



Mr. John Edward Jackson

July 16, 1963 - January 1, 2020

NOTE: Visitation and Funeral Service Locations Listed Below

John Edward Jackson passed away on January 1, 2020 at 11:05 a.m., with his wife, Carrie Jackson by his bedside at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence in Kalamazoo, MI at the young age of 56. John was diagnosed with a rare and untreatable cancer on November 27, 2019 and fought every day to beat the disease with a continued hold of strong faith in the Lord. John also suffered a stroke during this time and continued to fight every day. He had a strong support system by his side 24 hours a day which consisted of his wife Carrie, son Tray, and his daughter Laila who never left his side. John also had many visits from his family, church family and friends.

John was born on July 16, 1963 in Belzoni Mississippi to Louise Jackson and Odies Van Willis. He and his family moved to Chicago, IL when John was a young boy where he attended Albert Einstein Elementary School. John then attended Farragut Career Academy High School until he graduated in 1983. He was an All American in Basketball, Football and Swimming. John worked for the Chicago Park District in Chicago, IL during his years in high school.

In 1990, John moved to Michigan and united in marriage to Carrie Jackson and to this union two children were born, Tray Ali Jackson and Laila Rosa Jackson. In 2010, he chose to move his family to the suburbs of Chicago, IL

where he attended Harper College in Palatine, IL for Coaching. In 2013, John and his family moved to Portage, MI where John attended Kalamazoo Community College for Entrepreneurship and Business to start his own company, Real Property Solutions.

John joined First United Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI in 2014; under the leadership of Pastor Lenzy E. Bell and First Lady Lori Ann Bell. He was a part of the Men's Choir, Mass Choir and the New Beginning's Choir. John also became a Trustee of the church in 2016.

John was a devoted, loyal, honest, kind-hearted, loving, protective and faith carrying Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Uncle, Cousin and Friend. He was not afraid to speak his mind and tell it how it was. If you didn't want to hear the truth, then it should not have been said or done around John, because his honesty and integrity would step in with his mercy and grace and tell you how it was going to be done! John's heart was so big that he was there for everyone day or night, whenever they needed him. He always made sure that everyone was comfortable and well fed! John also made sure that his wife and children as well as himself had the best of everything. He also made sure his wife and children, as well as himself, were dressed and smelling good at all times! John did not believe in half-steppin'! John loved sports, especially Chicago Sports. He made sure he was able to watch all Bulls, Bears and Cubs games. He also loved to spend time with family, friends and especially his wife and children. John enjoyed spending time in his back yard; swimming in the in-ground pool, playing basketball on the court he built and designed, playing with his 1964 Chevy Impala SS in his custom-built Pole Barn. He also enjoyed riding 4 wheelers and mowing the lawn with his wife and children as well as spending time in his custom entertainment rooms inside of the house. John was a family man and wherever you would see John, you would see Carrie, Tray and Laila. He designed the home that they have in Portage, MI and loved every minute of it. He loved life and making everyone love life as

well!

John was preceded in death by his father, Odies Van Willis; his brother, Rufus Milton and niece, Dominique Hobson. He was also preceded in death by many other family members that are in our memories.

John is survived by his wife, Carrie Jo Jackson, his son, Tray Ali Jackson and his daughter, Laila Rosa Jackson all of Portage, MI; his mother, Louise Jackson (John Rushing) of Chicago, IL; 7 sisters, Dorothy Jackson, Hazel Jackson both of Chicago, IL, Lelia Brooks of Ozark, AL; WillieAnn Rainey, Sherry Jackson, Linda Faye Jackson and Linda R. Willis of Chicago, IL; 3 brothers, Jesse Jackson, Odes J. Jackson and Leonard Willis all of Chicago, IL; father-in-law, George Charles Casey and Mother-in-law, Judith Kay Casey both of Gladwin, MI; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Also, Special Honorary "family" members: Pastor Lenzy E. Bell, First Lady Lori Ann Bell Mother Willie White, Odell M. Snell (Stephine) all of Kalamazoo, MI and Dukes Whitfield (Kim) and Mother Janie Reed all of Portage, MI.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church
821 S Burdick St
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 381-3996

