



Veetta Trueshoski Stevenson-Jackson

July 11, 1944 – July 7, 2023

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On July 11, 1944, in Hinton, West Virginia the late Elvin and Gracie A. Stevenson welcomed the youngest of their four children, Veetta Trueshoski Stevenson-Jackson. Veetta was a true momma's baby, she was their pride and joy and knew just how to get her way.

Veetta attended Hinton Public Schools where she earned her High School Diploma in 1963. While at Hinton she was known for shooting (what we now know as) "3-pointers" in basketball. Even amid great racial tensions, her skills on the court afforded her to be one of two African American graduates awarded "Female Athlete of the Year."

Soon after graduating High School, Veetta moved to Hempstead, New York with her oldest sister Barbara. There she was reacquainted with a young man named Samuel Jackson, whom she'd met through her frequent travels between West Virginia and New York. Samuel promised to wait for her, and now was the time for their romance to blossom. Together their love produced two beautiful daughters, Stephanie and Lori. The girls were "the apples" of Veetta's eye.

Veetta joined the Faith Baptist Church in Hempstead, New York, under the leadership of the late Reverend Joseph J. Howell. She was a member there for many years. In December of 1978, Veetta and Samuel purchased their first home in Roosevelt, New York where they became neighbors with her sister Barbara. Many fond memories were created between the homes, pitching horseshoes, playing "Bid Wist", hosting barbeques and frequent family gatherings.

Veetta developed a passion for grooming hair, which led her to attend cosmetology school. Samuel believed in her so that after graduation he turned one of the rooms in the basement of their home into a salon. In that “salon” she performed everything from Jerri Curls and perms to press-n-curls and trims. Veetta’s care and growing hands kept her with a faithful clientele. When she wasn’t sharing her cosmetology skills, Veetta loved to travel, especially to Atlantic City, New Jersey and cruising with family and friends. Her class and style were evident in her love for fine attire and beautiful Cadillacs!

In 2003, Samuel and Veetta were happily joined in holy matrimony. Soon after they decided to retire and relocate to Pinellas Park, Florida, where they purchased their second home together. After 20 years in Florida, they made a final decision to spend their golden years with their youngest daughter Lori and her husband Paul, in Tampa. Lori, a Nurse Practitioner, and devoted daughter took on the unselfish task of overseeing her parents' care.

As a result of her oldest grandchild Cory (Dajuan) desiring to imitate his grandfather who lovingly referred to her as “V” (only he couldn’t pronounce it) Veetta embraced a new nickname and became affectionately known as “Grandma B” to her grand and great-grandchildren. She had an affinity for each of them, and they her.

Veetta Trueshoski Stevenson-Jackson was preceded in death by her parents, Elvin Stevenson. Sr., and Gracie A. Newble; one sister, Barbara Williams; one brother, Elvin Stevenson Jr.; and one stepsister, Ruth Stevenson.

On Friday, July 7, 2023, Veetta departed this life and leaves to cherish her memory: her adoring husband, Samuel A. Jackson; two loving daughters, Stephanie Bridgers (Roderick) of Roosevelt, New York and Lori Ann Rebein (Paul) of Tampa, Florida; one sister, Opal Brown of Columbia, South Carolina; one step-brother, Christopher Stevenson (Elaine) of Miami, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Josephine Collins (Hilton), and Eleanor Kelley, of St. Petersburg, Florida; five grandchildren, Cory (Dajuan) Jackson of St. Petersburg Florida, Jamal Robinson of Tampa Florida, Briana, Stephen and Shekinah Bridgers of Roosevelt, New York; two great-grandchildren, Ca’vali and Ki’ya Jackson of St. Petersburg, Florida; their mother Gloria Martin also of St. Petersburg, Florida; one godson, Horace Cummings III of Harlem, New York; four step-children, LeAndrew Jackson of St. Petersburg, Florida, Debra Jackson of Tampa, Florida; Patricia Gilchrist (Roland) of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Samuel Jackson, Jr. (Adrienne) of Marietta, Georgia; several step-grand and great-grandchildren; a dear friend of 73 years, Sue Pickrum of Cincinnati, Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.