

Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times
shared and laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure



Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting
there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend
could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of
us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank
you so much for whatever part.*

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A Celebration of Life for John Thomas Jackson, Sr.

August 22, 1934 - January 8, 2021



FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021 - 3:00 PM
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LIFE AND LEGACY

John Thomas Jackson Sr. affectionately known as “Johnny Kool”, son of the late Milton Jackson Sr. and Irene Jackson was born on August 22, 1934 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He was called home on January 8, 2021.

Johnny attended Mecklenburg County schools in South Hill, Virginia. At an early age he was baptized and joined Jerusalem Baptist Church in South Hill, Virginia and taught Sunday School.

In 1956 he married Fannie Evans and ventured North to Newark, NJ. To this union two children were born Linda Irene Jackson and John Thomas Jackson Jr.

John was a jack of all trades, but he loved bartending, which is how he met his lifelong companion Janice Emptage. John was the life of the party and had such charisma when he would walk into the room. He made so many long lasting friendships over the years of bartending. John went on to open Kool’s Lounge I and II in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was also well known for his work with the Bavarian Village and Coachman’s Inn, both of Newark, NJ.

He was also a loving and devoted father. John did everything from doing his daughter’s hair for school, recitals, fundraisers, and always having great words of wisdom daily.

In more recent years John’s lifestyle of bartending and partying transformed into cooking for his community, and winning pool tournaments which he took great pride in. Traveling South was also very important to John as he loved spending time with family and friends.

John will truly be missed and never forgotten. He was known for saying “Don’t worry about me, worry about yourself, I’m fine.” This is how he lived without worries and we should hope to live the same.

He leaves to cherish his legacy, lifelong companion Janice Emptage, 4 Children: John Evans of South Hill, VA, Linda Jackson Steed of North Chesterfield, VA, John Thomas Jackson Jr. of South Hill, VA, Joy C. Jackson of Elizabeth, NJ, 1 Sister: Helen Garrett of Westland, MI, 1 Brother: Milton Jackson Jr of Chattahoochee, FL, 2 Daughter in laws: Michelle Evans of South Hill, VA and Effie Robertson of Mosely, VA, 1 Sister in law: Evaline Evans of South Hill, VA, 10 Grandchildren; 15 Great grandchildren; 1 Great great grandchild, Bestfriend/ Cousin: Evaline Pickett of Newark, NJ, Long time friend: Alvin Bell of New York, NY, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Preceded in death by siblings: James Edward Jackson, Charles Clinton Jackson, Robert Lee Jackson, Michael Wayne Jackson.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant: Pastor Hilton Rawls Jr.

Prayer of Comfort: Pastor Rawls

Musical Selection: Pastor Rawls

Scripture Reading

Obituary Reading

Acknowledgements and Reflections: Family & Friends

Eulogy: Pastor Rawls

Musical Selection

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey