



James W. Jackson

May 6, 1951 - November 14, 2017

A memorial service to celebrate the life of James W. Jackson will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday November 18, 2017 at Grace United Methodist Church. 3145 Washington St SW, Covington, GA 30014.

Obituary

James W. Jackson, AKA “Jimmy” AKA “Jai” went to be with the Lord Tuesday, November 14th, 2017 at home in Oxford Ga. surrounded by family. He was born Sunday, May 6th, 1951 to James A. and Almarie Jackson in New Rochelle, NY. He is the 5th of 7 children. Jai’s biological mom passed at an early age and the family eventually settled into a new home (171st Place) in Jamaica, Queens NY. Jai was already a shoe shining, money making, I’ll do it my way, entrepreneur. Once out of school Jai took on a number of jobs from “Orkin Man”- Courier. He worked at the Fountain Head, Catering in New Rochelle NY even though the family moved to Queens NY. Jai added to his life in 1972 by marrying Alma Jane Jones and bringing a beautiful baby girl into the world “Jayyidah” .The Jackson’s expanded. Jai’s love for animals led him to own dogs and train horses. Roller Skating at Metropolis turned into dancing with the stars before the TV show was ever thought of; Jai taught Stevie Wonder to rock steady on the wood. For a season he was a limousine driver whose charming personality won him center stage with so many in

show biz such as Regina Bell and Teddy Riley. This guy knew how to shine his light just right in a huge ballroom or a basement party. Jai also had the knack of making his life interests into career choices. Driving up and down the east coast was his love. He knew the interstates, routes, rest stops and backroads like the back of his hand, no matter what city. This amazing skill in the days of emerging GPS use was OUTSTANDING. His passion for driving became, Jai's Unlimited Services, shipping and hauling fine art and antiques. He was preceded in death by his Mother Almarie Jackson, father James A. Jackson, stepmother Betty Jackson and stepmother Evelyn Jackson. He is survived by Daughter Jayyidah (Jada) Gardner, grandson: Jamal Jackson and Jayrell Gardner, granddaughter Kaylah Gardner. Siblings Kenneth (AJax) Jackson, Ida Jackson, Doris Williams, Diane Rungu, H. Timothy Jackson, Belinda Hickson, nieces: Kecia, Sarai, Alida, Tonya, Nicole, Leah, Adhiambo (Adhi), nephews: Jechiel, Malik Little, Khalif, Malik Jackson, and David along with a whole host of great nieces, great nephews, in-laws and adopted family. Jai is remembered as funny and honest. He loved and inspired so many from all walks of life, young and old. Jai could live life with little money like a king. He often said "I'm God's favorite."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
3145 Washington St SW
Covington, GA 30014

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Jackson.*



November 18, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *J you will truly be missed the phone calls and the thoughtfulness of your heart. I know you are with Momma Betty and Pop. Condolences to the family from Woods.*

Woods - November 18, 2017 at 06:05 AM



Thank you!

Jayyidah Jackson Gardner - November 20, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



sarah - November 16, 2017 at 10:15 PM



Thank you for sharing this picture. Dad loved this saying.

Jayyidah Jackson Gardner - November 20, 2017 at 01:54 PM

OB

“ *OB lit a candle in memory of James W. Jackson*



OB - November 16, 2017 at 07:12 PM

OB

“ *Such a vibrant life can imagine You're Gone Too Soon!*

OB - November 16, 2017 at 07:12 PM

SA

“ *Will miss you forever. Thanks for being such a good friend. Love you!*



sarah - November 16, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James W. Jackson.*



November 16, 2017 at 05:41 PM

JL

“ *Yo, Fish sends condolences. Too short a life for such a tall man.*

June Lewis - November 16, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James W. Jackson.*



November 16, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Jackson.*



November 16, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Diane Rungu - November 16, 2017 at 02:05 AM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



tom epstein - November 15, 2017 at 09:49 PM

LE

“ Uncle Jimmy use to ride the Greyhound passing thru Hinesville Ga. He use to call me an HR out and say hey niece what you cook? Knowing good and well I hadn't cooked anything, I'd start rambling off things I could cook in a hurry that'll still be hot by the time his bus would roll into town😭. He'll hop off get his food give me a kiss thank me and hop back on without missing a step. I Love those times and will never forget them. R.I.Paradise Uncle Jimmy 🕊

LaTonya Eaton - November 14, 2017 at 11:12 PM

 Shay Taylor

He definitely loved to eat.. Lol

Shay Taylor - November 15, 2017 at 01:06 AM

HE

J always expected the next call to pack and move me somewhere. Rest well in Power, brother.

Heather - November 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM

TJ

Jai, you haven't been exactly the perfect brother but you do rank somewhere right next to AWESOME !! Love you RIP..

Tim Jackson - November 16, 2017 at 09:41 PM

ST

*My Friend Jai. . . Still Can't BELIEVE You're Gone BUT I'll Continue to hold on to the memories, long conversations, rides we took, getting stuck on the highway leaving Aspen, Colorado and Tha Whole Nine. I'm Gonna Miss U. . . . Life Is but a Dream!!!! Love U 2 Pieces!!!
Shawna*

Shawna D. Treadwell - November 27, 2017 at 03:00 PM