



## L.C. Jackson Jr.

May 21, 1955 - February 28, 2025

Mr. L.C. "Ricky" Jackson, Jr. passed away on February 28, 2025, in Chicago, IL, at the age of 69.

L.C. Jackson, Jr. was born in Chicago, IL, on May 21, 1955, to L.C. Sr. and Betty Jackson. L.C., affectionally called "Ricky," lived a life of loud laughter and fun times with his family and friends. Ricky graduated from Waller High School in 1973 and moved to Buchanan, MI, where he worked for Clark Equipment Company. It didn't take long for Ricky to realize factory life wasn't for him, so he enlisted in the United States Air Force that same year. During his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

As the oldest son with maturity beyond his years, Ricky was seen as the man of the house by his younger siblings. He took great pride in looking after them. So when his mother called to report that his brothers and sister were getting out of control, Ricky knew he needed to step in. In late 1974, Ricky left the Air Force with an Honorable Discharge and returned home to Chicago to get things back in line. Once things were settled at home, Ricky enlisted in the United States Navy.

While still in Chicago, Ricky met Valerie Williams a few years later. The two married during one of his military leave periods. From that union came two daughters, Calinda and Lynette.

After serving in the Navy, Ricky began a career as a computer programmer at Merrill Lynch. As time passed, Ricky pursued his entrepreneurial ambitions and opened Jackson's Grocery Store in Roseland with his brother Lawrence.

Ricky remained in Chicago until the early 90s when he moved to Kalamazoo and started the next chapter of his life.

Rick, as he was now known, spent most of his adult life in Kalamazoo, MI, where he married Marla Nelson and spent many happy years together. Rick worked at Kalamazoo Metro Transit, starting as a Bus Driver and working his way up to a Manager when he retired after more than 20 years.

Rick loved watching TV, particularly old westerns and sci-fi shows; he later became interested in watching Detroit sports teams (mainly so he could heckle Lawrence about Chicago teams). He also enjoyed listening to music, especially smooth jazz and soul.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, L.C. Sr. and Betty, as well as his brother Jarrod. Rick leaves to forever cherish his memory brothers Lawrence (Evelyn), Tony, Labaron, and Andre; sister Darlene; daughters Calinda (James) and Lynette (Jeffrey); honorary children Shari Young and Corey Vines, whom he loved as his own; grandchildren Amia, Skye, August, Pleasant; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Rick's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 24. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel  
7030 S. Halsted  
Chicago, IL 60621

## Funeral Service

MAR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calahan Funeral Home Landmark Chapel  
7030 S. Halsted  
Chicago, IL 60621

## Burial/Interment

MAR 24. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 W Hoff Rd  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Manley Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of L.C. Jackson Jr..*



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**Manley Family** - March 20, 2025 at 09:47 AM

MF

“ *Manley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of L.C. Jackson Jr..*

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**Manley Family** - March 20, 2025 at 09:47 AM

WF

“ *Williams & Townes Family purchased the Sentim  
ents of Serenity Spray for the family of L.C.  
Jackson Jr..*



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**Williams & Townes Family** - March 13, 2025 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Valerie Hill (Ma) purchased the Sentiments of Ser  
enity Spray for the family of L.C. Jackson Jr..*



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**Valerie Hill (Ma)** - March 10, 2025 at 10:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of L.C. Jackson Jr..

March 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of L.C. Jackson Jr..



March 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ My sincere Condolences, 🙏 prayers to Jean Nd Jackson Family! Lawrence as we all called him, from Kalamazoo. I knew him from my teenage yrs, when the family came to visit their Uncle, Nd cousins here, Lawrence was a storytelling, jokingly- funny Nd tough luvn (SMILE) Guy,, Visiting Chicago, the store, their home,, I can Go On,, I'll leave it there. I pray 🙏 God Comfort Nd give Uall strength during this difficult time. It will be be Brighter Days ahead. Thank You Jean Jackson! Nd Jackson Family 4sharing Lawrence with Us. 🙏 LC.Jackson may yur Soul (RIH)



Larry Bell - March 07, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MC

“ Love you, Rick!

~ Marlis



Marlis Coleman - March 07, 2025 at 02:26 PM

WB

“ William Bradshaw lit a candle in memory of  
L.C. Jackson Jr.



William Bradshaw - March 06, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LG

“ Larry Gordon lit a candle in memory of L.C.  
Jackson Jr.



Larry Gordon - March 04, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LG

Brother you were always smooth, even when you were rough and tough! You were truly an affirming brother. My condolences to the family, may you all be assured with peace and comfort.

Larry Gordon - March 04, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CG

“ Brother Rick rest in peace a truly good man. May our Lord Jesus  
bring comfort to the family. Curtis G Gardner

Curtis G Gardner - March 04, 2025 at 10:50 AM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family lots of good memories. Truly will be missed praying 🙏 at this heart felt time much love ❤️*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - March 04, 2025 at 08:59 AM