

A LEGACY OF FAITH & COURAGE

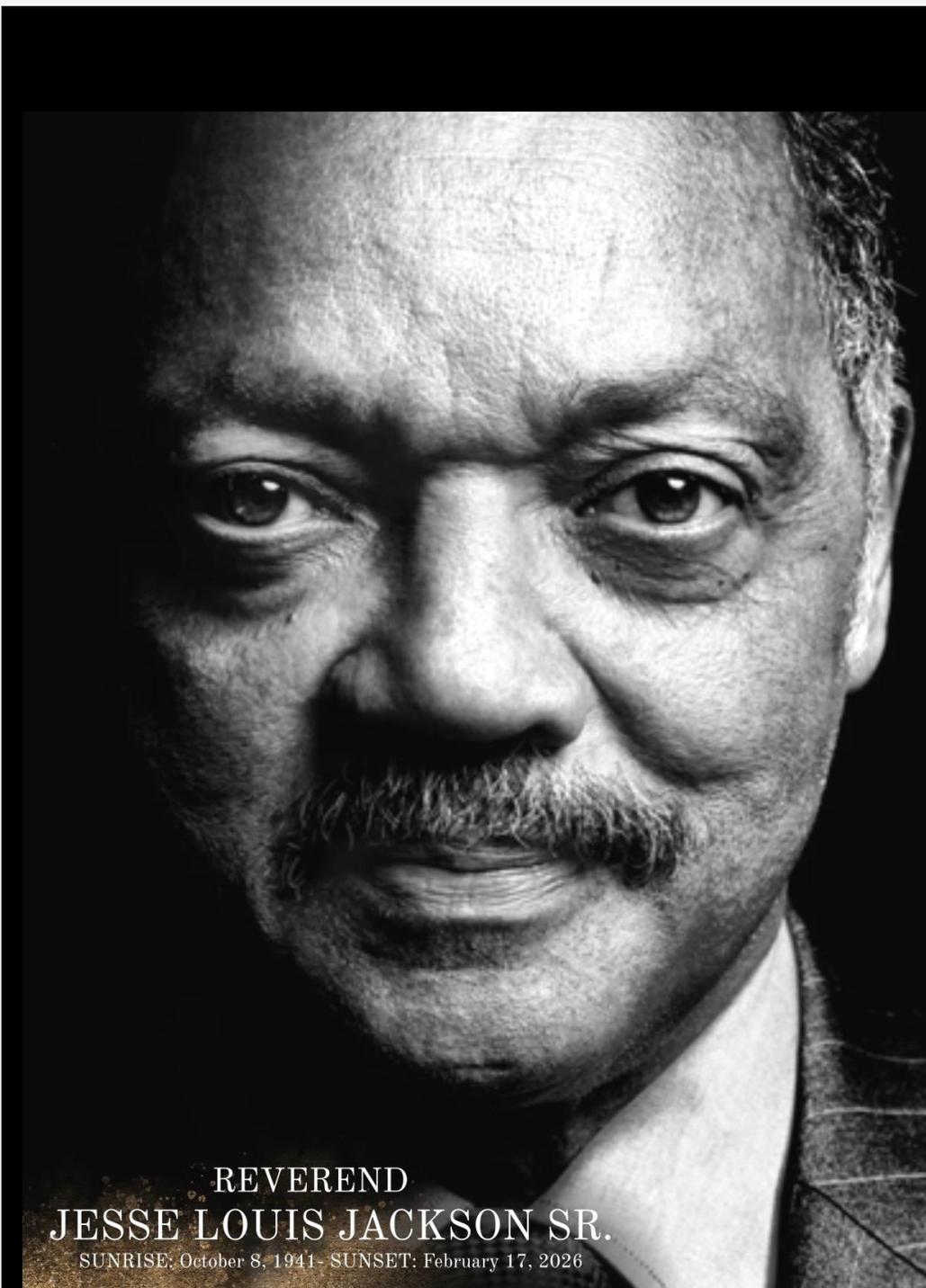
Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr. devoted his life to the pursuit of justice, equality, and moral leadership. From the streets of South Carolina to the global stage, he carried a message rooted in faith and committed to expanding opportunity for all.

His life reminds us that courage is not the absence of struggle — it is the willingness to stand in it.

May we carry forward the work.



The Leevy Funeral Home
Columbia, South Carolina



REVEREND
JESSE LOUIS JACKSON SR.

SUNRISE: October 8, 1941 - SUNSET: February 17, 2026

Celebrating a Son of South Carolina

The Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., Founder and President Emeritas of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, was born on October 8, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina, Jesse Jackson graduated from the public schools in Greenville and then enrolled in the University of Illinois on a football scholarship. He later transferred to North Carolina A&T State University and graduated in 1964. He began his theological studies at Chicago Theological Seminary but deferred his studies when he began working full-time in the Civil Rights Movement with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was ordained on June 30, 1968 by Rev. Clay Evans and received his earned Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2000.

Reverend Jackson was one of America's foremost civil rights, religious and political figures. Over the past forty years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice. On August 9, 2000, President Bill Clinton awarded Reverend Jackson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Reverend Jackson has been called the "Conscience of the Nation" and "the Great Unifier," challenging America to be inclusive and to establish just and humane priorities for the benefit of all. He was known for bringing people together on common ground across lines of race, culture, class, gender and belief.

He departed this earthly life on February 17, 2026 in Chicago, Illinois.

Welcoming Home a Son of South Carolina

Welcome

The Honorable Jermaine Johnson
South Carolina State House of Representatives

Invocation

Reflections from National and State Officials

The Honorable James Clyburn

U.S. House of Representatives

President Emeritus Laura V. Hall

National Black Caucus of State Legislators

The Honorable Annie McDaniel

South Carolina State House of Representatives

The Honorable Gilda Cobb-Hunter

South Carolina State House of Representatives

The Honorable Jerry Govan

South Carolina State House of Representatives

The Honorable Wendell Gilliard

South Carolina State House of Representatives

The Honorable Karl B. Allen

South Carolina Senate

The Honorable Chandra Dillard

South Carolina State House of Representatives

The Masterful Lynwood Givens

Grand Master S. C. Masonic Order

The Honorable Knox White

Mayor, City of Greenville, South Carolina

The Honorable James L. Felder

Former Member, South Carolina House

Closing Prayer and Moment of Meditation