



Jerry Paul Jackson

March 4, 1947 - August 23, 2018

I, Jerry Paul Jackson, was the fifth child born to Willie and Nellie Jackson on March 4, 1947. I graduated in 1965 from Kankakee Senior High School in Kankakee, Illinois. Upon graduating, I began working at Wilmington Roofing Company.

Soon after I joined my brothers and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During boot camp in 1966, I met up with my brother Barry right outside the mess hall! What a pleasant surprise! I also scored 474 points out of 500 during physical training. As a squad leader, I received a pair of Dress Blues and the rank of Private First Class (PFC)! I also became the Honor Man of my platoon. I served in the military from 1966 to 1970. I was stationed in Okinawa, Japan for one tour of duty. I ran into my brother, Billie, while I was stationed in Yuma, Arizona. He was taking care of the planes and I was taking parts out there. We went out together one night and I gave him all of my 60's records.

After completing my service in the Marine Corps, I bought a car and drove from my home in Kankakee, Illinois to Maryland where I lived with my brother Richard for some time. I worked for Family Housing at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia until my retirement. During my employment there I had the honor of helping with response efforts following the 9/11 attacks. I received an award for my service.

I worked hard at becoming the best man I could be and being a loving father to my three beautiful daughters and my best friend of 36 years, Audrey Jackson, who I affectionately called Sweets. I joined Hunter Memorial A.M.E. Church and was baptized by Pastor Harold B. Hayes. I sang in the Men's Choir which I really enjoyed. After relocating to Baltimore, Maryland, I joined Life Source International Church with Pastors Mike and Becky McDermott. My wife and I prepared breakfast at the church on Saturday mornings and served breakfast to the choir on Sundays, something we enjoyed doing.

I loved to fish. I took a two week RV trip to Alaska with my brothers, and my sisters joined us the second week. I got to do a lot of fishing and we brought back 250 pounds of salmon each! I also liked to stay fit. I walked almost daily and tried to eat healthy. In August 2017 I joined the GeroFit Program at the Loch Raven VA Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. I worked out three days a week with an awesome group of men and we had three phenomenal trainers - Jamie, Brittany, and Megan. I was working toward my one year anniversary so I could get my green shirt. On June 10, 2018 I completed a 5K walk with the guys and I made it on one lung (even though I didn't know it at the time).

I was preceded in death by my mother, father, brothers Richard Earl, Willie Harwell, Barry Alan, Edward Eugene who received the Purple Heart and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, David Ray, Dennis Jay, sister Melba, and daughter Janette Patrice (Net Net). I am survived by my wife Audrey, daughters Melba and Damitra (Kenny), grandson Rhys, granddaughter Kaycie, sisters Donna Jean Jackson, Patricia Ann (George) Cousnard, and Pamela Marie (Edward) Thomas, aunts Osie Taylor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Vietta Coffie of Kankakee, Illinois, an affectionate mother-in-law Furnell Weaver, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham VA Cemetary

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

AUG 29. 10:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

Life Source International
7000 Rossville Blvd

Service

AUG 29. 11:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Paul Jackson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *On behalf of the LEMS staff, I send my deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to the family. Sincerely, Denise Madden*

Denise Madden-Darnell - September 01, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to you Audrey, Damitra, Melba and family. I love you all and may GOD's promises to comfort you unfold each day forward. May your days be filled with cherished memories of Jerry (your dad). Jerry Jackson was good man, loving husband and father and I'm glad the love of Christ Jesus shines on through all of you... Patience, Sacrifice and Love... Love you much, Tam & Ray, Upper Marlboro, MD*

Tammy Kornegay - August 29, 2018 at 01:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Paul Jackson.*



August 28, 2018 at 07:55 AM

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“ Jerry, "Jake" as many of us called him will be missed as part of the most well known family on the north side of Kankakee, IL. I miss him now despite not having seen him in many years. I have wonderful memories of all of The Jackson Family of 818 N. Rosewood Avenue. I salute you my dear friend and fellow military serviceman. He was truly one of the Few, the Proud a United States Marine that served society well. God Bless the family.



Elder Danny C. Brewster, Sr., M.Div

Elder Danny C. Brewster, Sr., M.Div - August 27, 2018 at 05:31 PM

 Rita
Watkins

“ Rita Watkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Jerry Paul Jackson.



Rita Watkins - August 27, 2018 at 11:20 AM

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“ My birth month buddy will truly be missed. He had a kind humble spirit at home, in church, just a true joy to be around. Even when you crashed in on breakfast-time to get your daughter's hair braided.

Rita Watkins

Rita Watkins - August 27, 2018 at 11:02 AM

JO

“ *Sending prayers & love to the Jackson family! So many special childhood memories. A life well lived...Take your rest Jerry!*

Chuck & Johnie Mae (Whitson) Dandridge

johnie - August 27, 2018 at 02:27 AM

PJ

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Jackson family in the passing of your loved one.*
Patricia Jamison



Patricia Jamison - August 27, 2018 at 12:23 AM

EC

“ *Remembering your love and kindness to everyone. You will be missed!!!*



Elayne Coffie - August 26, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - August 25, 2018 at 02:29 PM