



David Harold Jackson Jr

November 30, 1962 - August 21, 2025

David Harold Jackson, Jr. of Bartow entered his eternal rest on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Bartow Regional Medical Center. Born in Winter Haven, David was a lifelong Floridian whose life reflected deep faith, unwavering devotion to his family, and a passion for serving others.

David was an active member of Spirit and Truth Fellowship in Brandon, Florida, where he lived out his calling as a true disciple of Christ. He dedicated himself to studying, applying, and teaching apologetics with an evangelical heart, always eager to share God's love and grace. His ministry reached far beyond Florida, extending across the globe to Africa, where he co-founded Vintage Skills International, a non-profit organization teaching agriculture and survival skills in remote areas to promote sustainability.

Professionally, David was both talented and hardworking, building a career in information technology and later excelling as a Solar Technician with TECO, a trade he took great pride in. Outside of work, he was happiest in God's creation. Whether hunting, camping, or fishing, David found joy and purpose in the outdoors, viewing these activities not only as recreation but as opportunities to teach his children about God's provisions and the value of self-reliance.

Those who knew David will remember his calm spirit, infectious joy, and

steady leadership. As a father, he instilled lasting lessons through patience, wisdom, and a remarkable ability to guide without anger but with firm love. As a husband, he was Wendy's greatest encourager, championing her dreams, lifting her spirit, and filling her life with joy.

Words fall short of capturing the full impact of David's life, but those who knew him would describe him as a disciple, mentor, husband, father, friend, and above all, a believer.

David was preceded in death by his father, David Jackson, Sr. He is lovingly survived by his wife of eleven years, Wendy Jackson; his mother, Wanda Jackson; his children, Hunter Jackson (Haley), Taylor Jackson, Isaac Valley (Kera), Raymond Valley, and Anne Valley; his cherished grandchildren, Everett and Amelia; and his brother, Rick Jackson (Theresa).

A funeral service to honor and celebrate David's life will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at First Assembly of God Eagle Lake, 607 N. Eagle Drive, Eagle Lake, FL 33839, with a time of visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. A committal service will follow at Eagle Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in David's memory to Vintage Skills International at <https://vsimissions.org/donate/>

Cemetery Details

Eagle Lake Church of Christ Cemetery

Eagle Lake, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Assembly of God Eagle Lake
607 N. Eagle Drive
Eagle Lake, FL 33839

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Assembly of God Eagle Lake
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Eagle Lake, FL 33839

Committal Service

AUG **26**. 12:15 PM.

Eagle Lake Church of Christ Cemetery
Eagle Lake, FL

Reception

AUG **26**. 1:30 PM (ET)

The Barn at Azalea Oaks
326 Gerber Dairy Road
Winter Haven, FL 33880

All are invited to fellowship in celebration of David's life at the reception, following the funeral and committal services.

Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David Harold Jackson Jr



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 09:13 AM

LR

“ It is hard to accept that I will never sit in your living room watching a Torah teaching with you again, Dave... at least not in this life. Perhaps in the one to come, we will hear Messiah Yeshua teaching Torah directly. Thank you for your laughs, your common sense debate points, your smile that always brightened the room, and all of the turkey feathers you so generously gave me. Thank you for being an unabashed voice of reason in a world that doesn't seek it. Thank you for being a loving, gentle giant. And thank you for being the occasional pot-stirrer... we all want to see that when the mood strikes us but we don't necessarily want to be the one who does it. *wink* I will miss you, sweet friend.

Laralyn RiverWind - August 25, 2025 at 05:37 PM



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

August 25, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of David Harold Jackson Jr.*



August 25, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Mike and Marianne Valley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Harold Jackson Jr.*



Mike and Marianne Valley - August 25, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *We only knew David for a short time, but in that time we saw such a sweet, jolly & gentle spirit that was contagious. My last words to him on the last Shabbat he was with us was, "You have the best seat in the house!"*

David, you definitely do have the best seat in the house right now. One day, we will all be there with you and our Heavenly Father! Our love, prayers and condolences go out to the entire family. May the Lord give you all strength and may the peace that passes all understanding cover you as you go through this very difficult season. -Messer Family

Russell & Dina Messer - August 25, 2025 at 12:24 PM

SF

“ *Spirit & Truth Fellowship purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David Harold Jackson Jr.*



Spirit & Truth Fellowship - August 25, 2025 at 12:13 PM

KB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Dave will be remembered for his life lived.*

I remember how he loved my daughters Buckeyes and picked on my brother Sam that he was getting more Buckeyes than him. He would stage pictures with chocolate running down his face.

*Love and prayers,
jokes and laughter
Kathy Branham*

Kathryn Branham - August 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM

S(

My wife Jane and I are both deeply sorry for the loss of life brother Dave.

I remember the jokes and laughter we created with him when he visited Kenya (umeshika) meaning are you satisfied as he could hold his stomach.

The love he entender to my family was too enormous that will always be remembere.

We pray for Wendy, his wife and the entire family for the grace and peace from our Father in heaven.

Stephen Masetu

Stephen Masetu (Kenya) - August 23, 2025 at 11:20 PM

RM

A father ,a mentor , a hero , the most beautiful soul that I have ever met ❤️ he thought me torah in love , teach me more importantly how families should live and stay together with love ❤️ a man of love , I miss you so much Dad, to us we do view physical death as the most hurtful thing that can ever happen to a man but at your side it's different, Dad I know you're at the place Jesus said am going to prepare for those who love God and obeys his command, go well Dad till we met again

Raymond Ezeala Mukholi

Raymond Ezeala Mukholi - August 23, 2025 at 11:24 PM

KM

*We are so very sorry for your loss.
Dave always showed forth such a bright light wherever he went.
I, personally, have only known him a few short years, but from the 1st time we met at a group gathering there was just something so very special about him.
I will remember the passion & love for his wife, family, the mission field, others & the things of The Lord.
May his memory always be a blessing to those he came in contact with
❤️*

The Martinez Family

K Martinez - August 24, 2025 at 04:16 PM

VW

Vallary waithera

*I'm very sorry for your loss.
I remember each time Wendy could video call Dave was beside her,he will make jokes with my kids and show them funny things my kids could ask him so many questions about bible and he never gets tired of answering them.he taught them how to love and respect everyone.he was a blessing to my family and her wife wendy.go well my brother till we meet again.*

Vallary waithera - August 24, 2025 at 09:42 PM

FJ

It's heartbreaking to see our beloved mentor and role model go home to be with the Lord. Dave's impact on many lives in Africa has been profound, and his legacy will live on. Though we can't imagine Sundays without him, we take comfort in God's faithfulness. Our prayers are with Wendy and the family during this difficult time. We love you, Dave, and will cherish the memories we shared with you.

Fride Juma - August 25, 2025 at 01:35 AM