



Arlee Jackson

Griffin Mortuary

Obituary

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Lubbock - 93, former LISD school teacher and Principal passed away Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, October 1, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. John Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Visitation will be held today from 4 to 6 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary. Arlee taught school in Crane, TX, Andrew, TX, and Hobbs, NM before coming to Lubbock. In LISD he taught at these elementary schools, Wheatley, Hunt, Martin, and Megan. After teaching school he became the Principal of Iles Elementary. From there he was promoted to Director of the Head Start Program. Arlee was the first Black teacher in LISD to have a Master's degree. Arlee was a part of the first racial integration of teaching faculty in a Lubbock public school. He was one of three Black teachers assigned to Martin Elementary the first school to integrate. Arlee was a member and served in the National Education Assoc., Texas State Teacher Assoc., Lubbock Educators Assoc., Texas Elementary Principals & Supervisors Assoc., and the National Head Start Assoc. Arlee received his Bachelor's degree from Hampton University, Norfolk, VA and earned his Master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM. He was drafted in the Army in 1954. He served on the Lubbock Appraisal Board for several years. He was a member of the Lions Club International and served as District Governor of District 2-T2. Arlee was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Arlee was a proud member of St. John Baptist Church where he served faithfully until his death. Arlee held several positions, he was a Deacon, a Trustee, the choir president, and Deacon Emeritus for 53 yrs. Arlee was a man of service to his creator, his family, his church, and his community. He leaves to cherish his memory; four daughters and one son; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

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