



Arthur L. Jackson

October 23, 1930 - December 7, 2020

Arthur L. Jackson, 90, passed away on December 7, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, of complications from COVID-19.

He was born in Harold, KY to the late Arthur L. and Byrd (Layne) Jackson of Ashland, KY.

Arthur moved to the Berkshires and later to Holyoke in 1965. Arthur was a retired professor of Biology at Holyoke Community College from 1965 to 1993. He served on the Board of Directors of the Holyoke Civic Symphony and also served as a volunteer usher at The Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox, MA from 1994 to 2017. He always claimed to be a Kentucky hillbilly who happened to love classical music and grand opera. After College he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corp in Korea where he also taught English to groups of professional Koreans seeking visas to come to the U.S. for study. Arthur enjoyed tending to his flower garden and watching the birds. He also loved the beach and was an avid shell collector.

He was a devoted friend to many. Arthur was predeceased by his sisters Ruth (Jackson) Pinson and Virginia (Jackson) Dixon, and his brothers Paul and William Jackson.

He is survived by his sister Helen (Jackson) Lazear of Lexington, KY, his sister-in-law Glenys (Keene) Jackson of Ashland, KY, and many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his good friends and “adoptive family” Bob and Diane Gosselin of Westfield, MA, and their daughters Danielle and Sarah. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

Funeral services with full military honors will be held on December 21, 2020, at the Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery at 9:00AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holyoke Civic Symphony, 303 Homestead Ave, Holyoke, MA 01040, or the Shriners Hospital for Children.

New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC has been entrusted with the arrangements. www.nefcc.net

Tribute Wall

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“ Arthur and I were colleagues in biology from ’73 till 93 when he retired. He was a go to person for me to ask biology questions outside my area (botany). He was a good man and will be missed!
Walter Mozgala

Walter J Mozgala - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ From the day in 1967 when Arthur introduced himself to me, a new faculty hire at HCC, as ‘a missionary from the South, come up North to save all you Yankees’, Arthur was, to me, a true southern gentle man.. He was a master at making difficult subject matter fun to learn for his HCC students. Beyond HCC he was known for his active support of symphonic music and opera. But he was also a regular attendee at the folk music concert series my wife and I produced for 29 years. I will always remember Arthur Jackson as a dear fun-loving Renaissance man.

Edward C. Brown - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of volunteering at Tanglewood for a number of years with Arthur. He was easy to get to know. He was more than an usher, he was a major figure at one of the busiest entrances to the The Koussevitzky Shed. In fact I had the opportunity to see for myself how challenging his duties there were. I was asked to “man” that entrance once in his stead. At 5’4’ , 120 lbs, a woman I laughed at the idea because Arthur was the such a perfect fit for that entrance—tall, stocky, Impeccably dressed. I feel so sad because he is the first person to pass from COVID-19 that I personally had the privilege to know. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Susan B. Barnes - February 14, 2023 at 10:03 AM