



## Dale Jackson

June 14, 1941 - May 5, 2026

Dale Robert Jackson, Sr. was born June 14, 1941, to David and Annie Jackson in Springfield, Ohio. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1959. On January 7, 1961, Dale married his high school sweetheart, Linda Lyons, and to this union three children were born: Kimberley, Dale, and Nevada. He later received his Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering from Clark State Community College. Later, Dale started working for International Harvester (Navistar) and soon became safety manager and moved his family to Gurnee, Illinois in 1975.

Dale retired from Harvester and began working for Sweetheart Cup Company in Chicago, IL. where he met his soulmate, Verna D. Benton.

The two were united in marriage on June 4, 1994, and shared 26 loving years together until her passing in 2020. During this time, Dale joined Grace Apostolic Faith Church, where he was baptized and became a faithful member. He served on the usher board and was a dedicated member of the GAFC Brotherhood auxiliary.

Dale (Butch) was affectionately known as Pawpaw. He shaped, crafted, and reimagined beautiful homes inside and out. Though he was hard working, few noticed the measured, patience, and skillful approach he brought to everything he touched and made the scene awe inspiring. He was a father to many and a family man through and through. He was kind and he loved to

joke around. If you had something heavy going on, he found a way to make you feel lighter. He knew how to put things in perspective and bring balance to the concerns at hand. Although he faced many health challenges, he never allowed himself to be a burden to others. He will truly be missed, but he leaves behind a legacy of love and quiet strength that will be forever cherished.

Preceding Dale in death are his mother, father, sister Joan, sister Janice, brothers David, and James. He leaves behind two brothers, Gaylon Jackson, Thomas (Jeannie) Jackson, Sister Leah (Willie) DeArmond, and Special Brother-in-Law Delbert Peterson, all of Springfield, Ohio.

Left to fulfill his legacy are two daughters Kimberley (Victor) Blackwell, Neveda (Michael) Witherspoon, Dale Robert Jackson, Jr; Darrell Benton, Rodney (Kelly) Benton, Courtney C. Benton (Deceased), and Justin Moore. He has 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homewood Memorial Gardens

Homewood, IL

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

Grace Apostolic  
8233 S. Exchange ave  
Chicago, IL 60617

## Celebration of Life

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Grace Apostolic Church  
8233-57 S Exchange Ave,  
Chicago, IL 60617  
(773) 375-2006

## Interment

MAY 15. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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