



## The Reverend Terry Wightman Jackson

December 26, 2015

### Obituary of The Reverend Dr. Terry Jackson

The Reverend Dr. Terry Wightman Jackson, 76, of Tavares, FL passed away Saturday, December 26, 2015. He was an Episcopal Priest. Born in Palestine, Texas, he moved to Central Florida in 1964. He served a number of capacities in the Episcopal Dioceses of South and Central Florida. He served two churches in Melbourne, where he was also on the adjunct faculty of Florida Institute of Technology and Rollins College, prior to becoming rector of St. James Episcopal Church of Leesburg, in 1973. Broadly involved in community affairs, he was chairman of the Board of Trustees at Lake-Sumter Community College and longtime chairman of the Board of Directors of Life Stream Behavioral Center.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughters, Kim Spear (Mike Spear); Debbie Oliver (George Oliver); Michelle Ryan (Joe Ryan); Jennifer Burnsed (Matt Burnsed); sister, Janet (Doug) Parham; brother, Bobby (Nadine) Jackson; 11 grandchildren, Michael (Tiffany) Spear; Wesley Spear; Natalie Spear; Jessica (CJ) Baynon; Jacob Rixie; Joshua Rixie; Jamie Rixie; Zachary Ryan; Lucas Ryan; Addison Burnsed; Landon Burnsed; and 2 great grandchildren, Logan Rixie and Mia Spear.

Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 11:00 am at St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. James Episcopal Church Discretionary Fund (352)787-1981 or to Life Stream Behavioral Center (352)315-7527 in his name.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear Jackson Family: I just learned of Dr. Jackson's passing today. I am so sorry that I was not able to attend the services. Terry was a champion for education, mental health, spirituality and making our community a better place. I was not here during his service to the College as Board member and Chair, but I know he was well respected and admired. Our College community mourns the passing of one who gave so much of his time and talents to improve higher education here in Lake and Sumter counties. I did have an opportunity to serve with him as a Board member of LifeStream and I was always so impressed with his passion and compassion for those in need while also understanding the need for good business practices in the organization. Truly he was a great leader and our community has suffered a deep loss. May God Bless you all and comfort you in your time of sorrow. We know he is with The Lord.

Dr. Chuck Mojock, LSSC President, Retired - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Jackson Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Father Terry was an amazing soul. That same goodness, kindness, love and warmth is seen and felt in all of you. You have an extraordinary family and I, as well as my entire family, am honored to be a part of it. My prayers are with you for peace and comfort. Love and blessings, Kerri

Kerri Ryan - January 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ FJ will be greatly missed by all of us. My heart goes out to the whole family. What a great man and friend. A real prince of a man. Y'all are in my heart and prayers. -Stuart

Stuart Walling - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ A truly remarkable man. A devoted and loving husband, fantastic father, doting grandfather and wonderful brother. He was a true leader who made a mark on everyone he met. He achieved countless recognition and awards, but the achievement he was most proud of was his family. He leaves a void in the lives of many and he will be so missed. But how blessed are we for having had him in our lives. Prayers of comfort and peace go out to you all.

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**Janet Parham** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dear family, I am thinking of you all, and sending love, wishes of peace, and prayers as you travel through this difficult time. I have fond memories of spending time with cousins at Grampa's house in Center. Those Jackson boys were scamps, and lots of fun. Blessings to you all. Love, Carolyn

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**Carolyn Jackson** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Father Jackson will be greatly missed.

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**David Panlilio** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear Jackson Family, My very deepest condolences to the Jackson Family... After losing my husband David Scott Reed, Reverend Dr. Terry Jackson performed his service even though we were not members of his church. He also gave his time to counsel me in the darkest time in my life... He will be greatly missed he touched so many lives in such a great way!

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**Lisa Marie Trunzo Reed** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ He was a wonderful man. Our condolences to the family. Hug's Kim.

Sandie Seaton - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Dear Donna and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all... We were deeply saddened by the news of Father Terry's passing. We have so many wonderful memories including our wedding in St Thomas 30 years ago. He will be sorely missed, but we take some solice knowing he's reunited with dear friends like Mom and Dad in the heavenly kingdom. His grace, wisdom and presence will no doubt stay with all who knew him forever.

Ann Louise and Richard Tuke - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry for the family's great loss. My prayers are with you during this very sorrowful time. He was a very well respected man and will be greatly missed.

Marja Bridges Mehr - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss of this wonderful man, husband, partner, father and grandfather. We have all been blessed for his friendship and guidance in our lives.

Cathye Bouis - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in your faith and in your memories. God bless and much love.

Kelly Majors Hawersaat - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Teri Landstedt** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Donna and family...our love is a part of the great cloud of support surrounding each of you, and we will continue to hold you close in the time ahead. What wonderful family memories we share. Although the times we spent with Terry were fairly brief, we are all a part of a shared tradition and story. We send our deepest condolences. Love, Judy & Don

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**Judy Hauk** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Fr. Terry was in my opinion the best man of God I have ever known. When he retired from St. James Episcopal Church it was one of the saddest days of my life. Fr. Jackson married my wife and I, baptized me and helped me to be confirmed. He was there for my wife and I through the death of my Mother, Father in law, Grandmother in law, my sister, my wife's surgery and treatment for cancer. You could always go to his office and talk with him. He may not give you the advice you wanted but he would give you the advice he thought was the best. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Donna and the rest of his family. Fr. Jackson will never be forgotten and his memory will always remain in my heart.

