



Jack Jackson

May 26, 1933 - March 19, 2007

John "Jack" Jackson, 73 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died March 19, 2007, at Washington Regional Medical Center, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Born May 26, 1933 at home in Clay Center, Kansas, he was the youngest son and seventh child of eight born to D.D. and Elsie Jackson of Clay Center, Kansas. He attended the Clay Center Public Schools and was a graduate of Clay County Community High School in 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War period. He was sent to aircraft mechanics school and was a licensed Army A&P mechanic for L-20, L-19 fixed wing and H-19 helicopters. He was honorable discharged with the rank of E-4. He began working in his father's electrical business and continued to work in some aspects of that trade until his retirement in 1998. He was a graduate of John Brown University with a BSSE degree. He taught electrical courses at the Stilwell, Oklahoma vo-tech school and later was a part time adjunct professor at JBU in the Building Construction Dept. He and his family moved to Siloam Springs in 1968. He and his wife, Liz, established Jackson Electric of Siloam Springs in 1974. The business was sold to their son, Dwight and his wife Marilyn, who continue to operate the business in Siloam Springs. He was a charter member of the Eastgate Free Will Baptist Church in Siloam Springs and served as a Deacon, Trustee, SS Superintendent, Teacher, treasurer, and janitor through the years. In the year 2003, they became members of Liberty Baptist Church in Siloam Springs. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, gardening, and spending time with his eight grandchildren. He was preceded

in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters. He is survived by his wife Liz; one son, Dwight and wife Marilyn of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; one daughter, Doris Reed and husband Doug of Roland Arkansas; grandchildren Nathan (and wife Kendra), Jennifer, and Gina Jackson of Siloam Springs, and Damaris, Lydia, Dawson, Mary Beth, and Daniel Reed of Roland Arkansas. He is also survived by one older brother, Dan Jackson and wife Pauline of Beaverton, Oregon, and one sister, Martha Rundle and husband Harlan of Clay Center, Kansas

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Liberty Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Rev. Ralph Devore officiating. Committal services will be 4:00 p.m., at Hall Cemetery, Natural Dam, Arkansas. Visitation will be 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2007, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution either to the Misson or Building Fund, Liberty Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1061, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Dear Dwight and Marilyn and precious family:

What a priviledge it has been to share in this most tender and painful time of your lives. Thank you for allowing me to share in your last day with your precious father, grandfather, and friend. Thank you for your testimony today of a life well lived. Jennifer, your power point was a precious gift to us all of your granddads life. Nathan, thank you for pushing through the pain of your loss and sharing those tender memories with your granddad.....esp. the commitment you "felt" as you married your precious Kendra, a commitment for life, in the good times and bad. Dwight, your unspoken love today was known as you held your mother, lost in her own world....and Marilyn as you were there by his side. You lightened these difficult later days of his life as he cared for his precious wife, your mom, Liz. I loved Nathan's commitment to carry on the family tradition of a special meal each week.....a commitment his folks determined valuable to draw the family together. Gina, I know your heart is in pain, though perhaps you cannot put words to it.....your granddad believed in you girl.....I hold dear the picture I took of your granddad and your grandmom at playnight cheering you on! And Doris, I am sorry that it is under these circumstances that I have been able to finally meet you and your family. Thank you for recently meeting a need in our lives, may you and yours know the Father's love in this time of loss. Obviously, your father was proud of both you and Dwight.....live in the joy of his love.

*So grateful to be your freind,
Martha*

Martha Reimer - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

SR

“ Jack was such a wonderful man. He gave so much of himself without even knowing it. He gave hope when I was down. Gave a smile and a gentle word when I needed it. Always had a extra moment to listen to you and an encouraging word to make you feel better. He was a mentor to many and a faithful servant of God. He showed us courage, faithfulness and dignity in facing his challenges with Ms. Liz's condition. He made us all better people for just knowing him. He was so proud of his family and he had every right to be, because they are a reflection of him and they too will carry on his legacy. Thank you Jack for letting us at Liberty be a part of your family too!

