



## Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.

November 23, 1950 - December 6, 2018

Mr. Jackie L. Massey Sr. was born November 23, 1950 to Ms. Wonnie Massey and Mr. Thomas Jones in Tildenville, Florida and reared in Apopka, Florida. Jackie L. Massey Sr. attended Orange County Public Schools and graduated from Phyllis Wheatley High School in 1968. He attended Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida graduating June 3, 1973 with a bachelor's in science and attended Nova University, earning his master's degree on October 27, 1986. "Mr. Massey" as he was called by all, was employed for over 30 years with the Orange County Public Schools System. As a young Educator, he immediately accepted a teaching position at his alma mater, Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School. Mr. Massey held several OCPS positions throughout his career. His assignments included: as a Teacher (Phyllis Wheatley Elementary, Zellwood Elementary), Assistant Principal (Azalea Park), and Principal of Richmond Heights Elementary, Ridgewood Park Elementary. His final assignment was returning, as Principal, to Phyllis Wheatley Elementary. Mr. Massey served as Director of the John H. Bridges Center. He also served his community, for more than 25 years, as a volunteer with Apopka Youth Sports, including Pop Warner baseball, basketball and football. As a youth mentor, Mr. Massey was honored to load his vehicle with kids and transport them to various activities.

In 2007, Mr. Massey was appointed by Superintendent, Ronald Blocker to do a great work for the Apopka community and improve student success at

Phyllis Wheatley Elementary. The school had been plagued by failing school grades for years. While responsible for the academic success of Phyllis Wheatley Elementary, Mr. Massey received the cooperation and support of the Apopka community. Mr. Massey recruited highly qualified teachers, brought in a successful curriculum, and initiated programs that recognized parents. Mr. Massey also initiated a program called "No Bullies Allowed" (N.B.A.) where students with behavior problems would meet every Saturday for tutoring, mentoring, basketball and food. During the third year of his tenure, Wheatley received the highest academic gains in the entire Orange County School District and received the school grade of "B". Because of this achievement, Commissioner of Education Eric Smith traveled from Tallahassee, Florida to recognize Mr. Massey with a special ceremony. This Ceremony included Parents, Community Leaders and students. Mr. Massey retired officially in 2009. Due to his willingness, unselfish work ethic, tenacity and dedication to his community and students, he was requested by OCPS to return as Principal of Phyllis Wheatley Elementary in 2010. Although Mr. Massey was officially retired, he continued to work tirelessly in the community in which he loved.

#### Professional Affiliations

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Member

Florida A&M Alumni Association Member

Florida A&M Investing in Champions Member

#### AWARDS:

Magical Moments of Achievements, Pride and Excellence Award ~ April 14, 2004

Men's Ministry of Mt. Olive SDA Church ~ September 18, 2010 of Principal Award Acknowledgement

#### RELIGIOUS

He was a loyal and devoted member of St. Paul AME Church of Apopka,

## Florida

Jackie Massey was preceded in death by his parents: Wonnie Massey and Mr. Thomas Jones; brothers: Gregory Cook, Kenneth Massey and Robert Massey; sister: Ellen Massey; Sister-in-Law Linda Gail Bryant.

He leaves to cherish his memory...wife: Cynthia Lewis-Massey of Orlando, Florida; mother-in-law: Mrs. Bertha Paramore of Orlando, Florida; children: Jackie Massey, Jr. of Hartford, Connecticut, Saishia Massey of Orlando, Florida, Anton Massey of Zellwood, Florida, Keishunna Massey of Apopka, Florida, Samantha Tolbert (Tray) of Apopka, Florida, Dedra Rucker of Orlando, Florida, Jamal Massey of Apopka, Florida, Chad Massey of Zellwood, Florida, Jaylen Massey of Orlando, Florida, Jayci Massey of Orlando, Florida and Tawanta Mars of Zellwood, Florida; siblings: David Massey (Addie Ree), Glenn Massey (Judy) Leroy Massey, Mims Rouse (Precious), Curtis Massey, Connie Allie, Linda Massey, Leon Massey and Carl Massey; a devoted sister in law: Darlene Massey; sister-in-law: Althea Jackson (Dennis); brother-in-law: Ulysses Lewis; special friends: Charles Richardson (Annette) of Orlando, Florida; Edgar Burch (Genice) of Madison, Florida; and Edgar L. Mathis Sr., Also cherishing his memory: twenty-five grandchildren; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of sorrowing friends, community members as well as his OCPS family.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church  
1012 South Park Avenue  
Apopka, FL 32703

## Service

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rejoice in The Lord Ministries  
8053 Gilliam Road  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ MR MASSEY WAS A GOOD PRINCIPAL AT RICHMOND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HE USE TO BEAT OR BEHIND WHEN WE USE TO GET N TROUBLE BUT U GOING TO LEARN N NOT PLAY WHEN HE WAS A PRINCIPAL I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS GONE R.I P THE BEST PRINCIPAL EVER

Chiquita Lynetta Bing - January 07 at 12:33 PM



“ Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM

SJ

“ My Deepest Condolences too the Family and All who knew him.



