



THOMAS JACKSON BASSETT

October 14, 1945 - October 31, 2024

Obituary for Thomas Jackson “Jack” Bassett

Thomas Jackson “Jack” Bassett, a beloved brother, father, grandfather, and devoted friend, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2024, at the age of 79. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Jack is survived by his son, Ian Bassett, daughter-in-law, Carolyn Bassett, his grandson, Jesse Bassett, his sister, Linda Hughey and his half-sister Janet Wills. He was preceded in death by his parents Marion Bassett and Ruth Bassett and his brother Marion Bassett, Jr.. Jack’s enduring spirit will live on through his family and the many lives he touched.

A proud military veteran, Jack volunteered to serve his country during the Vietnam War, where he served with the Army 1st Cavalry Division. After his military service, Jack graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Jack went on to work for the Florida Division of Blind Services, dedicating himself to helping others and making a positive difference in his community. He continued that tradition in his most recent job of working with underserved communities providing food assistance through the US Census Bureau.

An avid music lover, Jack had a passion for the guitar and a deep appreciation for its ability to connect people. He shared this love by starting a guitar group

at The Tallahassee Senior Center, where he inspired and brought joy to others through teaching and playing music. His contributions to his community and his dedication to service will not be forgotten.

A memorial service will be held at the Tallahassee National Cemetery on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, AT 2:00 pm, with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to The Florida State University Dedman College of Hospitality General Scholarship Fund (F01064), supporting students in pursuit of careers in the hospitality industry.

Jack's love for his family, his country, and his community will remain in the hearts of all who knew him. He had a warm heart, a generous spirit, and a unique ability to bring people together with his humor, kindness, and the music he so dearly loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in honor of Mr. Bassett at:

<https://give.fsu.edu/Donate/WizardCheckout/b90183c2-471a-4e8e-362b-08d95cff3b29>

The family is being cared for by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Previous Events

Full Military Honors and Interment

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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It is suggested that you arrive at 1:30 to line your car up for the procession, to the right side of the administration building.

Tribute Wall

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“ Several members of the Tallahassee Senior Center "Frets" Guitar Group were able to attend Jack's funeral, but I was not, due to other commitments on that day. I wanted to pass on to the family, that those of us who are active in the weekly guitar group still have Jack in our thoughts, and regularly play some of the songs that he brought to our monthly playlist! I am honored to have known Jack and have since signed up to take his place as the Senior Center group volunteer coordinator. Oddly, Jack and I were born in the same year (1945), and I grew up and still call Jacksonville my home town, although Tallahassee is now my new home town! We also both served in our Armed Forces, and I also have reserved a place to rest some day in the Tallahassee National Cemetery...small world! If I know Jack he will be smiling and "pickin' and grinning" with his buddies, friends and family...

Sam Lamb DVM (USAF/USArmy Ret), Tallahassee

Sam Lamb - December 19, 2024 at 12:21 PM

RN

“ Jack will be greatly missed. As well as a beloved Senior Center participant, he was also a good friend. Over the years, he attended and supported many of our music events, both at TSC and at my Purple House venue. I looked forward to seeing him here at TSC every Tuesday afternoon for guitar class.

He was a kind and beautiful soul, and I am grateful for our friendship.

Ruth Nickens - November 15, 2024 at 01:37 PM

RF

I had checked with the Tallahassee Senior Center several times to see if they had a band, somewhere I could enjoy playing guitar with others. I was excited about 10 years ago to find that a guitar group had been formed. I have been going ever since. I am thankful that Jack cared enough for others to bring us together for fun and fellowship. He will be sorely missed. Ron Frederick

Ron Frederick - April 29, 2025 at 09:51 AM

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“ I became acquainted with Jack through the Senior Center guitar group. I started with the group in January of 2022 as a newbie struggling with a few chords. I was made to feel welcome and comfortable by the environment fostered by Jack. Participating with the group helped me to continue with something that I had tried and quit many times. He will be greatly missed.

Dan Enfinger

Dan Enfinger - November 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM