



Jackson Albert King

January 16, 1934 - December 5, 2016

King, Jackson Albert

Jackson A. King, 82, died Monday December 5, 2016 from complications of ALS disease. Born in Sweetwater in 1934, he grew up in Abilene, Texas, played football for legendary coach Pete Shotwell and graduated from Abilene High School in 1952. It was there that he met the love of his life, Anita Spurgin, they have been married 64 years.

After serving active duty in the US Navy he graduated Cum Laude with an associate's degree from Ranger Junior College in 1958. He earned his bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University and his masters from McMurry University. Jackson served in the US Navy and Navy Reserve for a total of 12 years, he was awarded The National Defense Medal. He achieved a classification of 32nd Degree Mason, taught school and served as Dean of Men at McMurry University. In 1971 he began a career with the State of Texas at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC). After 25 years working for TRC, he went to work for The Moody Foundation.

An avid hunter, Jackson could transform any gathering into a memorable event. He touched that lives of many people and had friends in all places. He loves his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his church family at Oakwood UMC. He shared his love of family and friends through his incredible cooking.

He especially enjoyed preparing many meals for his church family and was famous for his soft-serve ice cream.

Jackson is survived by wife Anita (Ann) King, grandson Mitchell King and his lifelong friend Max Arrell. He was preceded in death by son Dean King, his parents, his three brothers and a sister. He is loved and appreciated by his many nieces and nephews as well as many friends and associates.

Join us for a celebration of Jackson's life to be held on Thursday December 8, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Oakwood United Methodist Church, 2215 - 58th Street; Lubbock, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choosing.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Oakwood United Methodist Church
2215 58th. St.
Lubbock, TX 79412

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jackson Albert King.*



December 07, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Jeff, Cheryl, Katy, Jenna, and Juanice Griffith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jackson Albert King.*



Jeff, Cheryl, Katy, Jenna, and Juanice Griffith - December 06, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *Jack, Max, Randy and I had many happy deer hunts at Randy and Sandra's Pontotoc ranch. Jack was our deer camp cook, I was the hunt planner, and Randy and Max were the problem solvers. While Jack cooked and I planned, Max and Randy would solve all the problems of the world. Although we were average hunters, Jack was not and average cook. We all had a lot of fun.*

Vaya con Dios Amigo.

Richard V. Russell

Richard V. Russell - December 06, 2016 at 07:57 AM

JM

“ Jackson was like a brother to me. He was the Dean of Men at McMurry University when I was a student there. He put up with my shenanigans as a student and in later years we both worked for the Moody Foundation's Transitional Learning Center. We became great friends and spent many a great time together. Jackson is in a much better place now, and I know he is enjoying this new great adventure. My thoughts and prayers are with Ann, Mitchell and his best buddy Max Arell. Go with God my dear friend.

Jim McCurdy

Jim McCurdy - December 05, 2016 at 08:21 PM

CS

“ We had so many great times together. Hunting, fishing laughing at a funny joke. We love Jack's cooking--just the best Will miss this good buddy

Charlie Schnabel - December 05, 2016 at 06:57 PM

MS

“ Jackson was a loyal and devoted friend. He was a mentor, coach and true Texan--through and through. He was my boss for many years, but you never knew it, as he treated you as family. When you did well, you knew it, when you acted out, you knew it. That was Jack. Ann, Mitchel and Max, my prayers and thanksgiving for all Jack gave to this world and for each of you having shared him with so many. May he rest in peace.



mary sconci-wolfe - December 05, 2016 at 03:21 PM

JM

Jackson was like a brother to me. He was the dean of men at McMurry when I was a student. He put up with my shenanigans as a student. He and I became very good friends while we both worked for the Moody Foundation's Transitional Learning Center. I will miss my friend but I know he's in a much better place now. God Bless you dear friend in your next adventure. My thoughts and prayers are with Ann, Mitchel and his dear friend Max Arell.

Jim McCurdy

Jim McCurdy - December 05, 2016 at 08:14 PM

 Brad
Hendrix

Jackson was a friend and mentor. I met Jackson about 15 years ago at a brain injury conference in Dallas. It turned out we were competitors but he never treated me as such. He took me under his wing and always gave me great advice over the years. I always looked forward to seeing Jackson again and we always kept in touch. I will miss our conversations about hunting and deer jerky/sausage recipes. Jackson always reminded me so much of my own Dad...and yesterday, December 5th, was my Dads birthday and my first without him. That day will mean even more to me now. I'm a better person for knowing Jackson King.

*Brad Hendrix
Ardmore, OK*

Brad Hendrix - December 06, 2016 at 04:39 PM

KB

*It is with sorrow I have of the news about Jack King. He was my boss for many years at Texas Rehabilitation Commission.He encouraged having fun and working hard for clients of TRC. May God bless all !
Ken and Bonnie Bowen*

Ken Bowen - December 06, 2016 at 05:37 PM

BA

i do not have words to express how deeply I feel about Jack King. As long as I have been married to Max, Jack has been a part of our lives. He was Max's closest friend, and Jack, Ann, and their extended family became family to our family.

A finer man, a more loyal friend has not been born. He will be missed, but by faith we shall see him again. God's comfort and grace be with Ann.

Betty B. Arrell for Max, Luann, Katie, and Braden.

Betty Arrell - December 07, 2016 at 12:38 PM

LB

I was sorry to read of Jackson's death in this morning's Abilene Reporter News. Jackson was an Abilene High School

May you rest in peace, Jackson. Your presence will be missed. I will be remembering Anita and the family with prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Lylia Moore Bennett, Class of 1952, Abilene High School.

Lylia Bennett - December 08, 2016 at 09:50 AM