



Jessie Christine Tufts Jackson

August 6, 1922 - January 17, 2018

Jessie Christine Tufts Jackson, of Easton, MD, originally from Belmont, MA, passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at Bayleigh Chase Assisted Living at the age of 95.

She was predeceased by her husband, Capt. Clifton Edward Jackson (USN, Ret'd) of Columbia, MD; parents, William G. Tufts and Elizabeth C. Tufts of Belmont, MA; brother, William G. Tufts Jr. of North Reading, MA, sister, Donna T. Hopkins and her spouse Gerald Hopkins, of Downers Grove, IL; and son-in-law, Phillip D. Reed of Darien, CT.

Survivors include sister-in-law, Barbara Tufts of Lynnfield, MA; three children, Clifton E. Jackson Jr. (and spouse Florence) of St. Michaels, MD, Elizabeth J. Reed of Darien, CT, and Donald C. Jackson (spouse Carol Dubie) of Philadelphia, PA; four grandchildren, LCDR Clifton E. Jackson. III, USN, Jackson D. Reed, Catherine J. duPont (spouse Samuel C. duPont), and Phillip O. Reed (spouse Kellie Kemp).

Mrs. Jackson received a degree in Psychology from Smith College in December 1943, where she participated in the new Navy WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) program, and upon graduation was immediately commissioned as an Ensign USNR. She served in the Navy flying across the country setting up logistical facilities both supporting and

demonstrating how women could be productive Naval Officers in challenging military aviation settings. She married a Naval aviator, LCDR Clifton E. Jackson, on 12/14/1946, and left Naval Service in 1949 with an honorable discharge at the rank of LTJG.

Over the next 69 years, she raised three children while moving to Naval bases around the country/world, received a Master's Degree in Education from GW University, taught elementary school reading in several school systems, and advanced to become a Principal's Supervisor responsible for three elementary schools in Montgomery County, MD. One of her greatest loves was playing the organ and piano, with her instinctive ear for music and her fluid playing style bringing great joy to both herself and others for all of her life.

Mrs. Jackson will be buried on April 16, 2019 in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, following a 1 p.m., Chapel Service at Ft. Myer. Those interested in attending not already in contact with the family should leave their contact information with the funeral home (410-822-3131), as access to Ft. Myer will need to be arranged. To view/post photos/videos/tributes please visit: <https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jessie-Jackson-10>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Phillip D. Reed Memorial Environmental Writing Award, Southern Environmental Law Center, 201 West Main St., Suite 14, Charlottesville, VA 22902 or www.southernenvironment.org/donate in memory of Jessie Jackson.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Service

APR 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Christine Tufts Jackson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jessie Christine Tufts Jackson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jessie Christine Tufts Jackson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ The words "Chris and Cliff" in our home were like one word that meant not only holidays and fun but warmth, generosity and family. Chris was always welcoming to the Palmer/Normiles and she brought all six "cousins" together through the years. She was enthusiastic and interested in our lives. She and Cliff made many trips around the Beltway (from K to 12th grade) to the girls' concerts, to at least one field hockey game and high school graduation. On one memorable weekend, they brought perhaps a dozen arborvitae to our home and we had fun planting a "screen of green" across the back fence. They also brought a small blue spruce in memory of Michael's Mom. They were thoughtful and generous and Cliff and Michael loved being "farmers" together for the day.

Chris was also lots of fun! We recently rediscovered her seating charts and menus for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She put so much work into her wonderful dinners and fun activities for the children. The fact that the six "cousins" are still close and share those memories is part of the legacy of Chris and Cliff.

We're all better for Chris' laughter, love and support and we miss her always.

Cheryl, Alexandra and Caroline Normile

C Normile - April 08, 2019 at 05:25 PM

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Alexandra - April 07, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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Alexandra - April 07, 2019 at 03:57 PM

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Florence Jackson - February 26, 2019 at 02:38 PM

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Florence Jackson - February 26, 2019 at 01:09 PM

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Florence Jackson - February 25, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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Clifton Jackson - February 16, 2019 at 01:15 PM

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Florence Jackson - February 16, 2019 at 07:38 AM

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Clifton and Florence Jackson - February 13, 2019 at 08:12 PM