



Michael G. Jackson

June 18, 1953 - October 22, 2025

Michael G. Jackson, age 72 years, a resident of rural Belknap, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, October 22, 2025, at 3:16 A.M. at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis, Illinois.

Michael was born June 18, 1953 in Carmi, Illinois. He was the 2nd of 7 children born to Bud and Hazel (Robbins) Jackson.

On September 4, 2015, Michael was united in marriage to Beth Hutchison in Vienna, Illinois. They made their home in the Forman community, northeast of Belknap.

In addition to his wife, Michael is survived by: step-daughters – Olivia Botello and her 2 year old son, Zy, as well as Daniela (Henry) Bundren; his siblings – Jimmy (Donna) Jackson, T.A. (Becky) Jackson, Vickie Jones, and Lisa (Nathan) Linson all of Mt. Carmel, Illinois and Susie (Jerry) Taylor of Princeton, Indiana; a sister-in-law – Betty Jackson of Mt. Carmel, Illinois; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, a brother – Donnie Jackson, and a brother-in-law – John Jones.

Michael attended Mt. Carmel High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served as a tank commander. He was deployed in combat in all 3 Gulf Wars serving in Iraq. In 2008, he retired from the Army after 23 years of honorable service. After completing his military service, he moved to a small farm near Simpson in Johnson County. He began working as a bus driver for the Vienna Grade School. After driving the bus for a few years, Michael once again retired. More recently, he provided transportation for Amish families until the time of his passing.

Although Michael had some health concerns the last few years, he was always busy assisting his father-in-law on the farm. He loved to mow and take his grandson, Zy, for rides in the side-by-side all over his property. Michael was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed deer hunting and especially fishing.

Michael was a member of the former Christian Motorcycle Association (C.M.A.) as well as the Masonic fraternity.

Michael and Beth worshipped at Safe Harbor Ministries near Belknap.

A service honoring the life of Michael Jackson will be conducted Friday afternoon, October 24, 2025, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Richard Swiney will officiate.

Burial will be in the Belknap Masonic Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 24, 2025, from 11 A.M. until the service hour at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Safe Harbor Ministries, 35 Heron Pond Lane, Belknap, Illinois 62908 or to The American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839,

Boone, Iowa 50037-0839 or online at www.redcross.org

Cemetery Details

Belknap Masonic Cemetery

Sunflower Lane
Belknap, IL 62908

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Tribute Wall

Amy
Banks

“ Amy Banks lit a candle in memory of Michael G. Jackson



Amy Banks - November 01, 2025 at 10:27 AM

Amy
Banks

“ For 16 years, he was the best step-dad a girl could've hoped for. He was a fun and loving grandpa to my 3 kids. He wasn't just step-dad and grandfather, he was a hard worker, keeping his yard immaculate, volunteered at church and was always the first person to step up and help out a neighbor , friend or family member. I will always cherish these memories and am so sorry for his family and their loss.

Amy Banks - November 01, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BB

“ Billy&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Michael G. Jackson



Billy&Nancy Belford - October 27, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CB

“ I’m so sorry Beth and family sending my love, comfort and strength for the times ahead ❤️



Carol Bryant - October 24, 2025 at 08:44 AM

FF

“ From Larry and Ruth Jackson family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael G. Jackson.



From Larry and Ruth Jackson family - October 23, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael G. Jackson.



October 23, 2025 at 10:34 AM

SG

“ Beth I’m so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you & your family.



Sondra Goins - October 23, 2025 at 12:23 AM

MH

“ *Martin Holtz purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Michael G. Jackson.*



Martin Holtz - October 22, 2025 at 09:45 PM

TF

“ *The Hutson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael G. Jackson.*



The Hutson Family - October 22, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael G. Jackson.*



October 22, 2025 at 09:08 PM

WW

“ *Wendy Stram and Melanie Wright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael G. Jackson.*

Wendy Stram and Melanie Wright - October 22, 2025 at 09:08 PM

SC

“ *Scott and LaRay Capron purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael G. Jackson.*



Scott and LaRay Capron - October 22, 2025 at 07:19 PM

TR

“ *Tina Raper lit a candle in memory of Michael G. Jackson*



Tina Raper - October 22, 2025 at 07:03 PM

TR

So very sorry for your loss! May God give you strength and comfort during this trial.

Tina Raper - October 22, 2025 at 07:04 PM

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Tina Raper - October 22, 2025 at 07:12 PM

DG

Prayers for the family

danny goodman - October 22, 2025 at 08:55 PM

MJ

“ *Mr And Mrs Randy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Michael G. Jackson*



Mr and Mrs Randy Jackson - October 22, 2025 at 07:00 PM

MH

“ *Hugs and Prayers Beth and family.*



Mary Lou Hynes - October 22, 2025 at 06:34 PM