



Thomas Gerald Jackson

November 4, 1916 - February 15, 2006

Thomas Gerald Jackson, 89, of 2465 Third Avenue died Wednesday, February 15, 2006, in Willow Gardens Care Center in Marion, following a short illness. Services: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, February 19, 2006, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Marion by Robert Jackson. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to service time on Sunday at the funeral home. Private Burial: Oak Shade Cemetery in Marion.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma; four children, Jerry (Valerie) Jackson of Ft. Myers, Florida, Stanley (Cathy) Jackson of Hazelwood, Missouri, Shirley Hard of Phoenix, Arizona and Steven (Sheri) Jackson of Crestline, California; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Gordon and three sisters, Edith, Elsie and Anna.

Thomas was born November 4, 1916, the son of John W. and Ora Alice (Morris) Jackson in Cory, Indiana. On July 20, 1941, he married Thelma M. Wellman in Jasonville, Indiana. The couple farmed in Indiana and Missouri before moving to Marion in 1968. He was employed at the Cedar Rapids Post Office, retiring in 1990.

Thomas enjoyed gardening, giving most of his produce to the neighbors, writing letters to the editor at the Marion Times and the Gazette.

He was in excellent health until just recent months. His faith sustained him as his health failed. Thomas was a dreamer, a realist and if a goal became unreachable, he would change his goal.

Comments



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Velma L. Repstien - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



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Karen let me know about your dad. I am sorry to hear it.

Gary Bond - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



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Dear Jackson family, It is difficult to say goodbye but Tom lives on in the lessons he has taught you and you share with others. You are in our prayers.
God Bless. Doug and Muriel Owen
Scott & Sue Owen

Doug & Muriel Owen - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



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Dear Jacksons, although sorrowful that Tom is no longer with us here it is comforting to know that we will be with him again someday. We had the privilege of meeting and knowing Tom through church attendance together. Thelma, our prayers are with you especially at this time. God loves you and so do we.

Bill and Brenda Potter - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Thelma & Stan & family,

Dona & I were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing and wanted you to know of our love & prayers for your family. Tom had such a love for the Saviour & God's word. He was a very unique & special man. I think Tom & I hit it off because he & I were pretty simple in our faith & trust in God & the promises of his word. I always appreciated his encouragement to me to continue to preach & teach the word. To a young man who was planting a church for the first time that meant alot. I enjoyed our visits at his & Thelma's home and learning something new from the master gardner. May God's presence be especially with all of your family & friends as you celebrate his life & homecoming to heaven. He will be missed but not forgotten. Take care.

Sincerely in Christ,

Steve& Dona Aronowitz
Associate Pastor
Tomball Bible Church

Steve & Dona Aronowitz - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Jackson Family

I live across the street from Tom and Thelma. When I moved here some 15 years ago, Tom was always bringing me tomatos, grapes and other goodies from his garden. He would also come over and pick up my grass clippings for mulch and then bring the empty bags back to me. What a great neighbor. I always looked forward to a bag of goodies hanging on my door when I got home from work. Many snowy days he would help shovel my driveway. He seemed happiest when he was helping others. He will be missed.

Rilda Fish - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom and Thelma attended CBC in Mt. Vernon for some time, and all of us enjoyed them so much. Many of us ladies sat near them in the back of the church where Thelma could get in and out easily. We enjoyed our conversations with Tom so very much. He was such a bright intelligent, Godly man, and a loving, attentive husband.

We enjoyed hearing about Tom

Donna Jacob - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Jackson Family. My prayers are with you at this time. Tom was a good man and I enjoyed helping him and Thelma out in home care for the short time in the Summer of 2003. May he be at peace with the Lord at this time. Sara.

Sara L. Kendall - December 31, 1969 at 12:00 AM