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LOIS AUDREY KING JACKSON On July 18th we bid a heartfelt farewell to a special lady. She bravely faced the insidious challenges of A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for almost a year. She died at home with family near.

Audrey was born on April 25, 1935 in Murray, Utah – the 8th child of Thomas and Mabel King. Eventually her family settled in Mesa, Arizona where she spent most of her growing up years. She attended Brigham Young University where she met and married her husband, Edward William Jackson. A few months after their wedding in the Mesa, Arizona temple, they moved to Washington, D.C. where William completed his degree at George Washington Medical School.

After medical school, Audrey, Bill and their three young children relocated to Southern California. Three more children followed and they spent the next 25 years raising their family in the beautiful Ojai Valley. During this time Audrey opened her home and became mother to children from Afghanistan, the Navajo Nation, Bolivia, the Philippines, Australia and the United States. Being around family and friends was one of Audrey's greatest joys. Movie night with popcorn and milkshakes was a family favorite!

Audrey was deeply committed to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She served in many ward/stake callings. From 1986-1989, Audrey served as mission "mom" to over 600 missionaries in the Manila, Philippines Mission. Few could pull off such an assignment with equal flare and enthusiasm. Over the last few weeks, she has been so happy to receive loving messages from her missionaries representing every corner of the world. Shortly after her mission Audrey moved to Provo and was quickly put to work leading the Young Women and then Relief Society organizations in her ward. Audrey absolutely loved music and the joy and inspiration it provided to others. For six years she was honored to conduct music at the M.T.C. and spent over twenty years performing with Medical Melodies dancing and singing at rest homes



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throughout the county. Her spark for life was truly contagious.

Together with her husband, she helped establish the Deseret International Foundation. For the past 25 years Deseret has performed over 300,000 charitable surgeries throughout the world for the lame, the blind, and the disfigured. Always willing to travel wherever the need was greatest, Audrey successfully made temporary homes in such places as Algeria, Ghana, Honduras, Kenya and Afghanistan. She was not only an angel of mercy to thousands, but she was the "heart" of the foundation. Her caring for others was sincere and personal. Thousands honor her name and look to her as a role model.

Audrey is survived by her husband of 56 years and her six children: William King Jackson (Ann) – New Delhi, India; Laura Lee Reay (Kelly) – Springville, Utah; Karen Johnson (Greg) – Provo, Utah; Pamela Johnsen (Jeff) – Ojai, California; Douglas Fell Jackson (Sharon) – Provo, Utah; Bret Weston Jackson (Rebekah) – Beijing, China. She is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and her sisters Norma Atwood (John) & Dorothy Pace.

AND WHEN SHE PASSED I THINK THERE WENT

A SOUL TO YONDER FIRMAMENT

SO WHITE, SO SPLENDID AND SO FINE

IT CAME COMPLETE TO GOD'S DESIGN

..... EDGAR GUEST

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the Hobble Creek Stake Center: 495 S. Canyon Rd, Springville, Utah. A visitation will be held prior to the service at 10:00am to 11:45am at the same location. Interment at Provo City Cemetery.

Donations to Deseret International Foundation, 1282 E Cambridge Ct. Provo, Utah 84604 ([www. desint.org](http://www.desint.org))



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DL

Dan And Laree Linville posted:

What a beautiful tribute to a beautiful woman. The funeral was such a fine tribute to Sister Jackson. She has touched so many lives around the world and left a wonderful legacy in her family. Our heartfelt prayers are with all of the family especially you Brother Jackson. May you find joy in your children and grandchildren at this very difficult time. We are thinking of you. Love, Dan and LaRee Linville

July 25 at 11:26 AM

JB

Janie Bird Breckenridge posted:

My condolences to Bill and his family. She was truly a delight and inspiration to know back in the 60's in Ojai. I remember her smile, her enthusiasm, her love of her family, her kindness, and her testimony. She was a special soul.

July 25 at 5:23 AM

JR

John Robinson posted:

This is for her husband Bill: My name is John Robinson. I remember you from when I lived in Ventura and you lived in Ojai. My wife, Candy Robinson, remembers your wife as a "wonderful person." I hope you are doing well. I think you also knew Dr. Richard Ashby and Judge John Hunter. I had the opportunity to meet with Howard W. Hunter when he was president of the Church and he was quite pleased that I knew his son John. I understand John passed away several years ago. Take care and God bless you and yours, John Robinson

July 23 at 10:35 AM

HN

Harold And Marian Nufer posted:

We have such fond thoughts of Audrey and lament her passing. But heaven is a brighter place with her there. Our love to you all.

July 23 at 3:16 AM

BG

Byron & Midge Gibbs posted:

We are blessed to have known and loved Audrey. Thank you, Bill for your kindness to us as your "adopted" missionary couple in Manila. We sorrow with you in her illness and passing. Love you!

July 22 at 7:29 AM



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Sheila Carlton posted:

Dr. Jackson and Family: I am so sorry to read about your loss. I will always remember her for that beautiful smile.

July 22 at 5:03 AM

BG

Bonnie Babcock Gibbs posted:

President Jackson, Sorry to learn of your loss, but also happy for Sister Jackson. I know she has been welcomed home by so many that love her, including our Savior, who she loves dearly. Grateful to have been one of "her missionaries".

July 21 at 4:00 PM

JM

John And Elaine Marshall posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Audrey. We send our love and sympathy to the entire Jackson family. The world is a bit less today. "The presence of her absence is everywhere." Edna St. Vincent Millay

July 21 at 1:59 PM

HS

Harley & Evalyn Sandberg posted:

Re Audrey: What a gal! What a life! What a joy to have known her. Our condolences to the six families of children - and to you Bill in your significant loss. The obituary bears the mark of your clear vision. J We agree that she was a unique, beautiful, precious person. What a loss to us all! We extend our sympathy

July 21 at 1:22 PM

TD

Tyler Dewaal posted:

Audrey was like a second grandmother to me during my BYU years and I will always cherish her love and kindness in treating me like one of her grandkids during that time (and for her reassuring face when pinning on my missionary tag on Day One of the MTC!!) Words hardly describe the type of woman she was, but "amazing" comes pretty close. She made the world a better place and that influence on countless others to do the same will be her lasting legacy. May God's blessings rest upon the Jackson family.

July 21 at 8:55 AM



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GH

Garn Dirkmaat Herrick posted:

Sis. Jackson was a lady I always looked up to. She made me (and everyone for that matter) feel special and took a unique and personal interest in my life. She will be missed, but I look forward to meeting her again in the eternities. My thoughts and prayers go out to Pres. Jackson and the rest of the family.

July 21 at 8:36 AM

LW

Lynnette Haws Van Wagoner posted:

Oh how I wish I could just give her one last hug. She was the most energetic person I know. Our mission was most amazing because of her strong inspirational testimony of Service and the Savior. How we will all miss Sister Jackson. I will see you President Jackson at the funeral.

July 20 at 12:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lois by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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