

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

KENNETH RAY JACKSON  
ADRIEL CHRISTOPHER JACKSON  
THEO WILLIE CARTER  
ANTRE CHRISTOPHER PERRY  
CHARLIE J BROWN  
HENRY OLIVER PARKER

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE

THE FAMILY OF LUTHER JOE JACKSON ACKNOWLEDGES THE MANY CARDS, CALLS, PRAYERS, FLOWERS AND CONCERN SHOWN DURING OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO REV. KEVIN NELSON & CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ABUNDANT HOSPICE CARE TEAM, AND BAMC MEDICAL STAFF. WE THANK GOD FOR EACH OF YOU.

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LUTHER *Joe* JACKSON

09.20.1938 - 07.19.2023



*Luther Joe Jackson* WAS BORN TO BRADY JACKSON & GLADYS (SEARCY) JACKSON ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1938, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS IN THE SMALL TOWN OF SHERRIL. HE WAS THE 8TH CHILD OF 11. HE RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM. AT THE AGE OF 17, HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE AIR FORCE AND IN 1956 HE DECIDED TO JOIN.

HE COMPLETED HIS BASIC TRAINING AT LACKLAND AFB. IN 1961 WHILE AT LACKLAND AFB HE MET THE ONE AND ONLY LOVE OF HIS LIFE, ALICE MARIE HILL AND THEIR LOVE BLOSSOMED AS THEY RAISED THEIR FAMILY AND REMAINED MARRIED FOR OVER SIX DECADES UNTIL HIS TRANSITION.

DURING LUTHER'S TIME IN THE MILITARY, HE TRAVELED TO MULTIPLE ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES BEFORE SERVING IN THE VIETNAM WAR IN 1968. IN ADDITION TO THESE ASSIGNMENTS, HE WAS ALSO STATIONED WITH HIS FAMILY ON TWO OCCASIONS ON THE ISLAND OF OKINAWA AT KADENA AFB & NAHA AFB AND AT WURTHSMITH AFB IN OSCODA, MICHIGAN. HE DID A SOLO DEPLOYMENT TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI AND FINALLY RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE AT BROOKS AFB ON AUGUST 31ST, 1978, COMPLETING 22+ YEARS OF SERVICE.

*Luther* BEGAN A SECOND CAREER WORKING FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WHERE HE STARTED AS A PRISON GUARD AND WORKED HIS WAY UP TO FIRE INSPECTOR AT THE HONDO, TEXAS FACILITY AND EVENTUALLY RETIRING FOR A SECOND TIME IN 2000, COMPLETING 22 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS.

*Luther* ALWAYS KEPT BUSY; AFTER HIS SECOND RETIREMENT HE TOOK OVER MANAGEMENT OF HIS LATE FATHER-IN-LAW'S LONG-ESTABLISHED DRYCLEANING BUSINESS IN DENVER HEIGHTS. TIP TOP CLEANERS HAD A 65-YEAR REPUTATION FOR QUALITY AND LONGEVITY IN THE COMMUNITY AND LUTHER HELPED CONTINUE THAT TRADITION. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM, COURTESY, AND INTEGRITY.

*Luther* HAD A GREAT ZEST FOR LIFE. HE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT EVERYTHING AND COULD BE COUNTED ON TO BEING UP TO DATE ON BOTH THE LOCAL AND THE NATIONAL NEWS. A TRIP TO THE HOUSE USUALLY INCLUDED A HISTORY LESSON OR SOME POINT OR COUNTERPOINT POLITICAL DISCUSSION. MOST WOULD THINK OF HIM AS A GREAT CONVERSATIONALIST, WHICH HE WAS BUT HE WAS ALSO A GREAT LISTENER.

IF TEARS AND PRECIOUS MEMORIES COULD BUILD A *Stairway...*

IF TEARS COULD BUILD A STAIRWAY AND MEMORIES A LANE,  
I WOULD WALK RIGHT UP TO HEAVEN JUST TO SEE YOU AGAIN.  
I THANK GOD FOR BEING SO GRACIOUS TO HAVE GIVEN US TIME;  
TIME TO PREPARE AND SAY OUR GOODBYES.

