

GRAND



LIGHT:

This grandmother shines her light on her grandson.

LOVE:

My Nana has guided me and loves me!

ADVICE:

She always has good advice because she was a kid herself a long time ago.

Nana and Papa Jack are two grandparents that I loved as a toddler and now. They are my dad's parents. I was named after Papa Jack. As a kid, Papa Jack was the light. His light helped me make the right decisions as a kid. In August 2018, the Papa Jack candle blew out. My dad and I were devastated, but the Nana candle didn't blow out. The Nana candle guided me then and now. She is always there for me. She comes to my school events and watches me run during running season. I like visiting her and spending time with her. When I go to her house, we read together, and I help her clean her yard. We pick oranges together, and I squeeze them to make orange juice. She gives me good advice because she was a kid herself a long time ago.

2025 Orange County GRANDparent of the Year

CHARLENE KENNEDY