Remembering the legacy and leadership of

Dr. Eva Curry Wanton

FROM THE DESK OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT TAMMY KING

Dear Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the following.

Our beloved 13th National President, Dr. Eva Wanton, made her transition from this life on August 25, 2014. Past President Wanton was a talented, multi-dimensional, multi-lingual, charismatic, inspirational and a visionary leader. Her administration’s theme was "A National Agenda: Responding to the Crisis of the Black Family." During her two terms serving as National President from 1986-1990, she initiated "Black Family Day", sanctioned the acceptance of provisional groups into membership, expanded Jack and Jill's dedication to service across the Atlantic through an alliance with AFRICARE and traveled to Africa for the dedication of the well built by AFRICARE. Her other highlights included presiding over the organization's Golden 50th Anniversary in San Francisco, commissioning Samuel J. Brown to author our "Jack and Jill Hymn," and making one of the largest individual contribution to the Jack and Jill Foundation.

Past President Wanton leaves an extraordinary legacy to community service and Florida A&M University for over 40 years. She held membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and National Honor Societies, Beta Kappa Chi, Alpha Kappa Mu and Phi Delta Kappa, among others. Her obituary can be viewed here:


Dr. Wanton is survived by four daughters, nine granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Services will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 224 N. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Tallahassee, FL. The Jack and Jill Ceremony for Departed National President will take place on Tuesday, September 2, at the Strong and Jones Funeral Home, 551 W. Carolina Street, Tallahassee, FL. The wake begins at 5:00 pm.

http://www.strongandjonesfuneralhome.com/sitemaker/sites/STRONG1/obit.cgi?user=1388923Wanton

As her daughter Michelle shared with me on Tuesday, Mom loved Jack and Jill and was excited with anticipation to attend the National Convention in Charlotte. Unfortunately, due to the unexpected death of her niece in California, Dr. Wanton was not able to join us. Please join the entire Jack and Jill family in sending thoughts and prayers to the Wanton family as we celebrate the life and legacy of our dearly departed Leader.

Tammy King
24th National President