



## Mr. Roger Douglas Jackson

December 27, 1942 - August 24, 2023

Roger Douglas Jackson, 80, of Salem SC, passed away Thursday, August 24, 2023 after a short illness.

Roger is survived by his sons Scott (wife Tara, children Ryan and Brody) of Ellicott City, Maryland, and Lee (wife Belinda, children Davis and Avery) of Atlanta, Georgia, as well as his two sisters MaryAnn Voigt and Joyce Otkin, and his nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 45 years, Carole Ann Jackson, his brother Don Jackson and wife Loretta, and his parents Basil and Evelyn Jackson. Roger leaves behind his special companion of nine years, Adrienne Brandecker.

After graduating White High School in White, South Dakota, Roger left the farm life and served in the Air Force from 1960 to 1964.

Trained as a Russian linguist, he subsequently spent 42 years in intelligence positions, mostly at the National Security Agency (NSA) where he ended his career as a senior executive. He was a graduate of the University of Maryland (BS); John Hopkins University (MAS); the National War College; Federal Executive Institute; MIT "Twenty-One" program and lectured at the National Cryptologic School.

Highlights of his career included serving as Technical Director of the Naval

Operations Intelligence Center, Director of Operations of the Defense Special Missile and Astronautics Center, Director responsible for European Command during the Kosovo Conflict (Operation Allied Forces) and at Central Command during Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Deputy of Production Group at NSA and Chairman of the Intelligence Analysis Career Panel. In 1990 Roger was awarded the President's Meritorious Executive Service Award, and in 2002 the Director's Distinguished Service Medal.

Before his retirement, Roger and his family served tours in Cheltenham, England, Fort Meade, Maryland, Tokyo, Japan, Stuttgart, Germany and Tampa, Florida.

Roger loved all sports, but excelled in baseball and softball. He played on the 2010 National Championship Softball Senior team, the Carolina Crush. He also attended the Braves Fantasy Camp. It included the same workout as the pros, uniforms, baseball cards, which was all a dream come true for him! Roger enjoyed stain glass work, soccer (avid Arsenal fan much to his grandson's chagrin), and tennis. He spent many hours exploring his genealogy history, even tracing his family back to the 1200s in England. He published his own story, "What Did Dad Do?" which is an amazing memory for the family to have. He loved nothing more than talking to his sons and getting play by plays of the grandchildren's soccer and tennis matches.

Roger retired to Keowee Key in Salem, South Carolina, a community on Lake Keowee. He served on numerous committees including planning, nominating, and tennis. He was instrumental in introducing Pickleball to Keowee Key and started the Novice Tennis Program which thrives today. He made many incredible friends and memories there and was very active socially.

A quote from Roger: "I've lived an incredible life, one full of interesting and challenging events. It would be a mistake to not give credit to Carole, who

supported me in so many ways and the boys, Scott and Lee, who navigated the perils of youth, schooling and careers with distinction, and who, with their families, have brought me great joy”.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 2, 2023, in the Davenport Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672. The family is very grateful for the care he received there, and sends their heartfelt thanks to the staff.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
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West Union, SC 29696  
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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Roger and I worked together in the early 1960s in the Air Force on Shemya Island in the Aleutians. When I went to work for the Agency in 1966, we were roommates and worked together. We then went our separate ways I I saw him only occasionally.

*I remember what a nice guy he was, and he obviously make some major contributions to our country. You can all be proud of him.*

*I was looking for his book online and I can't seem to find it.*

*Joe Koester  
Crossville, TN  
jwkoest@charter.net*

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**Joseph W. Koester** - August 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DH

“ We cherish the wonderful memories and laughter over the 55 years we have known and loved Roger and Carole and the marvelous Jackson family. Our prayers are with Scott and Tara, Lee and Belinda, the grandchildren and Adrienne.  
*Betty and Don Hill*

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**Don Hill** - September 02, 2023 at 06:59 AM

BE

*We love you and Betty! Thank you so much for your MAJOR contribution to the service. I really appreciate the heartfelt words you wrote for Roger and now all those who know and love him! -Belinda and the rest of The Jackson Family*

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**Belinda** - September 04, 2023 at 10:27 AM

AB

*Thank you Betty and Don. Your letter was read at the service. It was a lovely tribute from a good friend.*

**Adrienne Brandecker** - September 04, 2023 at 09:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Douglas Jackson.*



September 01, 2023 at 11:40 AM

RW

“ *My sincere condolences to all family members. I had the pleasure of knowing Carole and Roger in Fernandina Beach when they entrusted me with the care and management of their beach house there. Like Carole I hail from across the pond, and I so enjoyed her very dry sense of humor. Roger would just smile! I was so saddened to learn of Roger's passing and I still today always think of him when I drive by his old beach house. Rest in peace Roger.*

**Rhona Walsh** - September 01, 2023 at 10:22 AM



*Thank you, Rhona! We hope you have safe travels and have enjoyed your visit in Spain. We will see you when you return! -Belinda and Lee*

**Belinda L Jackson** - September 04, 2023 at 08:22 PM

AB

*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Adrienne Brandecker** - September 04, 2023 at 09:09 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to the family. I will miss my cousin. I have such fond memories of all the time I spent on the farm with him and his family and how inspired I was by his curiosity about how things works and his drive to figure it all out. The many hours of playing ball with him at family gatherings, his patience with his younger cousins and the research and documentation of our family history. I will never forget that he let me drive his " sports car" before I was old enough to have my driver's license. You were an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of knowing you

*Douglas Jackson*

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**Douglas Jackson** - August 31, 2023 at 10:10 PM

TJ

*What a special memory to share, thank you!*

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**Tara Jackson** - September 02, 2023 at 06:48 AM

BJ

*Douglas, this is Brian Jackson. Today, I sent an email to Roger to let him know that Larry died today. And then did some searching online to find out Roger just recently died.*

*I did not spend much time in Pipestone when I was growing up so I did not know him very well. But when I came to one of the annual family reunions, I spent a lot of talking with him and quickly realized what an amazing person he was. What character.*

*brianrjack@gmail.com*

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**Brian Reed Jackson** - September 03, 2023 at 12:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Douglas Jackson.*



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August 31, 2023 at 05:53 PM



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

August 31, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ A neighbor 3 down Skipper. A true gentleman who has served our country and community well. Many of us on Skipper regret not being able to get him into golf. A real win for softball and tennis though. We'll miss you.

Clark Riley - August 31, 2023 at 03:30 PM



Thank you for sharing this!

Tara Jackson - September 02, 2023 at 06:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Douglas Jackson.



August 30, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Douglas Jackson.



August 29, 2023 at 04:45 PM

SH

“ We are truly heartbroken to hear this sad news but treasure so many happy memories together with Carol and Roger. With deepest sympathy from all your family in England.

Steve Hardman - August 29, 2023 at 04:33 PM

TJ

Thank you so much for this, Steve!

Tara Jackson - August 30, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Roger Douglas Jackson.



August 29, 2023 at 11:02 AM

GO

“ Diana and I have such wonderful memories of Roger! We played together, with Adrienne, on a mixed doubles USTA team....what fun we had. Then, many great bridge games with Roger and Adrienne. He will be sorely missed by us both!

Gary Owens - August 29, 2023 at 10:54 AM

TJ

Thank you for sharing this memory!

Tara Jackson - August 30, 2023 at 03:09 PM

CW

“ Roger and I were high school classmates and teammates. He was our best baseball pitcher because he understood the science of the game beyond his years, and he was one of my favorite classmates because of his quick wit and his wry sense of humor. - Charles Woodard, Brookings, South Dakota

Charles Woodard - August 29, 2023 at 09:11 AM

TJ

What a special memory to share! Thank you so much!

Tara Jackson - August 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM

JG

“ Larry and I were blessed to have years of memories with Roger and Carol. Many times then were shared with Roger and Adriane at the card table, tennis courts and dinners together. What fond happy moments at Rogers 80th birthday when his sons and grandchildren shared special moments with us. God bless all of you and know Roger is in a wonderful, peaceful new home. Jane and Larry Gabe

Jane Gabe - August 28, 2023 at 05:25 PM

TJ

Thank you for sharing this!

Tara Jackson - August 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM

IF

“ I remember many Christmas dinners and a walk in beautiful South Carolina countryside. This gentle man left us to soon. May he rest in peace.

*Iirmi and Harold Freund*



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**irmi Freund** - August 26, 2023 at 08:02 PM

TJ

*Thank you for sharing this!*

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**Tara Jackson** - August 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM

LJ

“ Dearest Scott, Tara, Lee , Belinda and Adrienne ..with heavy hearts Steve and I are filled with so many wonderful memories of time spent with Roger. Baseball games, tennis, meals and wonderful times with Carole and Adrienne. Our hearts are filled with tenderness and love for a very special man. We will miss him terribly.

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**Lifrak Jane** - August 26, 2023 at 02:22 PM

TJ

*Thank you so much! They both sure enjoyed many good times with you and Steve! xo*

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**Tara Jackson** - August 28, 2023 at 04:46 PM

MM

“ Dick and I are truly saddened to hear of Roger's passing. Our memories go back to those wonderful days in Japan when we shared some wonderful adventures, but most of all, families, laughter and friendship. We loved Carole and her inimitable, unmatched sense of humor, and Roger was the perfect foil. He had the kindest, unflappable nature. Blessings to Scott, Lee and their families as you mourn the passing of your father. His stellar career in service to our country is truly worthy of admiration and respect. Our love and deepest sympathy. Mary Jo and Dick Myers

Mary Jo Myers - August 26, 2023 at 02:20 PM

TJ

Thank you so much! Roger and Carole considered their time with you in Japan to be one of the highlights of their lives!

Tara Jackson - August 28, 2023 at 11:22 AM

BH

I had fun times, over many years, with Roger & friends on the tennis court (4 times a week, of lots of laughs & even some good tennis). Bea & I enjoyed many times with Roger & Adrienne over dinner & other social events. He was a good friend & a real gentleman. I miss him, very much.

Bruce Hamilton - August 29, 2023 at 05:46 AM

SM

“ I was lucky enough to know Roger for the past several years where I came to learn what a wonderful man he was. I'm proud to have called him my friend and will miss him every time I step on a tennis court. Rest in peace.

Steve MacLeod - August 26, 2023 at 01:10 PM

TJ

Thank you so much for sharing this memory!

Tara Jackson - August 28, 2023 at 04:47 PM

AB

“ *I love and will miss Roger. You and I shared nine wonderful years together.*

*Rest peacefully, my love, Adrienne*

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**Adrienne Brandecker** - August 26, 2023 at 11:18 AM