



## Melvyn Lewis Jackson

June 28, 1940 - September 11, 2020

Dr. Melvyn Lewis Jackson, B.S.D.C., 80, of Johnson City, passed away Friday, September 11, 2020 at the Johnson City Medical Center.

Melvyn was born in Jonesborough to the late Robert and Edith Cantrell Jackson. He attended Jonesborough High School, and after graduation he enlisted in the Army. Melvyn served from 1958 to 1963 with the United States Army, was awarded an Expert Infantry Badge, and served in the Big Red 1 1st Infantry Division. After his service he entered ETSU and continued on to Life Chiropractic in Marietta, GA where he received his Bachelor of Science and Doctorate. Melvyn had a practice in Kingsport and Johnson City, TN for 27 years, where he was able to help many people. He attended Cornerstone Church. Melvyn was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by a sister, Anna Lee Jackson and brother, Lonnie Jackson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 26 years, Patty Hoback Jackson; children Brian Adams, Lisa McNeely, Vicky Adams, Joe Adams; grandchildren, Dennis Adams, Britany Quick, Meagan Hoover, Briana Mays, Jake Merrill, Courtney Franklin, Morgan McNeely, Samuel Merrill, Travis Merrill, Kayla McNeely, Kaytlin Adams, Tiffannie McNeely, Joshua McNeely, Abigail Merrill, Caleb Adams, Joseph Adams II, Ashlee Adams, Jerry Adams; great-grandchildren, Emily, Lilly, Aiden, Landon, Gracelyn, Jayden, Raelynn, Baby Boy due February 2021, Bracie, Bristol, Bradley, Chloe, Callie, Mason, Wyatt, Madalyn, Harper, Macey; sisters, Dorothy Shell, Tricia Snowden and husband Ken, brother, Randy Jackson and wife Sarah; sister-in-law, Brenda Jackson; nieces and nephews, Mandy Jo Terry and husband Shawn, Robert, Katherine and Kelly Ann; great niece and nephew, Nicole and Isaac; cousins, Pat MacLean and husband Stuart, Mickey Scott; several other beloved cousins and nephews.

The funeral service for Melvyn will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the Sunrise Chapel of Tetrick Funeral Services with Lamar Garrison, Minister, officiating. The committal service will follow in Washington County Memory Gardens with Rev. Dr. C. Stuart MacLean, officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service in the Chapel from 1:00-2:00 P.M.

Please click the following link to view a Live Stream funeral service for Melvyn.

<https://www.oneromstreaming.com/view/authorise.php?k=160010361676770>

# Events

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**SEP 15** **Committal Service** 03:00AM

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Washington County Memory Gardens  
P. O. Box 3830, Johnson City, TN, US

**SEP 15** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Tetrick Funeral and Cremation Services  
3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN, US, 37604

**SEP 15** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tetrick Funeral** - September 15, 2020 at 09:01 AM

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“ Melvyn was my stepfather from age 9 until he and my mom divorced in the early 90's. He was always very good to my sister and I and we loved him very much. He taught me a lot in my youth...

With love,  
Greg, Susan and Griffin Randolph

**Greg T. Randolph** - September 14, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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“ Dear Pat and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

**Nora Frazier** - September 14, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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“ To my sweet husband, How will I live without you? I miss you so much. Thank you for the love we have shared over the 26 years of our marriage. I have been honored to be called your wife and partner in the journey of life. We have had some wonderful moments. We have laughed and just adored each other for those wonderful years. Thank you for being the most wonderful husband in the world. There will never be another like you. I am so glad you have no more pain or suffering. I know that the Lord will take good care of you. Look for me when I get there so we can be together again.

Thank you for being the most wonderful husband to our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They all adore you and have learned so much from you. Until we meet again, kisses and hugs to you!

**Patty Jackson** - September 13, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ I would like to add a tribute to my sweet husband. Melvyn, you have been my hero, friend, father to my children, and a man my children could actually look up to and respect.