A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Baptist Church
821 S Burdick St
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 381-3996

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Harper Funeral Home - January 05, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ Mr. John Edward Jackson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. John Edward Jackson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Carrie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie Jackson - September 28, 2021 at 07:53 AM

DE

Missing you like crazy, down here. R.I.P my friend until we meet again
💙

Derrick - December 28, 2021 at 08:08 AM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie Jackson - July 08, 2021 at 12:38 AM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



carrie jackson - June 07, 2021 at 01:49 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie Jackson - April 22, 2021 at 10:49 PM

CJ

“ Carrie Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie jackson - January 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM

CJ

“ Carrie J Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



carrie J jackson - December 20, 2020 at 08:31 AM

CJ

“ The love of my life! Missing you everyday. It seems like it would be getting easier with each passing day but it seems like you just left yesterday. Life is rough without you but we are making by taking day by day.
Love you for all eternity!
You forever wife,
Carrie Jackson

Carrie Jackson - October 26, 2020 at 02:33 PM

CJ

“ Love for all eternity💜💔

Your forever wife,
Carrie



carrie jackson - August 22, 2020 at 08:43 PM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - August 14, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CJ

“ *I love you my darling husband.*

 Carrie

Carrie Jackson - August 13, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JA

“  *forever!!!!*

Love, Carrie

jacksonmtpls@msn.com - July 21, 2020 at 05:26 PM

CJ

“ *Happy Birthday my Love! Lewis and Derrick invited me, Tray and Laila to a bbq today for your birthday. We did a balloon release in your memory. We talked about you and remembered your funny sayings and things you did. You were and are still loved by all who knew you. There were some, you know who they are, that acted funny and did not show but claim they have hard times with you being gone. I need not to say any more about them because you know exactly who I am talking about. Myself, Tray, Derrick and Lewis stopped and visited your grave site. Derrick left a box of blacks for you. My love, you are missed and loved and there will NEVER be another REAL man like you.*

*Love your forever wife,
Carrie*

CARRIE JACKSON - July 16, 2020 at 11:04 PM

CJ

“ Today is Laila’s birthday. Her first birthday without you. What a day! You are truly missed. We were a family on holidays and special occasions as well as every other day of the year. She’s the youngest and needs her dad. Each day is difficult without you, but days like this are even harder.

Love you and miss you!!!

Love,

Your loving wife Carrie          

carrie jackson - June 20, 2020 at 08:30 PM

CJ

“ Another day has passed and Laila and I were listening to music and reminiscing about you and the good times we had. Laila and I mimicking your dancing and funny quirks. We miss you and love you so much that reminiscing is all we have. Memories are not enough to mend a broken heart. Loving you is all I want to do. Love your wife for all eternity, Carrie

carrie jackson - June 06, 2020 at 07:14 PM

CJ

“ My love, my heart is empty and aches for you. I love you and miss you.

Love, Carrie Jackson

carrie jackson - May 30, 2020 at 09:08 PM

CJ

“ The love my life. I love you!!!!   

carrie jackson - May 30, 2020 at 09:04 PM

CJ

“ *The best husband and father ever! We cry and talk about missing you all the time. The time is passing by but the tears and the pain are very real! You are missed sooo much and learning to live without you is not easy. Our hearts are aching all of the time and its not imaginable being here on earth without you. Love your wife, Carrie*

CARRIE JACKSON - May 25, 2020 at 03:37 PM

CJ

“ *CARRIE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson*



CARRIE JACKSON - May 14, 2020 at 06:58 PM

CJ

“ *I love you and miss you!!!!!!!!!!!!*



carrie jackson - May 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM

CJ

“ *CARRIE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson*



CARRIE JACKSON - May 04, 2020 at 09:02 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of
Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - April 27, 2020 at 08:16 PM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON lit a candle in memory of
Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - April 27, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CJ

“ Love you forever!!!!
Carrie💙💜



Carrie Jackson - April 17, 2020 at 06:51 PM

CJ

“ My dearest husband. My constant thoughts of you are my blessings of knowing you are at peace.