BUT I AM HUMAN AND I MISS YOU SO TERRIBLY MUCH,  
I JUST LONG TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AND FEEL THE WARMTH OF YOUR TOUCH.  
WE WERE BLESSED WITH 61+ YEARS OF LOVE, LAUGHTER AND LIFE;  
NOT EVERYONE IS ALLOWED THAT MANY YEARS TOGETHER  
BEFORE THEY SEPARATE TO TAKE THEIR TRANSITIONAL FLIGHT.  
FOR NOW, MY TEARS ARE FLOWING,  
BUT IN TIME THE MEMORIES OF US THAT I TREASURE  
AND HOLD DEEP IN MY HEART WILL TAKE ITS PLACE  
BECAUSE I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME SAD TOO LONG,  
THERE IS WAY TOO MUCH AT STAKE.

MY MISSION IS NOT OVER AND UNTIL THAT TIME ARISE  
FOR ME TO TAKE MY TRANSITIONAL FLIGHT HOME TO HEAVEN  
I WILL CONTINUE TO THRIVE.

SO, TAKE YOUR REST MY LOVE AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE FOREVER IN MY HEART.  
YOUR LOVING WIFE FOR ALL MY LIFE, ALICE MARIE, "GRAMPS"



FOREVER IN MY HEART... *Alice & Luther*

## New Bride - Groom



Miss Alice Marie Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill, San Antonio, became the bride of A/2c Luther Jackson, jr., son of Mrs. Gladys Jackson, Sherril, Arkansas, in a very impressive musicale candle light ceremony last Friday evening, February 2, at 614 Dreiss Street.

Given in marriage by her father, Mr. Joseph Hill, the bride wore a beautiful vail blue georgette and sequin knit dress with matching hat and royal blue shoes. She carried a white prayer book with tapers of blue ribbon.

Miss Beverly Jewel Hill, sister of the bride was maid of honor and wore a vail blue brocade dress with pastel shoes.

Best man was A/2c James Snowden, Baltimore, Maryland.

Blue and white was the motif throughout the house, the table was laid with a white full net skirt over silk organza adorned with crystal candelabrim and a bowl filled with white roses and fern. The three tiered wedding cake on one side of the table and the pale blue punch on the other was very picturesque.

Elder Charles Watkins, Church of God in Christ performed the ceremony. Serving in other capacities Mrs. Rowland Mason, jr., registered guest. Mrs. Woodrow Jackson served cake, Miss Beverly Jewel Hill served punch assisted by Mrs. Dannie Lee, Mrs. Jack Jackson, Beatrice Walker, Mrs. Alexcie Auzenne was pianist.

Out of town guest were; Mr. and Mrs. James Chandler, Houston, Texas; Mr. John Hubert, Mr. Don Steffins.

Many lovely gifts were received and more than 80 guests attended the affair.

TYPICALLY, IN PUBLIC SETTINGS HE WAS AS QUIET AS A MOUSE BUT AFTERWARDS, HE COULD SUM UP CONVERSATIONS, IMPRESSIONS, AND OBSERVATIONS WITH STARK ACCURACY BECAUSE HE DID MORE LISTENING THAN SPEAKING.

LUTHER WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL HUSBAND AND FATHER.

HE LOVED HIS FAMILY AND TOOK GREAT CARE OF THEM AND PROVIDED RICHLY FOR HIS DEAR WIFE, ALICE. HIS LOVE FOR HIS GRANDCHILDREN, SIBLINGS, NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND OTHER FAMILY WAS CLEAR AS HIS EYES WOULD LIGHT UP AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

HE WAS ABLE TO VISIT IN PERSON OR SPEAK WITH THEM OVER THE PHONE.

