



*Jackie Hensley
Abernathy*

Aug. 22, 1959 - Nov. 12, 2024

Jackie Hensley Abernathy, 65 passed away on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at Amorem after a short period of declining health. Born on August 22, 1959, she was the daughter of Jack C. Hensley and the late Margie Mae Hildebran Hensley.

Jackie attended Summitt Community Church and formerly attended Mt. Home Baptist Church. Jackie worked at Western Carolina Center for 19 years. She later went to work for Morganton Eye Physicians for 27 years. Jackie devoted her life to her grandchildren. She loved to travel to Florida and spend time with friends and family.

Jackie is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Abernathy (Edward Suh), Ashley Auldredge (Jeremy); grandchildren, Brooke Lawrence, Jordan Auldredge, Landon Auldredge, Emma Suh, Annalise Suh; stepsister, Cindy Stroupe, Beverly Stroupe; and her K-9 companion, Henry.

In addition to her mother, Jackie is preceded in death by her sister, Debra Hensley Benton; niece, Jessica Benton; stepmother, Beatrice "Bea" Hensley.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The funeral will follow in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home at 6:00 p.m.,

with the Rev. Rocky Hartman officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Ashley and Family, So sorry to hear of your mother passing. Prayers for you during your loss! Nancy Pritchard

—Nancy Pritchard



Sending prayers to your family.

—Hennessee Diane



There is nothing like a Mom. You were blessed with wonderful memories that you will always treasure, and keep safely in your Heart always. She was taken way too soon. We don't know why, or have the answers. Ashley, I pray for you, and all your family for Peace, and comfort. Always remember your Mom lives within your Heart .

—Debbie Rhoney

There is nothing like your Mom. I know she will be missed. Thank goodness for all your precious memories you have tucked away safely in your Heart. I didn't know your Mom, but I heard only wonderful things about her. I know you were Proud to to Call her Mom!. Ashley, Praying for you ,and your family.

–Debbie Rhoney



Our hearts are broken

–KAMELIA Lamanati

To Jackie's family i sure didn't know you were not well. We had some good times in high school. Just beautiful inside and outside. I'll never understand why God takes the good ones..I will pray for comfort for your family.. Sherry Kincaid Barlow

–Sherry Barlow



I am so very sorry your family's loss. I did not know Jackie but i do know her daughter, Ashley. Ashley is a wonderful person who cares for every client that she serves. Jackie must have been a wonderful mother as her daughter's great personality is testament to Jackie's influence as a mother. Again I am so sorry for your loss Ashley and the family. Jackie was taken from you too soon. Take comfort in knowing that you will see her again and knowing that she is in God's arms now.

–Sue Bunch

It still does not seem real that you are gone Jackie. I loved hearing your stories and laughing til I hurt. Your sense of humor was one of a kind. You will truly be missed. Prayers for your family, Henry and for our MEPPA family. Lynn R

–Lynn Rhoney

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I've been trying to think of words to say to someone I grew up with. A lifelong friend even though we haven't seen each other in a long time it's so hard to say goodbye. We grew up side by side and we're with each other every single day. We built forts and playhouses in the woods, rode bikes and mini bikes, walked to and from school each day. I can't explain how I felt when I heard you had left this earth. You were the best. You had a heart as big as the moon. To your daughters and grandchildren and Jack, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know you're in a better place and with Margie and Deb now. You will be missed here on earth. Love you my sister.

—Lisa White



To the family I am so sorry for your loss. Jackie was one of 2 of my best friends all through Mull and Freedom High School. Jackie, Judy and myself were always known as the 3 J's. She was a beautiful lady and friend and will always be remembered.

—Jessie Powell Presnell



prayers Jackie and I met in 3rd grade. Loved spending the nights at Mom Maw Hensleys's. She was special.

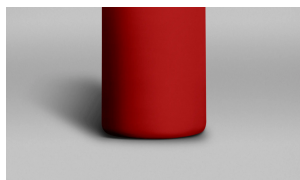
—Judy moore



—Anonymous



I'm sorry to hear of your loss; I enjoyed working with Jackie at MEPPA. She loved talking about her girls and grandkids



and loved you all deeply. She will be greatly missed, hugs to you all

—Cindy Weaklend

Jackie was always the life of the party, kind, funny, always happy, never met a stranger. Just to know her was an honor, I truly will miss her and my heart hurts. I can say she was my friend for over 25 years. Now, she is at peace, but we are not. My love and prayers go out to her family and Henry, I'm so sorry.

—Kathy Anderson



I miss you very much

—KAMELIA Lamanati

My sweet neighbor and friend will be so missed ! Praying for peace and comfort for all the family and Jackie's friends . Jackie and I became close after she got her little buddy Henry . I would let him out for her when she was working out of town . After the passing of my husband in March , she and I would occasionally go out for dinner or just visit on our carports . I will miss just seeing her come in from work or just stopping in to say hi or seeing her calling Henry in or seeing her and daddy visiting on Sunday afternoons. My sister said the sweetest thing when I told her about Jackie passing she said I bet Chuck said "come here Jackie, let me show you around our" new " neighborhood. " one day I look forward to visiting her again with our pain free , trouble free , no more tears bodies . Yes Jackie will be missed here greatly and was so loved .

—Rosetta Fisher

Love this beautiful lady

—Richie Fleming

You always had a sweet smile and was nice to everyone, so many will miss you, so many have cried for you. But you are whole now and happy. My prayers go out to your family.

—Lisa K



My condolences go out to the entire Abernathy family. Although I did not know Jackie personally, I can only say she raised an amazing daughter my boss Jennifer. I believe that Jennifer was an apple that fell very close to that tree. R.I.P. Jackie. "GONE TO SOON" "BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN"!

—Noel Walsh



—Sharon Welborn

Jackie made the work day very amusing at Morganton Eye. We cut up together all day, while we tried to act like we were working hard, but Dr. Akers knew better but that's how we liked it. Her smile, laugh, her "inside voice", and stories of her past experiences, daughters, grandkids and Henry were the best. Ill never forgot all the good times and laughs we had. Ill see you again one day my friend. Thank you for the memories. Love, Amy

—Amy L Wellmon



Jackie, your loving and joking personality will be greatly



missed. Your spirit will stay with us in our hearts. Fly high girl. Until we meet again. We love you.

—Kiesha Edwards

Jackie was such a great friend and her work family at MEPPA will miss her tremendously. We sure had a lot of laughs and I can tell so many stories that revolve around our little escapades. She loved her girls and grandchildren and was so proud of them all. She's in the arms of Jesus now being shown around Heaven. There is no more pain and no sorrow. As much as she used the saying "He's as old as Methuselah", I hope she gets to meet him after talking with Jesus and settling in her mansion. I will sure miss her bunches !!! D'Lo

—Delores Caulder