



Jeffrey E. Jackson

June 1, 1947 - April 3, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jeffrey E. Jackson, who left us on April 3, 2026. Born on June 1, 1947, in Cadillac, Michigan, Jeff lived a full and vibrant life. After graduating from Grand Ledge High School in 1965, he proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps, completing two tours in Vietnam as a Radio Telephone Operator (RTO). Jeff's favorite adage was "once a Marine, always a Marine." Following his honorary discharge in 1971, Jeff returned to Michigan State University to complete a Bachelor of Arts in History.

Jeff enjoyed a successful career as a copy machine technician with Xerox, where he was known for his dedication and skill. After he retired from Xerox in 2002, Jeff became restless and went back to work, first as a security guard for Grand Ledge High School, then as a paraprofessional at Delta Center Elementary School. Outside of work, he cherished time with his family, especially during camping trips all over Michigan. Between 1984 and 1996, the Jackson family hosted eight exchange students and served as area representatives for Youth for Understanding. Since 2010, the Jacksons have spent their summers camping at Whispering Surf in Pentwater, where they created countless unforgettable memories.

Jeff leaves behind his beloved wife of over 55 years Kathleen (Swanson), daughter Dr. Erika Jackson (Derek Dodson), and granddaughter Svea

Dodson, as well as a close-knit family that includes his sister Cathy (Pat) Crotty, brother Steve (Janice) Jackson, and brother Mike (Teri) Marshall. He will also be missed by numerous nieces and nephews and many friends who were lucky to know him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Eleanor (Cornell) Marshall.

A funeral service celebrating Jeff's life will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Interment with military honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. There will be visitation Tuesday April 14, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Following the cemetery service, the family invites you to attend a catered luncheon at the Grand Ledge Opera House.

We hope you'll join us in remembering and honoring Jeff, a true Marine and cherished family man.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to Hospice of Lansing Stoneleigh Residence, 3411 Stoneleigh Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48910 (<https://bit.ly/4ccq6dk>), in honor of Jeff.

Share your memories and condolences online at holihanatkin.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
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Visitation

APR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service with Military Honors

APR 15. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Mr Jackson was my son's parapro at Delta Center many years ago. He was always so pleasant and patient! So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Lisa Wilcox - April 14 at 04:26 PM

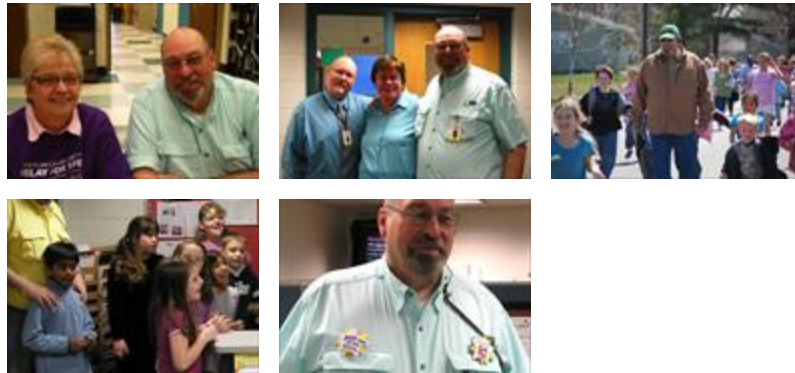
CS

“ *Even though we only saw you once a year at the family reunion, you will be greatly missed! We will miss being greeted by you and Kathy as the first arrivers at Camp Torenta! Eternal rest grant unto you O Lord! 🙏💕 Love, Tom & Carrie Sanscrainte*

Carrie Sanscrainte - April 13 at 01:50 PM

TM

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Teresa Miller - April 13 at 01:06 AM

TM

“ Tom & Taffie Majdeski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeffrey E. Jackson.