LUTHER IS SORELY MISSED, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE IS HEALED AND AT REST IN THE ARMS OF CHRIST, AND FOR THIS WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

NEVER GOODBYE,

*Luther Joe Jackson* LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY,

HIS LOVING AND DEVOTED WIFE ALICE MARIE (HILL) JACKSON,  
DAUGHTER STEPHANIE MICHELLE (JACKSON) MOORE (CALVIN),

SON KENNETH RAY JACKSON (JOYCE MARIE); GRANDCHILDREN, AARON JACKSON,  
TAMARA MOORE, LARHONDA MOORE, GEOFFREY MOORE, DESIREE' JACKSON, ADRIEL JACKSON,  
N. TYRONE DARDEN, CRISTEN MARTENS (RUEL), RANDALLE CARTER (JOEL), THEO CARTER,

WHITTLEY BROWN (CHARLIE); BROTHERS, HAMILTON JACKSON,

FRANKIE JACKSON (DOROTHY), ELVIN JACKSON (DIOMA),

ALL FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF ARKANSAS AND A HOST OF GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,  
NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS AND OTHER RELATIVES AND DEAR FRIENDS.

LOVE ONES THAT HAVE PRECEDED LUTHER IN DEATH; HIS PARENTS,  
MOTHER-IN-LAW, FATHER-IN-LAW AND GRANDSON, JOSEF MOORE; FIVE SISTERS,  
NAOMI, PAULINE, EDNA, GLADYS, MABEL AND TWO BROTHERS, PURCELL AND GEORGE.

BUT I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU TO BE IGNORANT, BRETHREN,  
CONCERNING THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP, THAT YE SORROW NOT,  
EVEN AS OTHERS WHICH HAVE NO HOPE. FOR IF WE BELIEVE  
THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN,  
EVEN SO THEM ALSO WHICH SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM.

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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.



61.5 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.  
MY SOUL MATE, MY RIDE OR DIE,  
BEST FRIEND FOR LIFE.  
HUSBAND & FATHER



*The Jacksons*

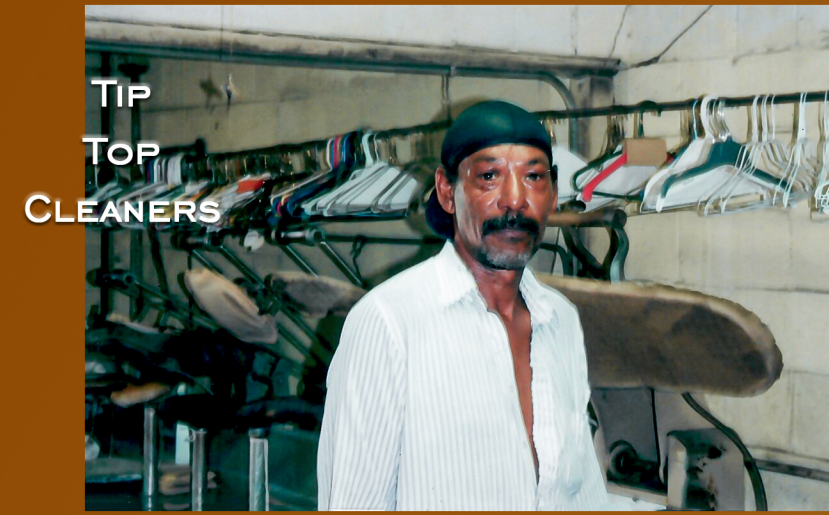


# Community



SUPPORTER  
LISTENER  
A DOER

# FAMILY



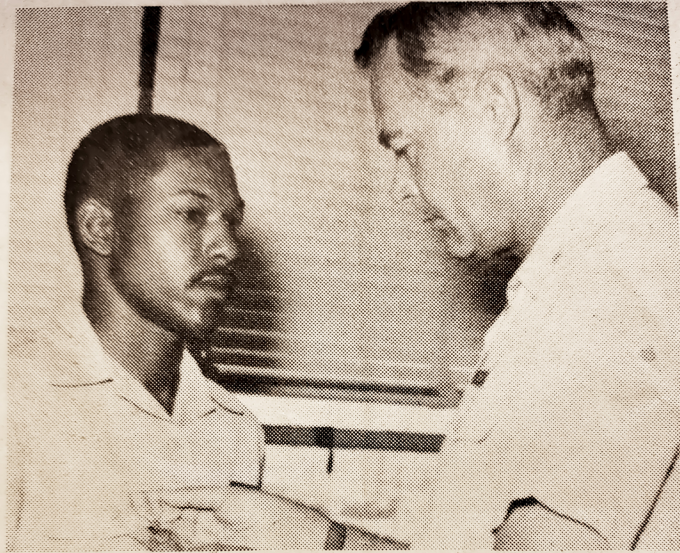
THE FAMOUS BLUE JEAN SHIRT...



