



Gary W. Jackson

April 5, 1946 - September 12, 2017

Obituary

Gary W. Jackson, 71, of Amarillo, TX passed away on September 12, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 2017 in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Burial will be at Llano East Cemetery with military honors. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Gary was born in Borger, TX on April 5, 1946 to Johnny Aaron Jackson and Virginia Hanna Jackson. He was raised at Sneed Camp, TX and moved to Liberal, KS in the eighth grade. Gary graduated from Liberal High School in May of 1964.

On December 22, 1965 he was drafted into the United States Army, and received his basic training in Fort Lewis, WA. Shortly after his induction, he was sent to Vietnam where he joined C Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, where he served as a Sergeant. Gary was hospitalized for about three months in Japan as a result of being wounded on January 8, 1967 in Vietnam, suffering second and third degree burns on his face and hands when the personnel carrier in which he was riding ran over a land mine. He was also stationed in Korea with a missile command. His tour of duty ended on Oct 9, 1967. As a result of the injuries he received in Vietnam on January 8, 1967, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

After an Honorable Discharge, Gary returned to his job at National Helium in Liberal, KS. On June 7, 1975 Gary married Linda Cay Hill in Liberal, KS. During their time in Liberal, Gary worked as a ticket counter agent for Frontier Airlines, which lead to relocations to Shreveport, LA, Omaha, NE, and Midland, TX. He then worked for United Express Airlines in Midland, TX and transferred to Amarillo, TX. Gary worked for the United States Department of Interior in Amarillo until retirement, as well as retiring from the State of Texas for his work at the Texas Department of Corrections.

Gary is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda; two sons Chad Alan Jackson and wife Cassie of Gilbert, AZ, and Tye Derek Jackson and wife Courtney of Amarillo; one brother Stacey Jackson of Springfield, MO; a nephew Shane Jackson of Weatherford, OK; 5 grandchildren Zane Jackson and Britney White, Shelby Jackson, and Presley Jackson, all of Gilbert, AZ, Gavin Jackson and Cora Jackson of Amarillo, and one great grandchild Mason White of Gilbert, AZ.

Family suggests donations to the Texas Panhandle War Memorial, 4101 S. Georgia St., Amarillo, TX 79110.