



## Donald H. Jackson

November 2, 1946 - January 18, 2020

Donald H. Jackson, 73 of Evansville IN passed away Saturday, January 18, 2020 at his home with his family by his side.

Don was born on November 2, 1946 at home in Mt. Vernon, IN to Harold and Margaret O'Connor Jackson. Don was a lifelong member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and a 1964 graduate of Mater Dei High School. Prior to completing the IBEW electrical apprenticeship program he worked for the L & N Railroad. For many years he worked in the electrical field. The latter years were spent working as a project manager for MAI Engineering Company. Work was never just a job for him. Don's passion and pride were put into all of his projects and shared with those with whom he worked. His largest project was near Barkley/Kentucky lake where he would spend a week at a time. Needless to say, he developed a love for boating on the lake. His happiest moments were when he would have his family with him to enjoy all the area had to offer.

Although Don only had two "official" grandchildren, he was called either "Don-Don or Grandpa" by almost every child who met him. Nothing made him happier than being around his family and friends. He was known to drive home from the lake just to attend a ball game, Grandparent's day or any other event his boys were in and then turn around and go back. Being 70% Irish, he always had a "great story" to tell to anyone who would listen.

“I’d est quid I’d est” or “It is what it is” was his mantra from the day he was diagnosed with cancer 7 years ago. He never questioned, “why me” it was always “why not me.” His courage and faith were known to everyone. During this battle there were enough good times to allow him and his wife Linda to travel. Don thought his favorite place to visit was Kauai, Hawaii until he and Linda traveled to Ireland for the first time. Like everything else, it didn’t take him long to master driving on the opposite side of the road.

Don loved to work with wood and tools. His last project was a beautiful pergola he built even though he could only work for short periods of time.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother David Lee Jackson in 1997. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Linda Cooper Jackson; son and daughter-in-law, Darin and Becky Jackson; grandsons Alex and Nick and brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Alice Jackson. To his nieces and nephews, he was more than the word Uncle defines.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Jerry Pratt officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home and from 10:00 AM until service time on Thursday at Resurrection Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the German Township Fire Department, 8400 St. Wendel Road, Evansville, IN 47720 or to the Vanderburgh County Special Olympics, 2400 Highway 41N, Evansville, IN 47711.

Online condolences can be made at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

## Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
5301 New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church  
5301 New Harmony Road  
Evansville, IN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald H. Jackson*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - January 21, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ *Donald H. Jackson*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Prayers and sympathy.*

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**Norma and Ron Faust** - January 28, 2020 at 01:54 PM

CS

“ I met Don through Linda. We had met while she was doing drug studies in Orange, California and I was the administrator at the doctor's office. Since we became friends, it was only a matter of time that I went to visit them in Evansville. And it was so much fun! I fell for Don like I had for Linda. Such a great couple. Don wanted to take me around to things he thought I'd enjoy. We had such a good time. I remember one night he smoked ribs in his smoker. Oh my goodness, were they great. And he even sent me home with a jar of the spices he used. His friendliness and open smile made me know from the outset that if I was a friend of Linda's, I was a friend of his. Even though I never got back there again, we kept in touch through Linda. He will be missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Linda, Darin, Becky, his beloved grandsons, and all those who feel the impact of his loss. Rest in peace, Don. See you on the other side. Much love, Cheryl

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**Cheryl Stoltz** - January 27, 2020 at 04:30 PM

LD

“ In 2009, when my father passed away, my son was left with a huge void in his life. My son was blessed to have a friend with a loving, caring family, and an wonderful Grandpa Don. On many occasions Don picked them up from school to go swim at his house, bought them stromboli pizzas, took them to the YMCA to shoot hoops, always treating my son like his very own grandson. Don was a strong, kind, giving man who positively impacted everyone who knew him, most importantly my son. The Dolletzki Family

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**Lori Dolletzki** - January 23, 2020 at 07:17 PM

BH

“ Don was one of the kindest, generous, loving men in the world. He will be missed by so many. We were graced with his and Linda’s visit to us in France a few years ago on their way to Ireland. He loved new experiences and especially the warmth and generosity of the people of Ireland. His people.

*An chuid eile i Síochána*

*Becky and David Hirsch*

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**becky Hirsch** - January 22, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald H. Jackson.



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January 22, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald H. Jackson.



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January 21, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ 253 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - January 21, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Barbara and Steve Helfrich Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Donald H. Jackson.



Barbara and Steve Helfrich Family - January 21, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Don's Family and friends. Living across the street, Don, Dan and I grew up together and spent countless hours playing in the neighborhood. The Jackson's basketball goal was the center of attraction for the boys on Stinson and Arlington Avenues. Those were a far simpler time and I cherish those memories. As time marches on, I am sure we will all met again to share those times in a place far better than this earth.

Larry Tieman

Larry Tieman - January 21, 2020 at 10:16 AM

SV

“ Steve Vowels purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donald H. Jackson.



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**Steve Vowels** - January 20, 2020 at 09:53 PM

SM

“ I've known Don since I was 4 years old. We were neighbors and we use to play together when we were so young and innocent, mostly cowboys & Indians. I was usually the only Indian! I have so many wonderful memories from growing up in Howell with him and his family, and the other neighbor kids. Rest in Peace dear friend and please know you will be greatly missed!

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**Sharon Merkel** - January 20, 2020 at 03:15 PM

MN

*The kindest of men! Always had a smile, hug and a kiss for all. He is happy and full of joy now! So glad I knew him for all the kindness he gave us.*

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**marilyn noah-mcginnis** - January 20, 2020 at 04:43 PM

LP

“ I worked with him at ISP. Was always in a great mood and such a pleasure to be around!!! He definitely will be missed!!

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**Lance Phelps** - January 19, 2020 at 10:44 PM

HV

“ Don was a wonderful person. Always willing to help anyone, and was always positive no matter what the situation. I have fond memories of working with Don at ISP. I remember how Don would always show up in our trailer on Monday mornings with a BIG box of Grippos. We will miss you friend.

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**Harish Venkatachalam** - January 19, 2020 at 06:38 PM

MD

“ I worked with Don lots of times at ISP/Ashland and I am so sorry to see this. He was one of a kind 😞

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**Mike Dubs** - January 19, 2020 at 04:50 PM