#### Flower Attendants Granddaughters and Nieces

Pallbearers
Grandsons and Nephews

#### **God's Comfort**

It's hard to watch the passing of a kind and loving man It's hard to say goodbye and make the loved ones understand It's hard to picture moving on without him being near It's hard to believe that he has gone and it's hard to stop these tears. But though this pain is hard to bear These hours full of sorrow We all must keep our eyes on God Who promises joy tomorrow It's easy to rest in the peace of God to allow His grace to heal It's easy to let the love of God ease that pain we feel. It's easy to stand in the strength of God when Jesus is our Lord Let Him comfort you in this time.

Acknowledgement
The family is sincerely grateful for your many prayers, acts of kindness and support shown during this time of sorrow and bereavement.

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Celebrating the Life of Mr. Acquillious "AQ" Jackson, Jr.



**Sunrise: May 1, 1929 - Sunset: November 10, 2020** 

Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Fairfield United Methodist Church 2201 Fire Tower Road Piedmont, South Carolina 29673

#### Rev. Derrell Dean, Eulogist New Hope Baptist Church

## Rev. Hal Johnson, Sr., Presiding Pastor, Fairfield and Thompson Centennial United Methodist Churches

#### **Order of Service**

**Processional** Selection Scripture Readings Old Testament......Psalm 121:1-8.....Rev. Brenda Washington Minus Chapel and New Beginnings Mission United Methodist Churches New Testament .....1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Rev. Annie Jackson Mt. Pleasant, Emmanuel and Mt. Sinai United Methodist Churches Prayer ......Rev. Hal Johnson, Sr. Reflections .......Sloan Sitton (Church Member) Jerry Dean (Church Member) Arbutis Davis (Family Member) Acquillious Jackson, III (Son) Selection Invitation to Discipleship Recessional

#### Interment

Fairfield UMC Church Cemetery Committal /Closing Prayer/Benediction





# The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Psalm 37:23

















#### **Obituary**

Acquillious "AQ" Jackson, Jr., son of the late Quillious Jackson and Lizzie Hunt Jackson, was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, on May 1, 1929. He entered eternal rest after a well-spent life on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at home on his beloved family land surrounded by loved ones.

The sixth of eight children, AQ attended Blakedale Grade School in Anderson County. He enjoyed school and was particularly strong in math. Because he had to help his father take care of the family's land, AQ attended school only until 7<sup>th</sup> grade. It was also at this time that the young teenager got a job to earn some money to help his family (and himself).

After working for five years as a truck driver at Judson Mills in Greenville, South Carolina, AQ was drafted into the United States Army on January 4, 1951. He received basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, and combat training at Camp Fuji in Japan in preparation for the Korean War. AQ spent a year on foreign soil training and fighting in the Korean War. As part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Private Jackson was a member of the motor pool. He drove heavy equipment, picked up the wounded, and delivered soldiers to the front lines. He received several citations for his service, including a Korean Service Medal with Two Bronze Service Stars, a Combat Infantry Badge, an Army Occupation Medal (Japan), and a United Nations Service Medal. He was honorably discharged on October 13, 1952.

In recent years, AQ continued to receive honor and recognition for his service to our country. On April 28, 2018, he and other World War II and Korean War veterans were flown to Washington, D.C., for the day on an Honor Flight to see the memorials built in their honor and to experience recognition for their service. AQ received a Certificate of Appreciation from Disabled American Veterans on October 3, 2018, for his service in the armed forces during a time of conflict. He also received a Quilt of Valor from the Quilt of Valor Foundation on September 14, 2019, for his service to our nation. In addition, AQ was a frequent participant in Veterans Day parades and other programs honoring those who served.

AQ worked various jobs in Greenville, South Carolina. Besides working at Judson Mills, he did janitorial and yard work at Parker High School and worked in the warehouse at White Horse Mill. AQ also worked at Crown Zellerbach. He started out doing yard work before becoming the first African American to work inside the plant. He was also the first African American to work there as a machine operator, operating the forklift. After 28 years of service, AQ retired from Crown Zellerbach as the foreman of the shipping and warehouse department.

At a young age, AQ joined Fairfield United Methodist Church. He loved his church and was a devoted and active member. He served as the chairman of several boards, including the Administrative Board, the Trustee Board, and the Finance Committee.

He was also part of the team responsible for getting the current church edifice built. As such, his name appears on the cornerstone. In addition, AQ worked for nearly 40 years maintaining the church grounds and cemetery. He was also a member of the Men's Choir.

In the community, AQ maintained three houses that he made available to patients released from mental health or drug/alcohol programs. He provided this service for several years. He was also a member of the Freetown Men's Club, a social organization that helped children and families in need. In addition, he was a Mason.

AQ married Johnnie Mae Butler on April 23, 1953, in Pendleton, South Carolina. They enjoyed 67 years of marriage and had two children, Acquillious Jackson, III, and Michelle Jackson Pinkney.

AQ was a sharp dresser, and he loved to smile. His knowledge of his family's land, which he aptly named Jackson Estate, was second to none. He was the patriarch of the entire Jackson family.

At all times, AQ sought to do everything he could to help his family, his church, and his community, not expecting anything in return.

In addition to his parents and his siblings, AQ was preceded in death by one daughter, Deborah Stowers.

He leaves a legacy of love and service to a loving family including his wife, Johnnie Mae Jackson; one daughter, Michelle (Michael) Pinkney of Irmo, South Carolina; one son, Acquillious Jackson, III, of Easley, South Carolina; seven grandchildren: Gyasi Jackson, Sr., Tarasha Evans, Olivia Pinkney, Katherine Pinkney, Chuncey Toole, Tyrone Toole and Melissa Toole; seven great-grandchildren: Gyasi Jackson, Jr., Natacia Jackson, Taracia Jackson, Julian Evans, Ian Evans, Donvitrice Kirksey and Jusyce Austin; one great-great-granchild, Kamaya Kirksey; and a host of other relatives and friends.



For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a god fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day. And not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

### In Loving Memory













