



## James S. Jackson

September 5, 1918 - December 23, 2006

James S. Jackson, 88 a Bluffton contractor, died Saturday, December 23, 2006 at his home. Born September 5, 1918 to Cecil U. "CU" Jackson and Nellie Ann (Osborn) Jackson, he married Mary Alice (Krieg) Jackson on December 2, 1939, in Daleville, Indiana.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Mary Alice and children: James D. Jackson (Celia), Thomas K. Jackson (Priscilla), Sally Kain (Norm), Mick Jackson (Brenda), and Cindy Lambert Eskew (Randy), all of Bluffton. He also has 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by sisters Helen Schmeling and Martha Clark, and an infant granddaughter.

Jim, a 1937 graduate of Huntington High School, served as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Air Corps, as a navigator/bombardier, from 1943-1945. Between 1945 and 1947, he was employed by the W.R. Dunkin and Sons Construction Company. In 1947, Jim started James S. Jackson Construction Company where he remained active for 60 years. The company has built industrial, institutional, and commercial projects in Indiana and nationwide.

Mr. Jackson was a member of the First Reformed Church, Rotary, Elks, American Legion Post 111, Eastern Star 48, Masonic Lodge 145, all of Bluffton, The Scottish Rite Valley, and the Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton. Masonic services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The funeral service, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Reformed Church will be conducted by Reverend Cindy Osgood and Dr. Gene Bell; calling will be one hour preceding the service. Military graveside honors will occur at the Six Mile Cemetery performed by the American Legion Post 111.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Wells Community Boys and Girls Club. Online condolences to the family may be sent to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **28**. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
301 West Cherry Street  
Bluffton, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *James S. Jackson*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Belated condolences on the passing of your father. I went to school with Tom (Poplar Grove & BHS). It is never easy losing a parent; may the memories of a life well lived bring you much peace in the days ahead.*

*Susan (Rupel) D. Schafer*

*Orlando, FL##imported-begin##Susan Schafer##imported-end##*

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March 20, 2007 at 03:36 PM



“ Jim and Mary Alice Jackson were the "fun ones"....having reunions at their house was the highlight of the summer when I was a little girl. There were always a million cousins and to this day I have a hard time remembering who belonged to who!! Jim always had that nasty old cigar in his mouth and his wry sense of humor is what I remember most about him. I remember most recently, when I was visiting with Dad in Blufton, two of the grandkids came running into the house announcing that one of their dogs was missing. The boys were quite upset, and being the dog lover that I am, I stepped right in to help. Jim asked the boys, "Which dog is missing?"....they told him and he said "Good, I never much liked that one anyway!!"....CRACKED ME UP!! He also gave my late husband one of his bolo necklaces when Kenny had admired it. I still have it in the same cigar box that he gave it to him in.  
Jim will be missed, but he had a huge presence and a big heart and he will never, ever be forgotten. His spirit lives on in Mary Alice and the wonderful and loving family that they created. God Speed Jim!  
Love, Libby##imported-begin##Libby (Mickley)  
Weinstein##imported-end##

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December 29, 2006 at 10:17 AM



“ I love you granddad! You will be missed by many!##imported-begin##Jenni Rogness##imported-end##

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December 28, 2006 at 05:34 PM



“ Please accept our sympathy from everyone at Fleming Excavating of Decatur,IN. Especially from Allen Fleming and Greg Fleming.##imported-begin##Gregory Fleming##imported-end##

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December 28, 2006 at 10:46 AM



“ *Associated Builders and Contractors would like to express our condolences to the staff of James S. Jackson Company and to family and friends of James S. Jackson. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Felisha Minnich##imported-end##*

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December 28, 2006 at 08:55 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Love always,  
Jason and Jill Mickley##imported-begin##Jason & Jill  
Mickley##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2006 at 12:04 PM



“ TO THE FAMILY OF JAMES S. JACKSON

*Dear Friends:*

*Lila and I want to express our sincere sorrow regarding the passing of Jim Jackson.*

*It has been a pleasure to know Jim over the years, first meeting him when our YPO group met at the James S. Jackson Construction Company many years ago. The marriage of Todd and Jill Jackson brought the family together with many pleasant memories that his passing brought back to our minds.*

*We respect Jim's service as a young man to his country. Flying as a navigator/bombardier had to be a scary experience during wartime. We have our freedom today because of young men such as Jim.*

*As an businessman, he started small and grew to a large, very successful firm. We all respect the risk, time commitment, integrity and brainpower that had to be expended by Jim, members of his family and his team to do this.*

*We'll miss Jim!*

*Warmest love and caring to the Jackson Family.*

*Steve & Lila Huse##imported-begin##Steve & Lila Huse##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2006 at 08:56 AM



