



Cullen "Jack" Jackson Waters Sr.

March 21, 1943 - September 30, 2019

Cullen "Jack" Jackson Waters Sr., age 76 of Blairsville (formally Tampa, FL) passed away on Monday, September 30, 2019.

Jack was born in Tampa, Florida on March 21, 1943 to the late Cullen Felix Waters and Thelma Juanita (Smith) Waters. Jack served his Country in the United States Army during Vietnam from 1962-1965. Becoming fluent in Morse Code, he was at one point stationed in Shemya, Alaska intercepting communications. After military service, he completed a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tampa. He then continued to serve his community in law enforcement with the Tampa Police Department. Jack worked the streets for most of his career, earning the rank of Sergeant and was affectionately called "Sarge" by his subordinates. An avid and skilled marksman, Jack shot in numerous competitions. After retirement, Jack worked in a civilian capacity for the TPD managing the Delayed Crimes and Forensics Investigation Units.

Volunteerism and service is a thread that ran through Jack's life. His quick wit and candid, unfiltered view of life always made things more interesting. Jack dedicated his time and talents to a variety of charities and causes including serving as long-time President of the Human Development Center in Tampa. He was very involved in his children's education and athletic extra-curricular activities, notably supporting the Hillsborough High School Crew team.

He left a mark on many over the years, but will especially be missed by his family: devoted wife of 35 years, Anna Waters; son & daughter-in-law, Cullen Waters, Jr. and Courtney; daughter, Rebecca Waters; daughter & son-in-law, Victoria White and Donald; and sisters, Karen Lynch and Janet Hoeksema. Also sharing in his legacy are his grandchildren: Mikayla, Jace, Joey, and Amelia.

Memorial Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2019 from the Chapel of Cochran Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Bateman officiating. The family will gather with friends from 2:00 p.m. until the service begins. Military Honors will be presented by the

North Georgia Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jack's memory to your choice of either: The American Legion, Ira Weaver Post 121 and Auxiliary, P.O. Box 247, Blairsville, GA 30514; or Human Development Center, Inc., 3809 North Tampa Street, Tampa, Florida 33603.

Arrangements entrusted to Cochran Funeral Home & Crematory of Blairsville.

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Cochran Funeral Home & Crematory of Blairsville
41 Hunt-Martin ST, Blairsville, GA, US, 30514

Comments



“ We just heard the news. You were an awesome, kind man. May you Rest In Peace. Love the Miller family, Paul and Kathy

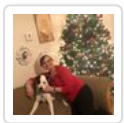
kathy Thomas Miller - October 12 at 08:05 PM



“ Met Jack at American Legion Ira Weaver Post 121, Blairsville Ga. I also served on Shemya, AK - Jack was a good guy we will miss him. Mike (mbeu95@gmail.com) and Bev Beuster, Blairsville, GA.



Mike Beuster - October 09 at 06:13 PM



“ I worked for Jack in DCIU after my car accident. I was impressed by his intelligence and knowledge of laws and SOP's. He worked hard on the numerous boards he was on. He was always good to me, listened to my opinion and was fair when we disagreed. When I was forced to retire, he wanted me to come back and work for him as a civilian. When the city screwed me over for the third time, he was the one who prompted me to retain an attorney. He gave a great disposition on my behalf. I came back and worked for him again and he was a great boss and friend. I drove to Ft Myers with him and Annie to listen to Marco Rubio speak. I visited him in Blairsville and looked at houses there to possible live there. I adored him and it breaks my heart that he is gone. So sorry for his friends and especially his family.

Rebecca Mercer - October 06 at 12:48 PM



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Cochran Family of Funeral Service - October 04 at 12:59 PM



“ I had The pleasure of working with Jack while he served on the Board of HDC for many years. He was always thinking of ways to help people and our organization. Personally, he was also a friend and one of my greatest supporters . He advocated for me at the start of my career and taught me a lot. He was a wonderful father type figure that was not afraid to give it to you straight . He even taught me about guns and gun safety not wanting me to be out in the world unprepared. He will truly be missed by everyone whose lives he has touched and his beloved wife and children . God Bless and Sending Prayers for comfort your way.

Nicole Smith-Pellegatti - October 03 at 01:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was a wonderful man who imparted a lot of knowledge to many of us at TPD. It was an honor to know and work with him. May God allow him to rest peacefully in His presence. Jack was a peacemaker in the truest way. Matthew 5:9. God's comfort to his family. Mark T.

Mark Townsend - October 03 at 11:35 AM



“ Condolences to the Waters Family
Ken Fiallos, Tampa , Fl

Ken fiallos - October 03 at 07:50 AM



“ Was so hoping to go for a visit this November.... So very glad I had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Waters and just grateful that he, can I be plain? Gave a crap about Josh and I. Do miss and will miss him. The laugh. The humor. The hugs.



Chantal Lester - October 03 at 07:04 AM



“ I met and became friends with Jack in Blairsville Ga and clicked ever since, jack was very intelligent,kind and generous man i was blessed to have him as my friend, Miss u my friend

joyce Bagley - October 04 at 06:12 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I clicked on his FB page today after getting back in town, hoping to hear of his continued rehab. It was so shocking to hear that he is gone. We met Jack through the Hillsborough County High School crew team. Jack was the man in charge of hauling all the crew shells. He also did a lot of work at the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park to establish HHS rowing team's presence at the Park, in building the original racks for the crew shells. We loved Jack. So down to earth, such a warm person. Love you too Anna. We sure send all the family our condolences. Love from Robin and Marci McClain

Marci - October 17 at 06:33 PM