Sweet j - January 08, 2019 at 09:22 PM

SJ

“ Sweet J lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Sweet j - January 08, 2019 at 09:21 PM

GD

“ Galina Davila  
*Lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey Sr.*



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**Galina Davila** - January 08, 2019 at 09:17 AM

KA

“ Kenney Acres lit a candle in memory of  
*Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Kenney Acres** - December 21, 2018 at 11:34 AM

MK

“ Mary L. Kirnes lit a candle in memory of  
*Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Mary L. Kirnes** - December 15, 2018 at 10:32 AM

VW

“ *Mr.Massey was a great principal to my niece and nephew at Ridgewood Park Elementary.He will truly be missed.My thoughts and prayers are with the Massey family.*

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**Veronica Warren** - December 15, 2018 at 02:01 AM

KT

“ *Keishann W. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



Keishann W. Thomas - December 14, 2018 at 07:40 PM

KW

“ *Karnisha Williams lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



Karnisha Williams - December 14, 2018 at 07:31 PM

Whether you pushed  
or pulled me  
Drained me or fueled  
me  
Loved me or left me  
Hurt me or helped me  
You are apart of my  
growth  
And no kidding  
I THANK YOU!!

“ *Janice Mathews lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



Janice Mathews - December 14, 2018 at 06:38 PM

Whether you pushed  
or pulled me  
Drained me or fueled  
me  
Loved me or left me  
Hurt me or helped me  
You are apart of my  
growth  
And no kidding  
I THANK YOU!!

“ *I send my love and condolences to the entire Massey Family. Janice Mathews*

Janice Mathews - December 14, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr..*



December 14, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr..*



December 14, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *This is still so hard to believe. Thanks for giving me a chance as a beginning teacher at Richmond Heights. Thanks for being such a great friend and mentor over the years. You will never be forgotten for how well you treated people and how much you loved the kids. My condolences go out to all of Jackie's family. We lost a great one RIP Mr. Jackie Massey*

**Mark Whittington** - December 14, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ *Judith and Nikkii Massey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr..*



**Judith and Nikkii Massey** - December 14, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr..*



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December 14, 2018 at 07:59 AM



“ *I had the privilege of meeting Jackie when he transferred from Edward's College and Ki Chapter to FAMU and Upsilon Psi. I was immediately impressed with his magnetic smile, unfailing ability to praise and readily assist others, and his love for Omega Psi Phi. Well done, Brother Massey. Well done, indeed.*

*Charles Mays*

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**Charles Mays** - December 13, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *R.I.P. my boss, my friend! I so enjoyed working for you at Richmond Heights and Ridgewood Park. You were an awesome leader who cared and made a difference in the lives of children. You were one of a kind and will be greatly missed.*



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**Dr. Mary Henry** - December 13, 2018 at 05:17 PM

SL

“ Sadie Lowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Sadie Lowman - December 13, 2018 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Rosa Antonetti lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Rosa Antonetti - December 13, 2018 at 10:41 AM

BD

“ Thank you Mr. Massey for being a Great teacher @ Zellwood Elementary.  
Rest in Peace.  
Becky Delgado

Becky Delgado - December 13, 2018 at 01:46 AM

BS

“ It's seems not real. Jackie was a friendly person to know. My family knew him. We will Truly miss him..APOPKA lost a wonderful person..R.I.P..Jackie..



Bernard Macon Sr. - December 12, 2018 at 10:14 PM

AA

“ I am so sorry to hear another of my loved one's has gone home a wonderful man that I loved he will be missed Anton, Chad Jackie jr. and others you all will be in my prayers daily



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**alicia armstrong** - December 12, 2018 at 05:59 PM

RA

*I still can't believe you're gone. I am sad. When I first met you at Ridgewood Pk. Elementary School, the first you asked me if I could cook "arroz con gandules" which is rice with pigeon peas. His smile was radiant. R.I.P Jackie Massey. My condolences to the family.*

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**Rosa Antonetti** - December 13, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr..*



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December 12, 2018 at 03:15 PM

MG

“ *Monica Gadson lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Monica Gadson** - December 12, 2018 at 11:27 AM

JR

“ Johnny Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Johnny Robinson - December 12, 2018 at 10:57 AM

JJ

“ Johnny Robinson Jr lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Johnny Robinson Jr - December 12, 2018 at 10:54 AM

AB

“ Angela Britten lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Angela Britten - December 12, 2018 at 09:52 AM

