



James Jackson

July 16, 1933 - July 22, 2021

James (Jim) Lee Jackson, 88, of Oklahoma City passed on to the life hereafter in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 22nd, 2021. He died full of spirit and thankful for a long and happy life. He was born July 16th, 1933, in a Magnolia oil camp in Quay, OK, to Lawrence Lee Jackson and Agnes Drexie Jones Jackson, both of whom moved to Oklahoma from West Virginia. He grew up in Yale and Shidler, OK. He was a proud alumnus of Shidler High School and remained active in the SHS Alumni Association. He served in the United States Army 1st Engineers Battalion during the post-WW II reconstruction of Germany (1953-1956). He held a degree in early childhood education from Washburn University (Topeka, KS). He was the loving husband of Connie Mae Vann Jackson, to whom he was married from 1956 until his death – almost 65 years. He retired from Blue Circle Cement Co. (now Central Plains Cement of Tulsa) in 1998 after working for over 30 years as a regional salesperson. He was an active member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in OKC for over 40 years, serving faithfully on both the Board of Elders, the Board of Deacons, and the Building Committee, and enjoying many close friends in the congregation. He was also active with his wife in the church choir where he enjoyed the unofficial title “Choir King.” Jim was loved by many for his big heart, broad smile, and strong hugs, his way with words, his rich laugh, and ironic sense of humor, and the many, many stories and songs he loved to share and sing. To his children, he was a devoted father who cherished his family and enjoyed time with them above all

else. He cared for them with all he had. He enjoyed whistling, big cars, road trips, vacations at the lake, good cooking, and Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. He was preceded in death by his parents and by many cousins he loved as brothers and sisters. He is survived by two sons and a daughter: Lee Neele Jackson and wife Dee of Coalgate, OK; Vann Jackson and wife Cyndi of Broken Arrow, OK; and Dr. Rachel Constance Jackson of Norman, OK. He had four grandchildren: Jonathan Lee Jackson and wife Linsay of Oklahoma City; Joni Foster of Coalgate, OK; Haleigh Wisotsky and husband Emerson of Jenks, OK; and Shelby Jackson of Oakland, CA. He had two great grandchildren: Treyvin Foster and Wyatt Wisotsky. His strength and love, his stories and songs live on in the hearts and memories of his family and friends who will carry them on. He will be missed deeply and treasured forever. Graveside services were held at Grandview Cemetery in Kaw City, OK, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27th, and a memorial service was held that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church – 10100 Ridgeview Dr., OKC, 73120. Services were conducted by Hayhurst Funeral Home. The memorial video as well as audio recording of both services can be found at Jim's obituary page on the Hayhurst website under the "Photos & Videos" tab. Cards may be sent to the family through the church. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the Covenant Presbyterian Church music ministry

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 27. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Grand View Cemetery
Hwy 11
Kaw City, OK 74011

Memorial Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
10100 Ridgeview Drive
Oklahoma City, OK

Tribute Wall

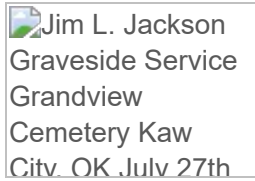


“ *James Jackson*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



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 Jim L. Jackson
Graveside Service
Grandview
Cemetery Kaw
City, OK, July 27th

 Jim L. Jackson
Memorial Service
Covenant
Presbyterian
Church Oklahoma



Rachel Jackson - July 29, 2021 at 04:04 PM



Christop
Gordon

I'm sorry to hear this. He was a great man. I'm honored to have met him.

Christopher Gordon - March 23, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dear Connie, Vann, Lee and Rachel:
We were so sorry to hear of your Father's passing. I know that my Dad, Ron, will miss him. I personally am so glad that my sister, Karen, and I were able to visit Oklahoma City to see him and had the treat of going to the catfish restaurant with him. Please know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time in your lives.
Love to all, Kelly (Poling) Cox and family in Michigan*

Kelly R Cox - July 29, 2021 at 03:34 PM

SW

“ Jim touched so many lives. His stories were funny, interesting and informative. I always went to him for family history. So glad I had a chance to visit him in Oklahoma. He so enjoyed coming back to WV for the Jackson Reunions at Highland Church. Miss you Jim and our phone calls.

Cousin Shirley Whipple

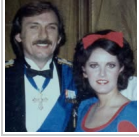
Shirley Whipple - July 28, 2021 at 05:08 PM

RJ

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Rachel Jackson - July 27, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ I met Jim in the 1980's when I worked at Metheny Concrete in Oklahoma City and he worked at Blue Circle Cement, Jim knows everyone and everyone knows Jim. We sure had fun back then, life certainly seemed much simpler.
I remember we went to Central Presbyterian Church and Jim invited us to Covenant Presbyterian. There sure isn't anyone else like Jim Jackson.
I know how much Jim loved his wife and kids, and I'm so sorry you all are going through this, but I know a Dads hug lasts long after he lets go.

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine down upon you, and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, this day and forever more.*

Steve Lower

Steve Lower - July 26, 2021 at 03:08 PM

SK

“ Susan, Frank, and Carson Kates purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Jackson.



Susan, Frank, and Carson Kates - July 25, 2021 at 06:32 PM

HJ

“ *Honorée Fanonne Jeffers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Jackson.*



Honorée Fanonne Jeffers - July 25, 2021 at 06:21 PM

LP

“ *Jim was a wonderful person. He always loved coming back to West Virginia and the old High Land Church where the Jacksons held their family reunion for many years. We will always remember our trip out to Oklahoma a few years ago to see he and Connie and the family. We will miss our Sunday talks with Jim and his stories. Prayers for the family and friends.*

*Charlie and Linda Pethtel
Plum Run, West Virginia*

Linda Jones Pethtel - July 25, 2021 at 05:54 PM

JZ

“ *My condolences to my colleague Rachel and to all of James Jackson's friends and family. I'm sorry for your loss. - Jim Zeigler*

Jim Zeigler - July 25, 2021 at 05:42 PM

RJ

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Rachel Jackson - July 25, 2021 at 12:23 PM

GM

Friend of eldest son, Lee Jackson. He was a hearty, good-natured man. He lived an honorable life and will be missed. Thanks for the beer at the OU game. Happy trails DeDe Jackson.

Gil Martin - July 26, 2021 at 12:21 PM