LADY, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, TO PROUDLY PRESENT A HOMEMADE OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS FLAG, MADE



BY FARM WOMEN AND GIRLS, TO PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, IN THE ROSE GARDEN OF THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 7, 1950.

THE FLAG WAS AND STILL REMAINS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT, SYMBOLIZING A UNITED CRY FOR WORLD PEACE, JUST AS THE KOREAN WAR ERUPTED. THE

FLAG GRACIOUSLY FLEW ON STATE, FEDERAL, AND PERSONAL PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON THE 5TH ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS DAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950.

PRIOR TO OFFICIAL INTEGRATION IN DELAWARE SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND BROWN VS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AS A TRAILBLAZER, SHE WENT ON TO ENROLL AS ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICANS TO ENROLL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, CIRCA 1951. SHE LATER MARRIED SHERMAN JACKSON SR.(1955) AND FROM THEIR UNION, THREE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN SHE EARNESTLY ADORED WERE BORN; COLETTE, SHERMAN JR., AND DAVID.



CHARLOTTE ALWAYS LOVED THE EXCITEMENT OF CULTURAL ARTS, ESPECIALLY PAINTING, POETRY AND LIVELY MUSIC. SHE REALLY ENJOYED TEACHING HER CHILDREN AND YOUTH VARIOUS ARTS, CRAFTS, AND SCIENCE PROJECTS. SHE FOUNDED AND LED A LOCAL GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES TROOP FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN SUSSEX COUNTY. THEY OFTEN MET IN THE MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH HALL. SHE ENTHUSIASTICALLY INSPIRED CHILDREN TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY, STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE, AND TO STEP OUT AND EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THEIR RURAL SURROUNDINGS AND TO SEE THE BIGGER WORLD.

WHILE RAISING HER CHILDREN AND ORGANIZING YOUTH GROUPS, SHE WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AS A QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALIST FOR GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION, WHERE SHE EAGERLY TRAVELED DAILY TO AND FROM DOVER FROM ELLENDALE.

IN LATER YEARS, CHARLOTTE PARTICIPATED IN THE NEWARK ACTIVE DAY, INC. HER DAY GROUP COLLEAGUES ADMIRERED HER ASTUTE AND SMART MANNERISMS AS SHE ENJOYED DIVERSE ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL AS CREATING SEASONAL PROJECTS WHICH SHE SHARED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE HAD FUN TALKING WITH HER DOGGIE FRIEND, OBIE!



MRS. JACKSON'S PERSONALITY WAS VERY POSITIVE AND UPLIFTING. SHE LOVED UPBEAT CHRISTMAS SONGS; FELIZ NAVIDED AND MAHALIA JACKSON'S GOSPEL AS WELL AS PLAYING WITH HER NUMEROUS GRAND AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.



CHARLOTTE SPENT THE LAST TWENTY YEARS OF HER LIFE WITH HER DEVOTED DAUGHTER, COLETTE AND SON-IN-LAW, DALE, WHERE SHE ASSERTED HER CLEVER, "DRY HUMOR" AND COMPETITIVE STRIVE TO SECURE HER FAVORITE COMFORT FOOD, ICE CREAM!

MRS. JACKSON'S PERSONALITY WAS VERY POSITIVE, CHEERFUL, AND UPLIFTING. SHE LOVED UPBEAT CHRISTMAS SONGS, MAHALIA JACKSON GOSPEL AS WELL AS PLAYING WITH HER NUMEROUS GRAND AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.