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**Richard and Pat Stanton** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To all the "Jackson" family. So sorry for your loss. In the old days it seemed like you could just feel Mr Jackson in the room if he was near....I am sure you will still feel his presence and love now that he has moved up.

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**Lou Ann Holton** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *What a wonderful man Reverend Jackson was. His smile and compassion for all of us was a light in the world. My prayers for comfort and peace go out to Miss Donna and his daughters and their families...he lives on through all of you, and the many, many lives he touched! God Bless! Debbie*

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**Debbie Stivender** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *The Reverend Terry Wightman Jackson*

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**Gary & Debra Gregory** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Prayers for the Family!*

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**Gary & Debra Gregory** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *One of the most Christ-like humble servants I've ever known. I served with Terry for many years on the Lifestream board. A great man, Christian, and public servant. He will be missed greatly. Blessings to Donna and family. Bob and Julie*

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**Robert Q Williams** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. He was always very kind and supportive to me. (Daughter of Richard and Marjorie Jones)*

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**Lytle Markham** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Doesn't seem right to lose him at that young age! We were just talking about him last week, as a shining example of a priest who knew how to make our faith inclusive and loving. Well, there will be some fine discussions going on in heaven.*

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**Marc and Jeanne Matthews** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Wish I would have known this wonderful man. I do know his daughter Kim and she is a shining light.*

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**Evie Waterhouse** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ *Thinking of you at this time. May our prayers lift you up.*

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**Nancy Daniels** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Gary & Debra Gregory** - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**bill hall** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Terri and Dozier Griffith** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Greg A. Beliveau** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Lisa Kelly** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“*God Bless and Keep You Reverend Jackson. Thank You.###GESTURE###*”

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**Richard Kelly** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**bill hall** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“*Shelley and Debbie: So very sorry for the loss of your wonderful Daddy. He sure raised great girls and invested his life so generously in our community. My heart is with you at this hard, hard time. Lots of love, Beth Bragg Henon*”

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**Beth Bragg Henon** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“*My condolences to the Jackson family. I went to school with Jennifer. You all will be in my prayers.*”

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**Rebecca Nation Sanford.** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ From my parents wedding, the my wedding, baptisms, acolyte training, funerals and Sunday church, he taught me so much. Prayers for peace for you family. He was a special man that will be remembered fondly by so many. I am so appreciative of his support through all my life milestones. -Katie Polk Van Beek

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**The Polk and Van Beek families** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ The Reverend Terry Wightman Jackson

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**Terri and Dozier Griffith** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Father Terry. May he rest in peace. May you all be comforted in the peace of God that surpasses all others

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**Terri and Dozier Griffith** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Father Jackson was such a wonderful man and loved by all who knew him.I send My sympathy to the family. Godspeed Father Jackson - you will be missed.

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**lytle bigham** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Dear Jackson Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Fr. Terry's passing. He was much loved by all in the Herlong family, and I know you all will miss him dearly. He was such a remarkable person and had a great impact on so many. He was a true blessing to St James in his years as rector - everyone loved him so much! We are lucky and blessed to have had him as our minister and close family friend. My love and prayers to you all. Fran

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**Fran Herlong McDonald** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Donna and family, Fr Terry will always have the most special place in my heart. My best childhood memories are being at church on Sundays and listening to that powerful voice of his. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

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**Kristin Talley Gervan** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ So very sorry to hear of Father Jackson's death. We were members of St James in the 70's. We were so fond of him and family. Prayers for strength and comfort for all who loved him. Faye Wilson and family

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**Faye Wilson** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

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**Greg A. Beliveau** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Im deepend sorry to hear about his lost he was a truly inspiring man to me and my family .my heart goes out to his wife and family .may you rejoice with our lord and savior. Much love*

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**barbra baily Ledbetter** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *Nancy and I are so saddened by the passing of our dear friend and Priest. We now know he suffers no more... God bless him. Ronnie and Nancy*

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**Ronald and Nancy Young** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

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**Tim and Sandy Conner** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Of Fr. Terry it can be said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7 NKJV*

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**David K. Smith** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Father Jackson was an inspiration to all in our community. I hope your good memories of him will help relieve your feeling of loss during this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Jane*

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**Jane Hastings James** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *My deepest condolences to the Terry family.*

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**Lisa Kelly** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

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**Lisa Kelly** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Condolences to all of the Jackson family. Reverend Jackson is RIH!  
Sending prayers and love to you all at this time.....*

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**Renee Prince Charron & Jay Charron** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Our most heartfelt condolences to Father Jackson's entire family.  
What a great and Godly man! Thank you FJ for the role you played  
in shaping not only me but many of the youth you came in contact  
with... Including all my siblings and many many friends. RIP Father  
Jackson... Job well done! Steve & Jessica P.*

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**Steve Piermatteo** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *God Bless and Keep You Reverend Jackson. Thank You.*

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**Richard Kelly** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My condolences to the Jackson family. Dr. Jackson was such a  
great man who did so much for so many. He will be greatly missed.  
God Bless, Judy*

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**Judy Carter** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We love you grandpa/bepa!*

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**grandchildren** - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Reverend Terry Wightman Jackson*

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December 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM