



Robert V. Jackson

December 27, 2024

Robert Verne Jackson, 80, of North Syracuse, NY passed away peacefully on Friday, December 27, 2024, after a lengthy hospitalization, with his wife and sons by his side. Bob was born in New London, CT to Yeoman 1c Gerald L. and Norma O. (Cross) Jackson. When his father deployed to the Philippines in 1945, Bob and his mother moved to her family home in Essex, NY where the family settled when World War II ended.

Bob graduated from Willsboro Central School in 1962, as salutatorian of his class, and attended Union College in Schenectady, NY on scholarships, receiving his Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1966. He accepted a job at General Electric in Syracuse, NY “because he knew a pretty girl from his high school” had moved there with her family. The girl’s hospitable parents obligingly and perhaps unwittingly played Cupid by inviting the “hometown boy” to attend church and Sunday dinner with them each week. After a two year courtship, Bob married Linda Kime on July 27, 1968, in Geddes United Church of Christ in Syracuse. The wedding was officiated by Linda’s father, Rev. Albert Kime. Bob and Linda were blessed with two sons, Eric and David, later welcoming foster daughter, Lynn White.

As an amputee since a childhood bicycle vs. car accident, Bob channeled his love of sports into being the scorekeeper and manager for his high school basketball team. He supported and encouraged Eric and David in their many sporting events, and Lynn’s cheerleading. Unable to convince his draft board that there was something an amputee could do in the military, Bob served his

country by devoting his 40 year engineering career with GE/Martin Marietta/ Lockheed Martin to designing the very best computer chips he could for many radar and sonar projects for all branches of the military. His technical expertise was recognized with awards from the company.

While still working, Bob volunteered weekly for North Area Meals on Wheels, using his computer skills to update the drivers' route sheets to find clients' homes.

Bob was an amateur radio (ham) operator, WB2BJW enjoying the hobby for 55 years, both in Syracuse and at their snowbird home, Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, FL. He volunteered for public service events, helping with communications at the Mountain Goat Run, the Halloween Pumpkin Patrol, the St. Patrick's Day parade among others. He received the Ham of the Year award for his dedication. At Travelers Rest, he also served as the sound engineer for the many church services and entertainment events. Bob was always the go-to guy for any computer or electronic problems.

For 52 years he was a member of Pitcher Hill Community Church, where he sang in the choir, served on the consistory and as church treasurer and taught Sunday School.

A volunteer Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, he thoroughly enjoyed sharing his interests in ham radio, astronomy, computers and many other areas. He taught merit badge classes, helped organize the Pine Wood Derby, camped with the troop for two weeks each year at Sabattis Scout Reservation in the Adirondacks, and did anything else needed to help the boys and the troop.

Bob was awarded the Order of the Arrow from the Boy Scouts, but was proudest of the certificate that says "To Mr. Jackson, for always being there."

Bob had a quick sense of humor, and was famous for his puns. He even joked with his nurses. Friends have recalled his patience, his endearing personality, his loving spirit, his sense of humor, and his devotion to his family.

Predeceased by his parents and daughter-in-law, Kerry, Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Kime Jackson; son, Eric of Clovis, CA; son, David, and daughter-in-law, Sara, of Saratoga Springs, NY; his foster daughter, Lynn of

Syracuse, and his brother, Ronald of Essex, NY. Also surviving are grandchildren, Sky Stone of Emeryville CA, Caroline, Nora and Evelyn of Saratoga Springs and Lynnelle, Leyana, Lilyana, Lucius and Linnda of Syracuse. Also by Linda's family, Donna and Jay Collette of Randolph, VT and Glenn Kime of Syracuse and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Calling hours will be at Fergerson Funeral Home from 4 to 7 pm Friday, January 17, 2025. The funeral service will be at Pitcher Hill Community Church, 605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse at 11:00 AM Saturday, January 18, 2025.

Donations may be made to Pitcher Hill Community Church, or to North Area Meals On Wheels, 413 Church Street, North Syracuse 13212.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pitcher Hill Community Church
605 Bailey Road
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Tribute Wall



“ *Fergerson Funeral Home created a Funeral services in memory of Robert V. Jackson*



Fergerson Funeral Home - January 18, 2025 at 10:57 AM

CP

“ *To.Linda,David,Eric and family*

*Thinking about you all today, and sending our condolences.
From.Linda,s family in England and Spain.
Cynthia*

Cynthia Penaluna - January 18, 2025 at 05:49 AM

JV

“ *Bob and I grew up in two different small towns a few miles apart by Lake Champlain in the Adirondacks. We both attended the same high school. Several years later he married one of my best high school friends. He was both brilliant and kind. He was also a very hands on father for his two sons and an avid ham radio expert. He was active in his church and supported the Meals on Wheels program in Syracuse, New York.*

Jane Varalli - January 17, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert V. Jackson.*



January 16, 2025 at 05:03 AM



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

January 15, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert V. Jackson.*



January 15, 2025 at 08:00 PM



“ *Linda and family,
I wish to offer my deepest sympathy on your loss on behalf of the Renk family,*



Brian Renk - January 14, 2025 at 07:06 PM

KL

“ Bob was a man that we should all aspire to be. His selfless work in the community, his love for his family and friends and his love of God. The world is a definite sadder place without him. My family and I remember Bob, his smile, sense of humour, but more importantly his love for people. We will miss him and pray for Linda and her family as they navigate this world without him.

Kathleen Lee - January 13, 2025 at 08:19 AM

LM

“ Lynda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Robert V. Jackson



Lynda Morgan - January 12, 2025 at 11:38 AM

CH

“ Dear Linda, David, Eric and families.

Mike and I were so sorry to learn that Bob passed away recently, but we know he is at peace, pain free, and enjoying all that heaven has to offer. We were fortunate to have Bob and Linda as neighbors on Ridgecrest Drive for 20 years. To know Bob was to know a truly fine person who lived his faith each and every day. We know it is that faith which will sustain you during this difficult time.

Christine Higgins - January 08, 2025 at 07:45 PM

MB

“ Sympathy to Linda and the Jackson family. Lots of memories of our Willsboro Central days, oh those many years ago!

Marcia Bierce - January 06, 2025 at 05:41 PM

NE

“ *May all the family be happy ones - norm and anne - Indiana*

norm eden - January 06, 2025 at 10:12 AM

LR

“ *Linda, I'm sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of singing in the Pitcher Hill choir with Bob (and you). May you find comfort in your faith and in your memories. With sincere sympathy, Linda Van Roekel*

Linda Van Roekel - January 05, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JT

“ *He told me about giving a local girl a ride back to college during a snow storm and maintaining contact until a romance developed. He was a sweet and considerate man. I will miss this silent key, WB2BJW.*

Jacqueline Thackery,W9JKE - January 05, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JS

“ *Dear Linda: We remember you and Bob from our Travelers Rest Day in FL. Bob was always so pleasant to speak to. Also he was helpful in the Ham Radio Club with Jim.
Thank You Bob Jim and Mary Ann Stimpson from Northern Michigan.*

Jim Stimpson - January 04, 2025 at 07:47 PM

LE

“ Linda, Alan and I were shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's passing. Bob just wanted to be in his own home again. When he was here at Travelers Rest, he contributed to the wonderful life we have. I feel that we were blessed to have you and Bob here. May you have some comfort now that he no longer struggles with his health. May God grant him peace. Bye, Bob. We will miss you.

Leslie Ewing - January 04, 2025 at 02:06 AM

MS

“ Dear Linda, Eric, David and families, I am so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. When at Pitcher Hill church, my husband was in the choir with Bob for many years. As I remember they enjoyed sharing jokes with each other. We were also involved with Linda and Bob with church activities and our children involved in Sunday School. As I remember Bob, he never let his disability keep him from doing anything he wanted to do. As Linda has kept me updated these past months and weeks, Bob kept up his good fight to keep on best he could. Bob is now at peace and has earned his place in his Eternal Home! You have earned your place in Heaven, Bob! Rest in peace! My sincerest deepest sympathy and pray for GOD'S peace and comfort for each of you now and in the coming days! Marilyn Stebbins

Marilyn Stebbins - January 03, 2025 at 11:02 PM

SC

“ Linda, David and Eric, our deepest sympathies in the loss of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. Bob was truly one of the most giving, loving and wonderful men I have known. He is with his God and looking out for all of you. You need to hold all the memories close and he will be there.
RIP Bob, you will be missed!
Jim and Susan Crowell.

Susan Crowell - December 30, 2024 at 11:10 PM