KNOWN FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM, COURTESY, AND INTEGRITY

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
IN THE SMALL TOWN OF SHERRIL  
IS WHERE MY LIFE BEGAN AND  
THESE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE ARE MY 1ST FAMILY





**DECORATED** — Sergeant Luther J. Jackson (right), son of Mrs. Gladys Jackson, Rt. 1, Sherrill, Ark., receives the United States Air Force Commendation medal at Naha Air Base, Okinawa. Sergeant Jackson was decorated for meritorious service as a fire protection specialist at Bien Hoa Air Base, Viet Nam. He was cited for professional skill in the performance of his duties. He is now at Naha in a unit of the Pacific Air forces. The sergeant is married to the former Alice M. Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill of 614 Dreiss street, San Antonio. Colonel David L. Willetts, base commander, makes the presentation. (U.S. Air Force photo)

### GI Husband Of S.A. Girl Gets Award

OSCODA, Mich.--Staff Sergeant Luther J. Jackson, son of Mrs. Gladys Jackson of Rt. 1, Sherrill, Ark., is a member of a Strategic Air command wing at Wurtsmith Air Force base, Mich., which has earned the United States Air Force Outstanding Unit award.

Sergeant Jackson is a fire protection specialist with the 379th Bomb wing which received the award for exceptionally meritorious service from July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971.

Personnel of the 379th were cited for outstanding performance in simulated emergency war order exercises, for global support in deployment of tactical units and for conducting all training programs required by the wing.

Sergeant Jackson will wear a distinctive service ribbon to mark his affiliation with the unit.

The sergeant, who has served in Viet Nam, attended school in Sherrill and completed the requirements for his high school diploma after entering the service.

His wife, Alice, is the daughter of Mrs. Vera M. Hill of 614 Dreiss street, San Antonio.

