



## Mr. Rory Lee Jackson

December 13, 1962 - October 22, 2022

Mr. Rory Lee Jackson, 59, died suddenly at 4:39pm on October 22, 2022 at his home in Peoria, IL. He was the first born of 6 children to Robert and Emma Gene Spinks-Jackson on December 13, 1962 in Galesburg, IL. In his youth, Rory enjoyed fishing, hunting, baseball, basketball and being a big brother.

The early 1980's was a busy time for Rory- he graduated from Galesburg High School in 1980, served as a Field WireMan in the United States Marine Corp. from 1980-83, married Sharlene Taylor on July 17, 1981, and welcomed their two children in 1980 and 1982, respectively.

Rory is survived by his two children, Andre (Michelle Wall) Jackson of Galesburg, IL, Shanell "Miss Sue" (Shannon) Lightfoot of Woodstock, Georgia; two sisters, Renita (Mearon) Diggins of Galesburg and Laura (Jaswick) Dyett of Grimes, Iowa; two brothers Robert Sargent of Silvis, IL, and Anthony (Helen) Sargent of St. Paul, Minnesota; his "Pops," James Blackwell of Galesburg, IL, four grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, A.C. and Laura Spinks, his parents, two sisters, Madilyn Jackson and Robyn Broadfield, one brother, Robert "Bobby" Jackson, and daughter-in-law, Lisa Jackson.

Throughout his life, Rory struggled with his mental health, which led to drug & alcohol addiction. But his struggles didn't define who he was as a person. Rory could (and would) talk to anybody. He loved people, dogs, and was always excited about the opportunity to share a positive word or two with others on his best days. He gave his life to Christ and met with professionals to try to overcome the demons that haunted him. For the last two years, Rory found support and worked diligently with the Salvation Army's Supportive Services for Veterans- Heartland Division in Peoria, who offered housing support, mental health support, and substance treatment options.

For anyone who loved or had love for Rory, please join us for his graveside service at East Linwood Cemetery in Galesburg, IL on Saturday, November 5 at 1:00pm, sharp. Cremation has been accorded so that we may remember Rory in his best image. The Rev. Yvette Mixon will officiate. A celebration of life will follow.

In lieu of flowers and memorial gifts, please support The Salvation Army's Supportive Services for Veterans- Heartland Division in Peoria, IL with a one-time or recurring donation to assist them in their journey of providing essential support services to Veterans, like Rory, throughout the local region. Direct link to memorial gifts: [https://donate.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/give/412962/#!/donation/checkout?c\\_src=ClassyHR](https://donate.centralusa.salvationarmy.org/give/412962/#!/donation/checkout?c_src=ClassyHR)

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Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

East Linwood Cemetery

1854 W Main St

Galesburg, IL 61401



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Rory Lee Jackson*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

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“ *So very sorry to the Jackson Family for their loss. Prayers for all.* 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🙏🙏🙏

Mary Anne Norris - October 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ *Sorry to hear for the loss of Rory Jackson. To the families my deepest condolences and prayers.*

Pamela O'Neal - October 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Rory always went out of his way to speak to me and ask me how I was doing. I spoke at his mother Emma's funeral. At his brother Bobby's funeral, Rory thanked me for "all the nice things you said about my mother."* *R.I.P. Rory.*

Jim Jacobs - October 27, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *May you rest easy Rory Jackson* 🙏🙏🙏

Kimberly C. - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *I Love My Nephew Rory lived life from a young age his way and will be truly missed.* 🥹

Pearlee Clay Family - October 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“*That man and his family have always had a special place in my life....I had just talked to him a few weeks ago so I'm truly shocked right now 😞. With that being said; I enjoyed the time we were together/lived together in Peoria and May you Rest in Paradise King... I really learned a lot from you a very intelligent man*  
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**Cynthia smith** - October 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM