



Tekla Jackson

September 7, 1954 - March 19, 2016

Tekla Jackson, 61, was born on September 7, 1954 in Yuma, Arizona to Ruth and Edwin Maynes and went to be with the Lord on March 19, 2016. Tekla was raised in Taft. During her high school years she was an active member of Job's Daughters and a Past Honored Queen. She moved to Fresno to attend Fresno State where she received her teaching credential and relocated to Visalia to accept her first teaching position. She went on to receive her Masters of Arts in Education, Mathematics Education from Fresno Pacific University. After serving the children and families of Visalia Unified School District for 36 years she retired in 2013. Tekla married the love of her life, Harold Jackson on August 30, 1986. Together they enjoyed many days of adventures both near and far. She thoroughly enjoyed shopping, including becoming quite savvy with online shopping in recent years. As a young adult she especially enjoyed backpacking, cross country skiing, and working with children at outdoor camps. She also enjoyed camping in the mountains, word games, reading mountains of books, and spending time with her church family. But her greatest love was spending time with her friends and family. Tekla's bright infectious smile and huge heart will be severely missed. She is survived by her beloved husband Harold of 29 years, her beautiful daughter Nicole Jackson, as well as her beloved stepdaughters Sabrina Knickerbocker and Jamie Gaggos, Soninlaw Joe Gaggos, and grandchildren Bailey Knickerbocker, Kolby Knickerbocker,

Chloe Gaggos, and Dax Gaggos. She is also survived by her brothers Marshall Maynes and his wife Ruthie Maynes of Las Vegas, Nevada and Bruce Maynes and his wife Andrea Maynes of La Paz, Mexico, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Though she was a lifelong diabetic and encountered many medical issues, her determination and spirit always prevailed and now she stands with our Heavenly Father without pumps, without chords, without dialysis, without limitations. She is free. Donations can be made to her favorite camp Bearskin Meadow, Diabetic Youth Foundation, through their website at dyf.org.

A memorial tribute may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia Community Covenant Church
315 N. Conyer St.
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 625-5075
vccc-mail@hotmail.com
<http://www.vccc.us/>

Tribute Wall

AF

“ I worked with Tekla at Houston School many years ago. She was always cheerful and kind. So sorry for this loss but so thankful she has a home now with no more suffering or pain - just joy! Sincerely,
Audrey Friesen

Audrey Friesen - April 10, 2016 at 01:10 PM



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



March 28, 2016 at 11:15 AM

KC

“ Words can not express what Tekla meant to me and my family. After I was hurt in 87, long before anyone understood brain injuries, Tekla was there setting up food for my family, picking up my children at School and helping Marsha teach Katie to drive. Once I was back teaching, I would tire easily. She would pick up my students and take them back to her room and let me rest. Now Tekla is soaring overhead and watching over all of us

Kay Chase - March 24, 2016 at 11:05 PM

KK

“ As the VUTA President, I remember Tekla's presentation to the school board about a "typical" teacher day. She had the school board rockin' and Rollin' as it was like a religious revival! Her passion that night I knew she was something special. Bet class will be in session up in heaven. Karl Kildow

Karl Kildow - March 23, 2016 at 01:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Tekla Jackson.



March 23, 2016 at 12:57 PM

PS

“ I had the honor of being Tekla's hair dresser, she came in every 8 weeks for her perm and hair cut I always looked forward to that time to spend with her to talk and enjoyed her company and she always came in with that big smile. No matter how she had been feeling she always had positive things to say and always smiled through all her pain and illnesses, I count it a privelege to have known her. She definetly made an impression on my life! She will be missed

pam showers - March 23, 2016 at 11:46 AM

OP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Wally & Bonney Parks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tekla Jackson.



Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Wally & Bonney Parks - March 23, 2016 at 08:22 AM

GR

“ Tekla has been my daughters tutor for the last two years. I can't even begin to explain the beautiful bond that was created between them. Tekla always made Brooklyn feel special. She would always take the time for "one last game"... I will always cherish the memories of sitting across the table seeing the joy in tekla's face as Brooke would apply the reading strategies she had taught her. Brooklyn truly loved this woman. And I know Tekla loved her as well. We will miss her!

Gayla reynolds - March 22, 2016 at 11:00 PM

BB

*My Dear Harold and family,
I could not fathom what I was seeing when opening e-mil from Karen. I am so sorry to hear of Tekla's journey to be with the Lord. My heart goes out to you and my prayers for your peace and comfort will be with you.*

*Love,
Barbara Bragg*

Barbara Bragg - March 23, 2016 at 07:58 PM