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**Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. on the Passing of Carolyn Rush**



My heart is broken at the passing of Carolyn Rush, the wife of my old and dear friend, Representative Bobby L. Rush. But my spirit is fortified and filled with joy and gratitude for having known her, for having been her brother in the crusade for civil and human rights.

Carolyn was brave, brilliant and kind. She was the great woman, not behind the great man, but at her husband's side – freedom fighters and partners in the long struggle for racial, social and economic justice in Chicago, across the country and around the world.

Death won't erase her specific genius, her contributions, her spirit, her will. Death is not a period. It is a comma, a pause, as we keep moving toward a higher end.

The struggle falls upon us, we the living. Carolyn is gone to glory. We are left to tell the story and keep sitting-in and marching and fighting.

Rest in power, my dear, dear sister.

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