“ To Jim Jackson, Tom Jackson, and the family of James S. Jackson:

*Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of James S. Jackson. Although I think that I may have met Mr. Jackson perhaps once or twice early in my AGC experience, the company and legacy which he started is well known and respected in the construction industry and beyond.*

*My wife Debbie joins me in expressing our sympathies.*

*Sincerely,*

*Harold Force###imported-begin###Harold Force###imported-end##*

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December 27, 2006 at 07:46 AM



“ *Mary Alice, May you take comfort knowing Jim has gone to a place of eternal peace, free of all illness, pain or suffering. May your period of grief be short and your loving memories of Jim be forever. May the prayers and help of your family and many friends sustain you.*

*With our love and prayers for you and your family we remain, your friends,*

*Helen and Lynn Daniel###imported-begin###Lynn and Helen Daniel###imported-end##*

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December 26, 2006 at 08:01 PM



“ *Jim and Celia, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. With love, the Feighner Family###imported-begin###Margy and John Feighner###imported-end##*

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December 26, 2006 at 05:56 PM



“ Dear Friends: It is a privilege to be able to serve you as such a significant time in your lives. May you continue to know the peace and comfort of our Lord Jesus Christ during this time.  
Pastor Cindy Osgood.##imported-begin##Cindy Osgood##imported-end##

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December 26, 2006 at 01:21 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. I will remember Mr. Jackson trodding thru the mud to check out the CME site in Monroeville. I know he was well respected and it was because he had pride in his work, his family and his employees. May God Bless You.##imported-begin##Lois Ternet##imported-end##

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December 26, 2006 at 10:57 AM



“ I was saddened to hear the news even knowing the time was drawing near. My sister, brother and I had many a happy time at the Jackson's family home. It was always a bit confusing as a child because Mary Alice was a first cousin, not an Aunt like I assumed because of our age difference. Jim and Mary Alice created the very best of a family home with lots of room to roam, a small town where we couldn't get lost and lots of big noisy adventures. Jim was the handsome successful father that was greatly admired. He was the picture of a gentleman with his ever present cigar and twinkling eye with toothy smile. Mary Alice remains my ideal of a strong, beautiful woman. Sally and Tom are the closest to my age so to them especially I offer my condolences and prayers. You have much to remember with fondness and admiration. Love to you Mary Alice. You were there for me with Dad's final years. Sorry I could not be there for you.##imported-begin##Nancy Mickley Halsema##imported-end##

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December 26, 2006 at 10:36 AM



“ What a wonderful life! We know your Dad will be missed as he touched so many lives.

You are in our prayers.

Dave & Sharon##imported-begin##Dave & Sharion Grebe##imported-end##

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December 26, 2006 at 10:07 AM



“ James was always well liked and respected by everyone in my family. May God bless and comfort you in this time of sorrow. Jim and his wonderful smile will always be fondly remembered by those who knew him.##imported-begin##Kay Wolfe##imported-end##

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December 26, 2006 at 08:22 AM



“ May the Lord Bless you and Keep you in your time of sorrow. Just remember now is the time to rejoice for Big Jim as he is simply waiting for all of the family to join him in the Lords Garden of everlasting life.##imported-begin##Marty Uptgraft Atkinson##imported-end##

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December 25, 2006 at 12:34 PM



“ To Mary Alice and all of the Jackson Family: We were so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. We love our memories of wild golf cart rides, of Jim's grin punctuated at the corner by his stogie, of tales about late night rides home after card playing with Mom and Dad Burns, of Jim encouraging Kay to swim at the Huntington YMCA when he was only 5. Most of all, we will remember Jim's love and care for family. You are all in our thoughts and in our prayers. Love, Kay and Toni Burns##imported-begin##Kay and Toni Burns##imported-end##

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December 24, 2006 at 11:59 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Jackson family. May god bless you all##imported-begin##Kenny Burns##imported-end##

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December 24, 2006 at 04:31 PM



“ To the Jackson family,

*My most sincere condolences at this most emotional time of the year. What a great husband, father and grandfather. Cherish all those wonderful memories. Now he and Bob can sit around and tell more stories.*

*Fondly, Susan Stout Palukaitis##imported-begin##Susan Stout Palukaitis##imported-end##*

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December 24, 2006 at 10:35 AM



“ We are so saddened by Jim's death.

*He was truly a wonderful person and will be missed by all. May our Lord Jesus be with you all even more at this time of year. With our deepest of sympathy.##imported-begin##Van and Marian Burns##imported-end##*

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December 24, 2006 at 06:30 AM