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James Anthony Jackson, 88, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday morning, November 11, 2015, in his home surrounded by his family.

James was born April 23, 1927, in Mishawaka, IN to Anthony Miles and Hildegard (Vandewalle) Jackson. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He married Marilyn Lois Anhalt on September 4, 1954, in Sheboygan, WI. She passed away on March 30, 2010.

James was a founding member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was an avid reader, amateur adventurer and a frequent traveler to many points in the world. He learned to fly after retirement from Caterpillar and enjoyed anytime he could spend in the air. His many hobbies included gardening, stained glass, woodworking and crafting with his wife. He was generous, charismatic and a gentle spirit that was kind to everyone he met. He had little formal education but remained a lifelong learner. He enjoyed and was proud of his family. He is survived by his four children, Mary Kay (Harold) Frazier of Kansas City, MO; Carol (Timothy) Maylone of Williamsburg, MI; Allan (Barbara) Jackson of Denver, CO and Tina (John Mark) Moore of Decatur; ten grandchildren, Christopher, Joshua, Lindsay, Connor, Carly, Samuel, Justin, Trina (Tim) O'Boyle, Amanda and Rebba; three great-grandchildren, Tristan, Liam and Patrick; one brother, Charles (Anne) Jackson of New Bern, NC; and two sisters, Mary (Walter) Grenier of Lamonine, ME and Betty (Jack) Foy of New Bern, NC; and many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by his "coffee buddies", Gil Largent, Ed Strobel and his God son, Dennis Stapleton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn; and four brothers, Patrick, Daniel, David "D.J." and Robert Jackson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday, November 21, 2015, at Holy Family Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2015, at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with Liturgical Prayers recited at 4:30 p.m. Burial



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will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Assumption where full military honors will be conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to Priests of the Sacred Heart Monastery: P.O. Box 900 Hales Corners, WI 53130-0900 or St. Joseph's Indian School: P.O. Box 326 Chamberlain, SD 57326.

The family of James Jackson is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories to the family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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SB

Steve And Rita Bosse posted:

Our love and prayers are with the James Jackson family... and Charlie and Ann, Mary and Walt and Betty and John. May you be comforted that he is resting in peace in everlasting glory with Lynn and his parents and brothers—knowing you will someday all be together again. Our love, Steve and Rita Bosse and the Diroll Family

November 21 at 7:54 AM

RM

Randy Morrell posted:

To Jim's children, it is not often that our children know what kind of father they had in respect to people he worked with, especially of fathers who worked for a large impersonal company, like CAT. I had the distinct pleasure of knowing your dad for a number of years! What a nice guy. A good, honest, and friendly guy. We had many conversations over the years, and if we ran into each other after he retired, (usually in So. Shores somewhere), we had more chats. He always called me "Red", though I know he knew my name and NO ONE else ever called me that. Although we were not close friends....we were always friends! I am sure you will miss him! Just know, he was a good man on the job, and well liked!! Randy Morrell

November 21 at 5:58 AM

JG

Jim & Cheryl Grant posted:

So sorry to hear about your father. Your family will be in our prayers! Jim & Cheryl (Mollet) Grant.

November 19 at 4:34 PM

KS

Kay Speed posted:

Jim was my Dads (Joe Perryman) best friend from an early age. I had the privilege of meeting Jim and most of the family several times when I still lived in Peoria. From the stories my Dad shared and meeting Jim in person, I know he was a very good man. I can't tell you how much it meant to my Dad when Jim got to visit him earlier this year. My condolences to his family. Kay (Perryman) Speed

November 19 at 5:57 AM

BP

Bob Pensworth posted:

May the peace of our Lord be with you and your family Tim and Carol. You and your family will be in our prayers.

November 14 at 2:40 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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