You have been the sweet love of my life. From the first time I saw you I knew I would love you! You are what I wish other men could be. Full of love and joy and a meek spirit. Full of wisdom and class beyond no other man I have ever met in my life. You broke the mold when the Lord made you. There will never be another like you ever!! Thank you for the wonderful years that we spent together. We may not be together here on this earth but I will meet you on the other side. Heaven is a beautiful place and I know that when I get there you will be looking for me. I will rejoice when once more I can be with you and hug you and love you. My heart is broken and I can't tell you how lonely I am without your sweet love. Anyone who came in contact with you knew you were a great man! You helped so many people in the office and I got to see it happen! What a glorious experience that was!! So many miracles came down that hall in the office. I have been honored to be your wife and I want to thank you with all my love and admiration. Thank you for being there when no one else was. If I die tomorrow I can say I have lived a wonderful life with you. Save me a place in heaven and tell the Lord I love him and I understand. No more pain or heartache anymore. You were the wind beneath my wings! I just pray that I can continue on without you. It will be hard but for you, I will fight the good fight and complete my journey for the Lord till we meet again.

**Patty Kay Jackson** - September 13, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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**Randy Jackson** - September 13, 2020 at 06:34 PM

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“ Dr. Melvyn Jackson was known particularly for his caring attitude and concern for patients in the Tri-Cities area during the many years he was in practice as a chiropractor. Dr. Jackson attended East Tennessee State University as a Pre-Medical student. His dream was to be able to become a Doctor and commit his life to aiding his patients in achieving full health. Upon graduating from Life University in Marietta, Georgia as a Doctor of Chiropractic, he came back home to Johnson City where he practiced with his brother, Dr. Lonnie Jackson and then went on to establish his own independent clinic where he treated many thousands of patients. Many of you may not have known that he served in the United States Army as an Infantryman where he was posted to Germany during the Cold War. He used to laugh about being assigned as the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) gunner in the squad as this position was usually given to one of the bigger men in the platoon. Melvyn said that he was given that position because of his optimistic and positive attitude. He had joined the Army shortly after graduating Jonesborough High School. Lonnie had joined the Navy and at one time when they were both in Italy, Melvyn took the train from Germany and spent his leave aboard the USS Massey in Naples while it was at port. Since Lonnie was the ship's yeoman and did all the administrative work for the ship's Captain, he had arranged everything prior to Melvyn's arrival. This was circa 1959. There was a picture of them both in Naples Italy having some local wine. Many people who knew Melvyn either for a short time or who were life long friends always say the same thing, "He is a true gentlemen". I believe most of you who knew Melvyn would say this all rings true because he was a man of both modesty and humility. Most of us who have been around for some time understand that life sometimes makes us lose our optimism and become somewhat pessimistic but I don't think Melvyn ever lost that innate sense of optimism. In my last visit with him in December 2019, he hadn't lost any of his humor. He greatly enjoyed trying to "pull your leg" and even enjoyed it when the joke was on him. He never took himself seriously. And that's why even though I am saddened by Melvyn's passing I am also grateful that such a good man was my brother. He helped many people get well. Both he and Lonnie were excellent Doctors who went out of their way to not only give their patients the best of care, but to treat them with great respect. And I think many of us would like to have a legacy like that, or to think that we at least did something positive for our community and our Nation. Melvyn served his Nation well in the U.S. Army and he went even further to serve his community as a chiropractor. When I was a kid, one of Melvyn's favorite topics was history. He liked to debate history concerning Alexander the Great, Greek Mythology, Roman History, and U.S. History. He would make me look up the particular subject in the Encyclopedia Britannica. We used to talk about military history and one of the poems that was a favorite

Then out spake brave Horatius,  
The Captain of the Gate:  
'To every man upon this earth  
Death cometh soon or late.  
And how can man die better  
Than facing fearful odds,  
For the ashes of his fathers,  
And the temples of his gods,

## Randy Jackson

**Randy Jackson** - September 13, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Inspiring words Dad (Randy Jackson) Gives me great pride and honor that I share the same last name with these few and fine Men of the Jackson clan. Motivates me to try and aspire to become a true charismatic, Intelligent and well- rounded Gentleman like the men of the Jackson family. Even though I didn't get to know Uncle Melvyn and Uncle Lonnie like I wish I could have I truly think that I will make them proud of the man I'm becoming and the man I'll will someday be. RIP Melvyn & Lonnie, You truly will be missed and I Love you all the same.

Yours with Love,  
Robert Jackson

**Robert Jackson** - September 15, 2020 at 12:44 AM

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“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Melvyn Lewis Jackson.



September 13, 2020 at 01:17 PM