Tom & Taffie Majdeski - April 09 at 11:56 AM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Jeff's pass passing. Sending my thoughts and prayers to Cathy and the family 🙏🙏🙏😞

Carol Wyman - April 09 at 11:40 AM

MP

“ I grew up with Cathy, Jeff's sister. I have so many fond memories of hanging out at their house. I loved Jeff's mom and dad so very much. I had Kathy for English in high school. To me, Jeff was a cool older brother. He was supportive of Cathy, but he gave her a hard time whenever he could. But he always gave it with love. And usually with a smile or a laugh. Thinking of you all with love.

Martha Parks - April 08 at 09:23 AM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brian and Barbara Beagle - April 07 at 09:44 PM

CJ

“ *Kathy and family, my condolences to all of you. May the Holy Spirit give you comfort in the ensuing days.*

Cindy Jepsen - April 07 at 06:19 PM

LM

“ *On behalf of all of us at Whispering Surf Campground at Bass Lake, we are deeply saddened by the loss of Jeff.*

Jeff and Kathy have been part of our campground family since 2012, and Jeff was a familiar and welcome presence at so many community campfires and Saturday morning coffees over the years. He was also a dear friend to my father, Fred, during his final years, which makes his loss especially felt by our family.

Our hearts are with Kathy and the entire Jackson family during this difficult time. Jeff will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

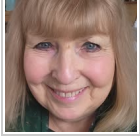
*With love and sympathy,
Lisa, Kate, and the Whispering Surf family*

Lisa Manning - April 07 at 03:58 PM

CS

“ *Kathy, Erika and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. It doesn't seem possible as he was such a force of life. I will remember his wry smile and sense of humor. He always made sure to connect with my son Jon, who has Down Syndrome, with a mutual stroke of beards and hugs. You all are in my prayers. Love to all, Connie Suwala*

Connie Suwala - April 07 at 02:30 PM



“ Erika - I am so sorry to hear of the death of your father. Keeping you close to my heart as you go through this difficult time. Love, Judy McPherson

Judy McPherson - April 07 at 02:11 PM

SG

“ Kathy and family - my heart aches for your loss. Heaven “must” be a wonderful place, as so many of our loved ones are there. God Bless! Susan Graves

Susan Graves - April 07 at 11:51 AM

SS

“ Not only do I have fond memories of working with both Jeff and Kathy, but have continued memories being members of the Grand Ledge Lions Club. We would also see each other at 11:00 on 11/11 at Oakwood Cemetery for military remembrances. Always a smile on his face-sincere love and comfort to his family.



Sandy Sipes - April 07 at 11:05 AM

SS

“ Kathy I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing May your memories console you.

Susan Green Sasse - April 07 at 08:41 AM

JH

We were fortunate enough to share Jeff's happy place at Whispering Surf. He was a bright spot anytime you saw him. He will surely be missed by many. Our memories will not fade.

Jane Hathaway - April 07 at 03:33 PM

BB

We are heartbroken. Jeff and Brian were in Grand Ledge High School band together; that group shared a special bond, and we have kept in touch ever since. Our thoughts are with Jeff and Kathy's families, and especially Kathy and Erika. Jeff's passing makes us want to hold all our classmates closer in our thoughts.

Brian and Barbara Beagle, Grand Ledge High School Class of 1965

Brian and Barbara Beagle - April 07 at 09:56 PM



Dear Kathy, Erika and family. It's so hard to accept that life is not endless and even loved ones have to go, mostly way too early. We first met your family in 1996, a few weeks before Dennis started his exciting year in Grand Ledge. As we know, Jeff was such a helpfull american Dad with his empathic and appreciative nature that we had no doubt our son was in very good hands. Later we visited the Jacksons and were always welcomed so warm and broad. Jeff liked to show us all places and shared stories, but never complained the hard memories he had to handle. We will always think of him as a warm-hearted, generous person and we are thankful to know him and for all he gave to us. Uli and Inge

Inge Klappstein - April 08 at 08:07 AM

JG

*Kathy,
Deepest sympathy and condolences, our paths crossed frequently through the Northrup and Swanson families. We always were comfortable with the status and positive personality of Jeff, his USMC honor and dignity, and a great Spartan fan.
He will be missed.
John and Pat Greenslit*

John Greenslit - April 15 at 06:16 PM