AB

“ Angela Britten sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Angela Britten - December 12, 2018 at 09:52 AM



“ *Lorinda Whitely lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Lorinda Whitely** - December 11, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ *Thank you for all the great memories. Eternal love, Shawanna Whitely*

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**Lorinda Whitely** - December 11, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ *Sherrie Parker lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Sherrie Parker** - December 11, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ *Annie Newsome sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey*



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**Annie-Jamal-Dot** - December 11, 2018 at 07:29 PM

DM

“ *Dot and Jamal Massey lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey*



Dot-Jamal Massey - December 11, 2018 at 07:18 PM

AC

“ *Annette Carter lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



Annette carter - December 11, 2018 at 06:24 PM



“ *Mr. Massey was a kind and compassionate person. He loved children and supported his staff wholeheartedly. He was also my administrator at Ridgewood Park Elementary. He entrusted me to teach his son, Jamal Massey. Sincere prayers for the entire Massey family. He will be greatly missed.*

*Claritha Martin  
OCPS-Retiree*

Clarithac Clairr - December 11, 2018 at 04:30 PM

AJ

“ *My elementary school principal. You will be missed. So many memories at Richmond Heights Elementary. REST ON*

Ashawnte Jennings - December 11, 2018 at 03:07 PM

NF

“ *Newsome Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Newsome Family** - December 11, 2018 at 12:48 PM

RM

“ *I will miss you my friend, Gone but never forgotten, My prayers for the Massey Family and children !! Rest in Peace*



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**Regina McGruder-Jones** - December 11, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr..*



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December 11, 2018 at 09:47 AM

DH

“ *Deborah Hendon lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Deborah Hendon** - December 10, 2018 at 11:25 PM

HT

“ *Harrette Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Harrette Thompson** - December 10, 2018 at 10:24 PM

NF

“ *Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Newsome Family** - December 10, 2018 at 09:17 PM

AB

“ *Jackie was one of the nicest person that I have ever met. When my husband and I met him years ago through his good friend and frat brother, EdgarBurch, it was as if he was an old friend. Rest well Jackie. Annie Moore Barfield, Madison, Florida*

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**Annie Moore Barfield** - December 10, 2018 at 09:06 PM

CJ

“ *Caren & Lamar Jones lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Caren & Lamar Jones** - December 10, 2018 at 01:04 PM

SG

“ *There will never be another you I will miss you my friend.  
You were the who hired me at Ridgewood Park and you were always good to me.  
I am honored to have known you.*



*My Prayers being sent to Mr. Massey's Children and Family.  
God Bless*

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**Spring Gatling** - December 10, 2018 at 08:16 AM

ML

*Mr. Massey you will always be miss because you were good to all the kids. My heart hurt when I heard of your passing. Heaven has another Angel... no more pain, RIP my friend  
Mrs.Lofton*

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**Marie Lofton** - December 12, 2018 at 12:17 AM

SW

*To Mr. Massey's family: may the peace and grace of God be with all of you. I worked with him at Richmond Heights as an SRO. Sheila Williams*

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**Sheila Williams** - December 16, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ *Allenea Bolden lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.*



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**Allenea Bolden** - December 10, 2018 at 06:59 AM

CD

“ Clara Desue sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Clara Desue - December 10, 2018 at 04:24 AM



“ Jackie and I was High School classmates. We graduated the same year. Years later I saw him at my son’s basketball game. We talked about memories and as his position being a Principal. I know the community and his students will sadly miss him. My Condolences to his Family. Friend, Joann Lee

Joann Lee - December 09, 2018 at 06:46 PM

DN

“ The Newsome Family lit a candle in memory of Jackie Lee Massey Sr.



Dot Newsome - December 09, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ Lois Morss sent a virtual gift in memory of Jackie Lee Massey, Sr.



Lois Morss - December 09, 2018 at 02:30 PM

PF

“ *Condolences to the Massey family*❤️

**Pastor West and family** - December 09, 2018 at 07:41 AM

NF

“ *JACKIE WERE ALREADY MISSING YOU!!  
YOU WILL FOREVER LIVE IN OUR HEARTS  
...FAMILY FOREVER*



**Newsome Family** - December 09, 2018 at 07:26 AM

CL

“ *Clara.Desue lit a candle in memory of Jackie  
Lee Massey, Sr.*



**Clara.Desue** - December 09, 2018 at 03:50 AM

MG

*To Mr. J. Massey...Monica, Marquis, Maurice and JR. we would like to thank you for being a huge part of our lives .May God forever bless you for raising a village..(OCPS Students). We send our prayers to all of your children's and nephews*

*Love*

*Monica, Marquis, Maurice and JR..*

**Monica Gadson** - December 12, 2018 at 11:16 AM