



Colonel Mallett Claude Jackson Jr.

March 25, 1925 - February 5, 2020

Colonel Mallett Claude (Mal) Jackson, Jr. USMC (Retired) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in his residence at Tribute at the Glen senior community in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was 94.

Mal was born on March 25, 1925 in St. Louis, Missouri. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 and proudly served his country for nearly 30 years with combat tours in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. His awards include the Legion of Merit and Purple Heart medals.

In 1972, Mal retired from the Marine Corps and relocated to Pinellas County, Florida, where he and his wife Eileen were residents for nearly 45 years. Mal founded the Marine Corps Junior ROTC unit at Clearwater High School in 1972 and later taught at the Cathedral School of St. Jude and St. Petersburg Catholic High School. At St. Petersburg Catholic, Mal coached the junior varsity football and varsity softball teams. He is fondly remembered as “The Colonel” by the many students he coached and mentored during the 1970s.

In his retirement, Mal was an avid sportsman and duplicate bridge player, achieving Silver Life Master in 2000. Mal and Eileen were socially-active in their St. Petersburg, Largo and Seminole communities and are fondly remembered by their many friends as well.

In 2016, Mal and Eileen relocated to Northern Virginia, where they became members of All Saints Catholic Church.

Mal is survived by his loving wife of nearly 70 years Eileen S. Jackson; sons Dennis M. Jackson, Kevin C. Jackson and Timothy J. Jackson; daughter Nancy Jackson Patrick; son-in-law Jeffrey A. Patrick; daughter-in-law Sherri Condore Jackson; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Mal is lovingly remembered as a patient, generous and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved to sing patriotic songs and “the oldies” and had an excellent voice and amazing repertoire.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a rosary service at 6:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA. Interment will follow at Quantico National Cemetery with military funeral honors.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 18. 6:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 368-4500

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Colonel Jackson was the calming force in all situations, a man who was seen as twice the size of his physical stature, and he was the one place to look when you needed to know that good would always prevail over evil. He was my idol in high school and he shaped my life; he is the reason I became a Marine. I only wish I had shared this with him personally while sharing Marine Corps stories over a cold beer. God speed Colonel of Marines!!!
SgtMaj Bill Hicks SPCHS Class of 1977

Bill Hicks - February 18, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Colonel Mallett Claude Jackson Jr..



February 18, 2020 at 11:51 AM

 Martin Cunniff

“ Col Jackson was my math teacher at St. Jude's elementary school in St. Pete, FL in the mid-1970s as well as a formidable racquetball opponent when I was in high school. He was a man of deep character and strong principles. He was very much a role model of what it meant to be a strong yet deeply principled man. He was also very competitive. I remember a best of seven racquetball doubles match that took place over many nights with Col Jackson teamed with Father Clark and I was teamed with my classmate Jim Carroll. He never gave an inch in the competition but always was a gracious sportsman and a true gentleman. RIP Col Jackson.

Martin Cunniff - February 10, 2020 at 03:26 PM

SC

Thank you Col. Jackson for your service thru three wars! I have been volunteering to sing with the Memory Care unit at Tribute for the past 2 years. Both Mallett-Jackson and Eileen are with us as we sing. After reading the obituary, I was happy to know that he loved to sing, especially patriotic music. We always include patriotic with our hymns and "oldies!" Though he was quiet during our weekly visits, I feel sure he heard what we sang. On the other hand, Eileen has been an enthusiastic participant and is always so appreciative of us. Col. Jackson led a remarkable life. Thank you 😊

Sue Cleary - February 11, 2020 at 01:36 PM

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“ Mary Odonnell sent a virtual gift in memory of Colonel Mallett Claude Jackson Jr.



mary Odonnell - February 09, 2020 at 07:50 PM

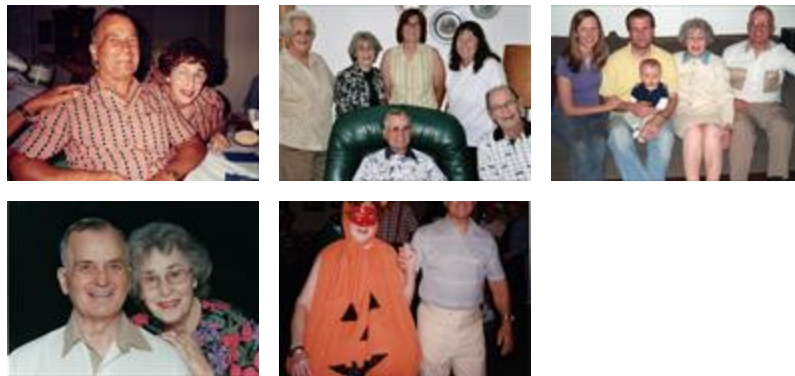
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such a wonderful kind man ,Love Terry O'Donnell and family

mary Odonnell - February 09, 2020 at 07:52 PM

TJ

“ 22 files added to the album Mallett C. Jackson 1925-2020



Tim Jackson - February 09, 2020 at 03:12 PM

AJ

I wanted the Jackson family to know that my father, Lt. Col. Albert (Skip) T. Fisher and his family are very indebted to Col. Jackson. I found a letter that Col. Jackson wrote to my father back in August, 1970. I believe my father was trying to avoid a 2nd tour of Vietnam, having done his first in 1966-67'. Col. Jackson was reassuring my father that he would do all he could to make that happen. He apparently was successful, as my father retired in 1975 in Norfolk, Va. I also had the great pleasure of meeting Col. (Mal as my dad referred to him) in 2013. MY father and I took him to dinner at Bob Heilman's in Clearwater. The two spoke and laughed for 2 hours as they recounted stories from their years in the Corps. My pops passed away in November of 2020. Thank you for you service! Albert T. Fisher Jr., Va, Beach, Va. 23455

Albert Fisher Jr. - June 10, 2025 at 08:23 AM