Susan & Mark Rahn - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JD

“ *Dear Dwight and Doris and families,*

We've known your parents for around 30 years. While we were living near them and attending the same church, we were assured of their support as we worked with the youth choir in which their children participated. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were always encouraging us in our endeavors.

Then, as the years went by and we moved to Louisiana, we became aware of what fine people your parents are through the rearing of their children. Look at their son, for instance, who married my sister. You know, children, even when they grow to be adults, often mirror their upbringing in the way they treat others. As my brother-in-law, Dwight, you have been exemplary in your treatment of my sister and her parents. I look on that as being a direct reflection on how your parents raised you!

Lately, your father had shown his ultimate love for his wife and family through caring for Mrs. Liz all those days her illness was developing. What an unselfish gift to devote himself to her as he did!!!

Just be assured that we will continue to pray for you all as you face the future events that will bring his "passing" afresh on your mind. Be comforted in knowing what the Apostle Paul said, "Absent from the body=in the presence of the Lord!"

Since we could not come to the funeral, we decided to devote this time praying for you and sending you these thoughts.

We love you all!!! John and Celeste

John & Celeste Davis - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JL

“ Dear Dwight, Marilyn and family,
We were sorry to hear about Jack. We wish we could be there to give all of you a hug. We have been praying for you since we heard and will continue to hold you up in prayer.
Your Dad/grandfather was a real friend when we first moved to Siloam those many years ago. All that was necessary to see what kind of man he was was to see his family. That is one of the greatest legacies that a man can have and Jack had a great one.
Love and prayers,
Alice and Jim

John & Rhonda Lewis - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

GA

“ So sorry to hear about Jack but rejoice that he now is in the arms of Jesus. He was a servant and friend to many, he will be missed. God bless and comfort the family during these days. See the soon Jack!

Gene and Alice - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

BD

“ Dwight & Doris and families,
Your dad will be greatly missed at our church. He was a godly man and always willing to help anyone in any way he could. It was truly a wonderful testimony the way he took care of your mom. We are praying for both your families. In His Love!

Barbie DeVore - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

PB

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Jack when I would see him around. To Dwight and family you're in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill and Teresa Allcorn

Buster Allcorn

and Allcorn Construction Crew

Paul Berlin - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

DB

“ Dear Dwight and Family: Sorry to hear about your dad. We always enjoyed it when he came by our office for a signature on a petition. You know he wired the first house we built in 1976, and I remember he didn't waste any time getting it done, either! We will be thinking about you guys. You can be proud of your heritage, Dwight.

Sincerely, Don Bunker+ family

don bunker - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

GP

“ We enjoyed our friendship with Jack over the past 2 1/2 years. He was a wonderful person, and made us feel welcome at church from the first day we visited. We will miss his warm smile and friendly ways.

Grover & Pam Parent - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

SL

“ My prayers are with your family.

Somer Lewis - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

EB

“ *Dwight, I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know your Dad except by reputation and knowing the fine son that he raised. I know he must have been a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Take care,
Ellen*

Ellen Brammer - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ *Jack was a friend to many and will be missed by all. Our sincere sympathy goes out to your family at this sad time. May God give you comfort and peace.*

Joyce Bailey - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

EB

“ *03.22.07
To the family of John Jackson!
I enjoyed hearing the most interesting letter that John sent to the class reunion this past year. I'm so glad for his steadfast faith in our Lord and Savior! He always expressed such a light-hearted and positive attitude. We did much together as young kids. I pray for all his family as they adjust to this loss.
In Christ's love, Jo
"God is our refuge & strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1*

Edward Baker - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

SG

“ Jack was a great friend. I met him through church, and again through the dentist office where I worked (DR. Ron Syler). I since moved to MT. My mother tells me that every sunday since I left he asked about me and my son. He seemed to think of others even when he had so much on his plate. I will miss our friendship. I admired Jack's faith and devotion to his wife, family and to God. Rest in peace my friend.

Stacey Gray - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

CM

“ John will be missed when we meet as a class again. We remember our childhood friends the best.

