



Thomas Jackson VanHouten

February 13, 1938 - September 8, 2019

Mr. Thomas "T.J." Jackson VanHouten, Sr., age 81, passed away Sunday, September 08, 2019. Memorial services will be held 3:00 PM Thursday Afternoon, September 12, 2019 in the Great Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Eatonton. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until the service time. Burial will take place 2:00 Pm, Friday afternoon, September 13, 2019 at Fredonia Congregational Methodist Church in Barnesville, GA.

Mr. VanHouten was born on February 13, 1938 in Culloden, GA to the late Jackson Garrett VanHouten and the late Gracie Kate Smith VanHouten. T.J. loved fishing, bird hunting and had a passion for light construction. He also loved scuba diving and reading. He was a volunteer firefighter and a member of the masons. He was an Eagle Scout who also was awarded the Vigil for the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of the First United Methodist church where he served on the staff pastor relationship committee and the nominating committee. He was preceded in death by his brothers Stanley VanHouten and David VanHouten, as well as his daughter Zackie VanHouten Boen.

T.J. is survived by his wife Ann VanHouten of Eatonton, son Thomas Jackson VanHouten, Jr. and wife Mistie of Burleson, TX, sisters Kathey Turner and husband Wendell of Zebulon, GA, and Marsha VanHouten of Kingsland, GA, brother Marcus VanHouten and wife Randee of Monroe, GA, as sister Denise

Dixon and husband Eddie of Acworth, GA, sisters-in-law Linda VanHouten of Goshen, KY, Mary VanHouten of Butler, GA, Emily Brown and Faye Walker and husband Bobby both of Barnesville, GA, grandchildren Thomas Jackson VanHouten III, Maxwell Reed, and Samantha Ann.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Eatonton
103 Magnolia St.
Eatonton, GA 31024
<http://eatontonfirstumc.com/>

Service

SEP 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fredonia Congregational Methodist Church
Barnesville, GA

Tribute Wall

GH

“ TJ and I served on the staff of the Ga.-Carolina Council BSA. I remember well how much of a mentor he was for me, fresh out of college and on my first job. We spent a number of late afternoons on the lake at camp hoping to hook the BIG one. Great memories with TJ! Holding up him and the family in peace.

George Handley - October 07, 2019 at 01:09 PM

GM

Pretty sure you're mentioning the lake at Camp Gorman, Covington, Ga, Atlanta Area Council BSA, in the early 1960's? Think I met TJ as a young Scout and "Ordeal Member" of the Order of the Arrow, then, during a "weekend work camp". He was a very kind and considerate man. Taught me what the "granny low" gear of a Chevrolet one-ton truck was. For some reason his name came into my mind only yesterday, March 6, 2024, on a drive into Dallas, Texas from Cedar Creek Lake, and had not thought of him in some 60 years! Perhaps the takeaway is, every day, every one you meet, has eternal value! R.I.P., TJ. See you some day, in the Eternity that is Heaven! Graham McFarlane

Graham McFarlane - March 07, 2024 at 11:03 AM

KT

“ TJ was a blessing and spoke encouraging words to so many young men on life's path.
Sooo glad Missy & I got time with he and Ann recently. At 15, a recent Eagle moving from Atlanta. When I reached TJ at South Florida Council, he had me set to attend my first Troop meeting in Plantation, FL through our mutual friendship of Harry Parrish in Atlanta. I would visit yearly in Dallas as our show would be held there, traveling by taxi to visit at National office. Ann, our prayers are with y'all and we sure are gonna miss em! A lot of great memories.

Kipper Tabb - September 14, 2019 at 01:20 PM

SS

“ TJ was special and one of a kind, for sure. I enjoyed knowing him and Ann as well. They were a special couple, loving and caring. He will be missed in our community and, I feel sure, his church. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please accept my sympathy in your loss but my joy as he enters that great heavenly kingdom.
Much love,
Sara

Sara Shepherd - September 12, 2019 at 06:36 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dale Bell - September 12, 2019 at 05:17 PM

DB

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Dale Bell - September 12, 2019 at 04:58 PM

DB

“ Ann, Tom, Mistie and Family, our hearts are broken. TJ was like a Brother to us.
We are Family. We are so thankful that we will all meet again. There is a joyful reunion
In heaven going on. We love You and grieve with You. Sending Prayers and Hugs,
Dale and Rexann

Dale Bell - September 12, 2019 at 04:30 PM

FJ

“ T.J. and I were the best of friends. We were classmates and roommates. I have lost many friends and acquaintances during my life but have never been shocked as I have at the loss of T.J. I know I will see him again.

Frank Jones - September 12, 2019 at 01:49 PM

SC

“ TJ and Ann were our neighbors for several years in Texas and sadly over the years due to life, in general, we drifted apart, but the great memories, of days of fishing on Lake Bridge Port and the countless hours of tinkering on anything that had a motor in it on Walla Street will forever be some of the best times of my life.

Thank you T.J. for being a friend, fishing buddy, and a surrogate grandparent to my children. We will always be grateful for having had you in our lives.

May the Bass and Crappie be forever running for you.

Sincerely
Sam, Pattie, Corey, Casie Colwell

Sam Colwell - September 12, 2019 at 09:16 AM

WC

“ We will miss TJ more than we can ever articulate - he was a founder of Crooked Creek Community Association and served on the Executive Board at the time of his death - but most importantly he was a cherished member of our family. We loved his caring, wonderful sense of humor and especially his stories about his experiences as a firefighter. Heaven is rejoicing - our hearts are broken but he will always be remembered and loved.

Wanda Sebald, President CCCA

Wanda Sebald, President CCCA - September 12, 2019 at 08:51 AM

 Karen
McClanahan

“ TJ was such a caring person. My remembrances mostly surround the Boy Scouts and my Grandparents, Rex and Opal Palmer. I enjoyed many holidays and special events with TJ and Anne. I am sad to know he is no longer with us, but glad he is rejoicing in heaven.

Karen McClanahan - September 11, 2019 at 06:13 PM

 Karen
Roberts

“ *Karen Roberts lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Jackson VanHouten*



Karen Roberts - September 11, 2019 at 11:39 AM

AB

“ We was so very fortunate to have known TJ . We spent many Christmas and holidays with them at Tom and Misty’s house . He was full of wise and wonderful story’s of his passed . I spoke some German and he did too!. We would speed the German we remembered together and always laughed at ourselves. I so enjoyed going to visit them in Georgia . We went fishing and he showed us around the lake . He was a wonderful husband and father and Grandfather , and we will truly miss him. As my son said he will be reunited with Zackie and that gives us all such comfort . God bless you TJ you will be so very missed . 🙏

Angela Bumpas - September 10, 2019 at 11:58 PM