I love you and miss you with every part of my being. Hearing your voice, hearing you walk thru the house, Seeing your handsome face and knowing you are my rock thru trying times and my inspiration when times were tough. My whole world turned upside down when you left this world. Each day is a new day and knowing you are in my heart is what keeps me going. I love you and miss you. You wife Carrie 💙💜💛💖



Carrie Jackson - April 15, 2020 at 07:31 PM

CJ

“ 💖💖💖💖💖💖🙏🙏🙏💖💖💖
Love, your wife for all eternity!!!
Carrie



Carrie Jackson - April 11, 2020 at 06:51 PM

CA

“ Carrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



carrie - April 08, 2020 at 06:19 PM

CJ

“ To “My Love”: I love you and miss you so much. It seems to be getting harder with each passing day than easier. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Carrie Jackson - March 30, 2020 at 03:53 PM

CA

“ Carrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie - March 22, 2020 at 07:54 PM

CA

“ Carrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie - March 22, 2020 at 12:35 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - March 18, 2020 at 06:29 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - March 13, 2020 at 08:30 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - March 12, 2020 at 06:50 AM

CA

“ Carrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie - March 08, 2020 at 09:05 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - March 05, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - March 05, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CJ

“ CARRIE JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE JACKSON - February 17, 2020 at 09:21 AM

CA

“ Carrie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie - February 09, 2020 at 12:09 PM

CA

“ My love, there's not a second that goes by that I don't miss you. This is the hardest thing I have ever had to do-is live without you. I love you sooo much. Your wife for all eternity, Carrie 🥰



Carrie - February 08, 2020 at 09:03 PM

CA

“ Iloveyouandmissyousoooooomuch!!

Carrie

CARRIE - February 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM

CA

“ CARRIE sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



CARRIE - February 07, 2020 at 01:32 PM

CA

“ Carrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Carrie - January 12, 2020 at 03:55 PM

BB

“ Bari Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Bari Brown - January 06, 2020 at 06:33 PM

WT

“ *Wanda R Dungey Thurmond lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson*



Wanda R Dungey Thurmond - January 04, 2020 at 03:19 PM

CA

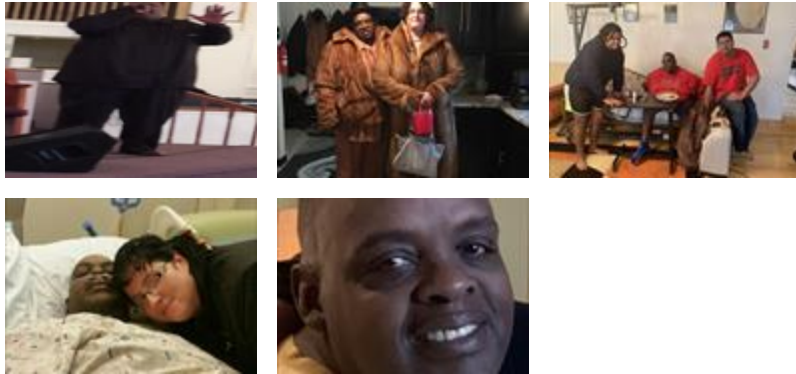
“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carrie - January 04, 2020 at 08:34 AM

CA

“ John was a devoted, loyal protector husband and father. My heart is broken. No one will ever be able to fill the shoes you wore. Your children and I will love you everyday for the remaining days of our lives. You are my heart and my whole world. There aren't enough words to express how much love I have for you. Until we are together again, I keep the memories and know you are at peace and out of pain. I watched you suffer 24 hours a day fighting this battle and knowing you fought tooth and nail to the end warms my heart and please know you are my hero and the love of my life for all eternity. I love you John and we will be together again!! Your Wife Carrie Jackson ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️



Carrie - January 04, 2020 at 08:33 AM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Dallas Boards and family - January 04, 2020 at 08:18 AM

SH

“ Sherry lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Edward Jackson



Sherry - January 03, 2020 at 10:01 PM

LA

“ Everyday, when I would come up to him. And say his name or say something he'd cover his mouth and say "oooo you need a tik tac." There's a whole lot of other memories with my dad. 💕-Laila Jackson

laila - January 03, 2020 at 09:07 PM