Charles Mansfield - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

SA

“ So very, very sorry to hear about Jack. My prayers are with you all. It is so hard to believe, I am shocked. I met the family several years ago at a reunion I attended with Mike Bauer. Although it has been a while since our last email contact, Jack certainly helped me in understanding the care and needs of a person with Alzheimers. Jack and I compared notes a lot in regards to Liz and my mother, whom I am taking care of. He was a great inspiration to me and a very courageous caring person. He truly made me feel as though I was part of the family. He will be missed, yet remembered forever, by many.

Shirley Ackley - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

EA

“ We are very saddened by your loss. We are very shocked he is gone. You are in our prayers and thoughts as you face this difficult time. May you find comfort and peace in cherishing the good memories. Take care, Kim Anderson / Ron Harp Edward Jones Investments

Edward Jones - Ron Harp/Kim Anderson - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

FS

“ I have enjoyed John's e-mails. He was really looking forward to our next class reunion. I have contacted most of our classmates and they all send their prayers and condolences.

Jeanne Stitt

Frank R. Swenson - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

MB

“ Will always remember John as a happy and smiling friend in high school. He was a bit of a tease and made us laugh.

Marie Bauer - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

BF

“ I loved your Dad and Grand Dad. Jack was always a gentleman to me. I admired his dedication to your Mom. He was passionate about the things he valued. May God bless your family with wisdom and comfort.

Becky Flory - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

GN

“ My first recollection of Jack sends me back over 38 years ago as a young, new teacher and having the privilege of working with his children, Dwight and Doris, in school. Our paths continued to head the same direction as his children grew and I grew through the years. As a result, I was blessed to see the legacy that Jack and his wife gave to us in the form of their children. My memories also include the professional side of Jack as well as I watched him work on electrical projects over the years at my home and at school. He was always willing to let an interested observer and novice watch and ask dumb questions as he worked. I particularly loved all those special tools that he carried. One of the first things I wanted when I had my own house was a tool pouch with things dangling from them. Maybe I didn't know what every tool was for, but I sure looked good and confident in my ignorance. To this day I can remember the noise that was made when Jack just pulled a particular tool from his pouch. I will always think of Jack like Opie did in that episode of the Andy Griffith show when he came into contact with Mr. McBebe out in the woods. The fascination that he had in seeing a man who walked in the trees and jingled when he walked; and a man that became his friend. I learned a lot through experiencing Jack, and in all those times I found him always to be a true gentleman, and a good and godly man. He lived his Christian life 24 hours a day whether at home, on the job, or with us as his extended family. Our world lost a valuable role model and friend when Jack was called home.

Grady and Sandra Nichols - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

KT

“ A truly wonderful man. My prayers and sympathy are extended to the entire family.

Kenny and Darla Threet - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ Back in the late 1940's, i lived a half block from Johnny Jackson - as we knew him then. This was in our high school days and we spent virtually every summer evening prowling all of Clay Center on our bicycles. Johnny knew everyone in Clay Center and things about them that they, themselves, did not know. In our high school class of 1951, Johnny was probably the best known and certainly the best liked individual. He was constantly outgoing and friendly. It is certainly sad to lose such a dear friend and difficult to realize that he is gone. I often remember him and our exploits even though after high school we only touched base at class reunions. I knew him as a person of exceptional character and hope his family relishes the memory of him.
John Brethour

John Brethour - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

LF

“ Dwight, Marilyn, Doris and family,

This is such a shock. Jack and Liz were the best neighbors anyone could have. He was always willing to help you when ever he could. He would help C.J. work on the 'old tractor' he had and never take a dime for it. He and C.J. loved to garden.

After C.J. died he kept a special eye on the place for me and would always call or come when he thought something was wrong.

I just don't think I can ever forget how good he was to us. God be with each of you and especially with Liz.

Lavada Ford - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM

RM

“ *How very very sorry I am. We loved Jack and Liz very much, you know that. Bob had so much fun with his friend 'Daddy Jack' and I so enjoyed sitting with Ms. Liz. Jack was so supportive this past week with the loss of my Bob. I truly feel your pain. But there is great rejoicing going on in heaven right now. Praise our mighty God for that. Being friends with Jack Jackson was an honor indeed.*

Rhonda Mize - September 19, 2012 at 11:31 AM