

JACQUELYN JESTINE SANDERS

Who was Jackie?

Please let me introduce our Mother ... the very namesake of the Foundation which my brothers and I created in order to honor her life. The many that knew her called her Jackie.. we called her Mom. She wasn't a typical Mother, although of course she did typical things ... Such as raising us, teaching us right and wrong, and providing all the everyday essentials... food, clothing, and shelter.

This meant sharing food with a neighbor or friend that had less, crocheting a blanket or cap for the stranger who was cold. This meant stepping up with creative initiatives to generate funds for those with critical medical needs. It also meant volunteering for thousands of hours at the local community hospital & generating needed funds to support unprepared mothers at the pregnancy aid center.

Jackie was “next level” in having a heart to share her skills and possessions with others in need. She showed us through her actions what it means to care and what it means to Love others through everyday acts of kindness.





“JACKIE”

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It meant raffling a crocheted blanket for Breast Cancer Awareness or making baby blankets for newborns in South America, because they deserved something nice as they entered the world.

These were further examples of her love for others. Mom was always willing to do the work to help others and never ceased to amaze me with her willingness to volunteer when & where help was needed.

Jackie loved helping others.. but she loved Jesus most of all. She was grounded by the scripture in Matthew that says we “should love our neighbor as yourself”.

No project was too small or too big for Our Mother .. she knew that helping even one person was a blessing for all involved.

Involvement was always her aim and love was always her motive. Throughout her short but busy life, our mother Jackie thrived on staying busy and her energy was a marvel.

It is my goal to follow her example and follow her lead in improving the lives of others around me and in faraway places.

It is my hope that the Jacquelyn Jestine Sanders Foundation and all who are involved would recognize that the true motive for all of us in making the world a better place .. is LOVE. Mom would be very proud ... may her loving Spirit touch each of us as we strive to care for each other and this beautiful planet that we all share.

“Let everything you do be done in love”

I Corinthians 14:16



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