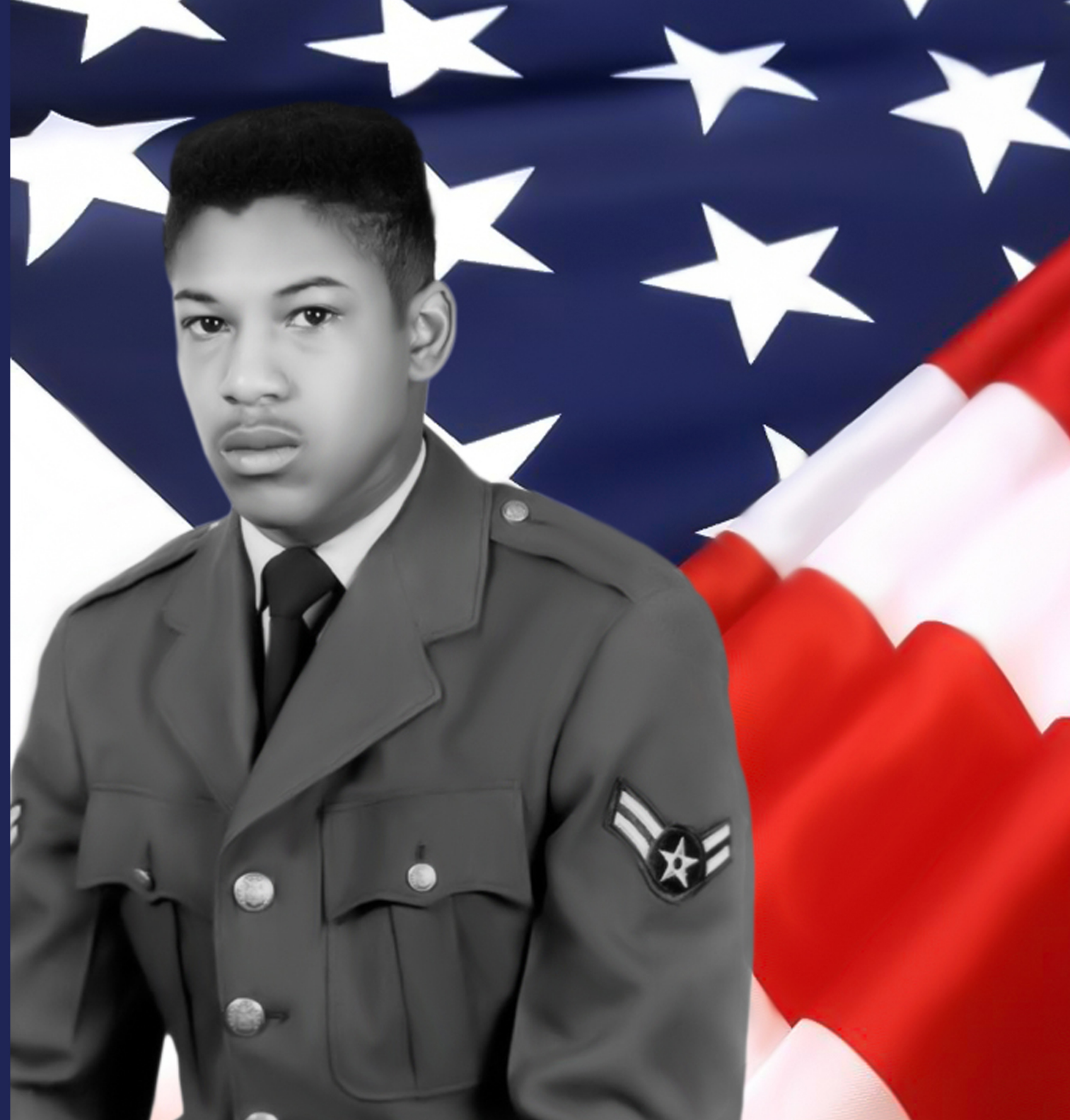
### S.A. Staff Sgt. Assigned To Mich. AFB

OSCODA, Mich. -- U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Luther J. Jackson, son of Mrs. Gladys Jackson, 614 Dreiss street, San Antonio, has arrived for duty at Wurtsmith AFB, Mich.

Sergeant Jackson, a fire protection specialist, is in a unit of the Strategic Air Command, America's nuclear deterrent force of long range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles. He previously served at Naha AB, Okinawa, and has also completed a tour of duty in Viet Nam.

The sergeant attended Sherrill (Ark.) Junior High school and completed requirements for his high school diploma after entering the service.

His wife, Alice, is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Hill, 614 Dreiss street, San Antonio.



AMONG MANY CONTRIBUTIONS,  
SERVING IN THE VIETNAM WAR

AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE FIGHTING SPECIALTY TEAM

AT BIEN HOA AIR BASE, AND

AFTER 22 YEARS 9 MONTHS AND 15 DAYS,

TSGT LUTHER JOE JACKSON RETIRED



U.S. AIR FORCE





# FAMILY, THIS IS US...



## ORDER OF Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE ..... INSTRUMENTAL/DARYL COLLINS  
PROCESSIONAL ..... PASTOR AND FAMILY

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING  
OLD TESTAMENT  
NEW TESTAMENT  
PRAYER

PASTOR KEVIN L NELSON

SONG.....WENDI GODLEY-MANNING

LETTER TO GRANDPA ...STEPHANIE MOORE

REFLECTIONS OF A BROTHER...REV. ELVIN JACKSON

REFLECTIONS OF A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW...JOYCE JACKSON

REFLECTIONS OF A COMMUNITY LEADER.. VERA WILLIAMS-YOUNG

SONG.....WENDI GODLEY-MANNING

REFLECTIONS OF A SON..... ..KENNETH JACKSON

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION  
PASTOR KEVIN L NELSON

RECESSIONAL  
CLERGY, PALL BEARERS & FAMILY  
LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN...INSTRUMENTAL/DARYL COLLINS  
INTERMENT AT FT. SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMENTARY