



Mr. Thurston Jackson

November 11, 1952 - April 1, 2017

Thurston Jackson was born on November 11, 1952 in Covington, Tennessee to parents Mildred Tipton and Earlie L. Jackson (deceased).

He attended Covington High School in Tennessee and graduated in 1971. He then moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan and worked several jobs until, in February 1973, he began working at Graphics Packaging as a Machine Operator. He retired in 2015.

On March 31, 1973, Thurston married Carolyn McGrew. Three children were born from that union: Adrian “Hoody” Jackson, Kelly Jackson, and Kimberly Jackson-Francisco. He later joined in union with Helen Dungey for many years until his death.

Thurston loved to bowl, play softball, shoot pool, participate in family activities, watch soap operas, cowboy movies, play the lottery, sing, dance, and enjoyed pork rinds and a cold beer. He was a very outgoing and outspoken man who loved to barbeque and make people laugh. He was very animated and always wanted to entertain for the enjoyment of all. He always told family and friends that he was one of the original Temptations. However, when he actually met them in person, he froze in place and couldn’t respond to a simple hello – hilarious!

Thurston passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, April 1, 2017. He leaves to cherish his memory his long-time companion, Helen Dungey; a son Adrian “Hoody” (Marcia) Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI; daughters Kelly Jackson and Kimberly (Carlos) Jackson-Francisco both of Cary, NC. Seven grandchildren: Khyle Jackson, Kaylah Davis, Kimberly Jackson, Adarian Sanford, Khendle Jackson, Da’Vari Jackson-West, and Khaleb Jackson. Preceded in death, infant grandson, Kameron Francisco. Step grandchildren: Kailah Gunn, Tierra Bell, and Terrence Bell. Siblings: sisters Pauline Grant and Irene (Thomas) Burnett of Covington, TN; brothers: Earlie (Beth) Jackson of Covington, TN and Jimmie Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI. Special Mention: Debra Moore, who was like a daughter to him, and her children Mario Moore, Shaniqua “Poo Poo” Buchanan, and Terry “TJ” Buchanan.

Helen's extended family to include her mother, Christine Hodge, and great grandchildren who loved him dearly.

Long-time relationships: Milton (Mary) McGrew, Lucille McGrew, Diane Scott, and Linda Sims all of Illinois. Charles (Marla) McGrew of Washington; Henrietta Holland and Patricia (Todd) McGrew both of Kalamazoo, MI; Ronnie (Karen) McGrew of Wisconsin; Susan Laneaux of Mississippi; and Kathy (Pearce) Gilbert of Georgia; Richard and Lynell McGrew (both deceased). Best friends: Mike Kye, Johnnie Hollin; preceded in death Jesse Tipton, Steve Scott, and George Holland. The entire beloved Jackson, Tipton and Holland families, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many, many friends!

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

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Tribute Wall



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



Harper Funeral Home - April 10, 2017 at 08:24 AM



“ Mr. Thurston Jackson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Thurston Jackson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Ron Followell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



ron followell - April 17, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. -The Snell Family



DaNikka Snell - April 16, 2017 at 01:13 PM

PF

“ *PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson*



PATTERSON FAMILY - April 11, 2017 at 04:26 PM

RF

“ *RI.H. Thurston, or Thurston Howell, III (from Gilligan's Island) as I used to call you!! I will miss you & the way we picked on one another. GOD truly received an angel....Bird*

Royetta Fry-Walker - April 11, 2017 at 12:27 PM

RF

“ *Royetta Fry-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson*



Royetta Fry-Walker - April 11, 2017 at 12:08 PM

AR

“ *Audrey Rancifer-McGrew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson*



Audrey Rancifer-McGrew - April 11, 2017 at 08:54 AM

LM

“ *Linda Sims And James Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson*



Linda Sims and James Marshall - April 11, 2017 at 03:19 AM

RD

“ Randy Dunfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



Randy Dunfield - April 10, 2017 at 06:19 PM

KJ

“ I still can't believe you are gone, but I am so thankful for the time that we had. Love you always dad.



Kimberly Jackson - April 10, 2017 at 12:14 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



Carolyn Jackson - April 10, 2017 at 12:05 PM

JG

“ We miss you already, "Poppy." You'll always be in our hearts...forever! Your grands: Khyle, Kaylah, Kim, Adarian, Khendle, DaVari, and Khaleb.

Jackson Grandchildren - April 10, 2017 at 12:03 PM

CJ

“ Carolyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



Carolyn Jackson - April 10, 2017 at 11:58 AM

TB

“ Toni

Toni Brown - April 10, 2017 at 10:31 AM

VO

“ R.I.P. my buddy, my friend. My condolences to the family.

Vivian Ollie-O'Neal (Ms. Billie Bob to you)



Vivian Ollie-O'Neal - April 10, 2017 at 09:26 AM

AJ

“ Adrian "Hoody" Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



Adrian "Hoody" Jackson - April 09, 2017 at 04:08 PM

SF

“ Sherry Lampkins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



Sherry lampkins and family - April 09, 2017 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ Harris Family sending prayers and condolences to the Jackson Family God Bless



Jerry Harris - April 09, 2017 at 10:04 AM

KJ

“ Kelly Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson



Kelly Jackson - April 09, 2017 at 06:26 AM

PM

“ *Uncle Thur i still cant believe this. Miss you already. The Temptation songs, The laughing and questioning me about me kids and how many more im gonna have, calling you asking about bar b que'ing ans making sauce, even you tying me to chairs to play cards, talking about those knees, just everything about you Unc. Our lives forever change without you here. Love you and Rest In Heaven!!*

Philip McGrew - April 08, 2017 at 07:23 PM

PM

“ *Philip McGrew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson*



Philip McGrew - April 08, 2017 at 07:03 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson*



Dallas Boards and family - April 08, 2017 at 08:42 AM

WB

so sorry to here,I worked with him at the mill,for be with u in ur time of grief,hugs to u an family,

Wendy briley - April 08, 2017 at 06:23 PM

RD

I was Shocked to say the least to hear about Thurston. I met him at the mill where we worked, he was the type to make friends easily and as we became friends i got to know his family and friends as he got to know mine. Our friendship grew and we often with his brothers and our friends would get together for a cocktail or two and Thurston loved cooking out so we enjoyed many of those times also. I was very grateful to have know him and to have met Earl, Jimmy, and Helen and others and hope to continue their friendships in the future. TJ, You were a wonderful person that I was allowed to call my friend and you will be deeply missed, Rest in Peace old friend until the time we meet up again, knowing you will be missed by me and many others.

Randy Dunfield - April 10, 2017 at 11:48 AM

SH

Sandra Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thurston Jackson.

Sandra Houston - June 05, 2017 at 09:20 PM