



Basil Jackson,

June 16, 1924 - June 22, 2011

Bluefield, WV- Basil Lynwood Jackson, 87, of Bluefield, WV, passed away on June 22, 2011 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean Elizabeth Cothorn Jackson, one son, Robert L. Jackson of Bluefield, WV; one daughter, Dorothy Jackson Godbery and husband Bruce Godbery and their children Brooks and Casey of Prairieville, LA; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Cothorn Nugent of Camden, SC and her children Amy Nugent Haase and husband Marcus Haase of Charlotte, NC and Meg Nugent Hodge and husband Scott Hodge of Atlanta, GA; and one cousin, Sharon Houghtby and husband Don Houghtby of Birmingham, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents, Basil L. Jackson and Emily Spence Jackson of Portsmouth, VA. B.L. Jackson, Jr. was a native of Portsmouth, VA and he was born on June 16, 1924. He graduated second in his high school class in 1941. As a first year student at Virginia Tech, he entered military service and served with the 30th Inf. Division in the European Theater of Operation. His outfit participated in the Normandy Campaign, Central France, the Low Countries, The Battle of the Bulge, and Germany. In 1946, he returned to Virginia Tech and graduated with a B.S. in Business and Accounting. As an undergraduate, he was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional fraternity, was President of the Cotillion Club, and President of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership fraternity. During his early banking career, he attended and graduated from a graduate banking school at the University of Wisconsin. Professionally, his first job opportunity came with the Ford Motor Company in the sales

department at the Norfolk, VA plant in 1951. He became a supply officer with Corp of Engineers regarding air base construction in French Morocco, North Africa. After his military tour, he accepted a position as an accountant with John Heins Company with offices in Philadelphia, PA and Bluefield, WV. He began his banking career as Cashier and Board Member of The Bank of Pocahontas in Pocahontas, VA. Jackson, during the early 60's, served as Executive Vice President and President of Mercer County Bank in Princeton. In 1964, he was elected Executive Vice President of The First National Bank of Bluefield; and in 1966, he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association. He was also President of the new Southwest Virginia National Bank in Bluefield, VA. As a part of his duties, he served on Advisory Committees with the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve Fifth District. He worked for improved banking service by creating off-premise bank service. Computer automation of bank records became a reality. For numerous years, he was an active participant for bank expansion in the form of multi-bank holding companies and branch banking. Later as President of the West Virginia Bankers Association, multi-bank holding companies and branch banking were enacted into law. Over a period of years, B.L. Jackson served on the following Board of Directors: Bank of Pocahontas, Mercer County Bank, President of Princeton Credit Bureau, Southwest Virginia National Bank, First National Bank of Bluefield, West Virginia Business Development Corporation, West Virginia Bankers Association, Pocahontas Bankshares Corporation, Bland Street United Methodist Church-Adm. Board, Flat Top Insurance Agency, Bluefield Coca Cola Bottling, Pocahontas Welding Company, Bluefield Area Development Corporation, Bluefield-Princeton Industrial Foundation, Inc., Bluefield Health Systems, Mountaineer Resources, Inc., Bluefield Regional Medical Center, Bluefield Regional Medical Center Foundation, Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, Bluefield Country Club, and Fincastle Country Club. He is a Past President of Pocahontas Lions Club and past member of the Bluefield Rotary Club. Presently, he is a member of The American Legion and Bland Street United Methodist Church. B.L. Jackson

was President of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce for two terms, Vice President and President-Elect of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, President of Group V West Virginia Bankers and active officer in American Institute of Banking, President of West Virginia Business Development Corporation, active Chairman of several committees of the West Virginia Bankers Association and later President of the West Virginia Bankers Association, active officer of Robert Morris Associates, active officer of Advisory Group Small Business Administration, active member of Legislative Committee for West Virginia Bankers and the Governing Council American Bankers Association. President and Chief Executive Officer of The First National Bank of Bluefield and headed the group which founded Pocahontas Bankshares as Chairman of the Board, 2nd Chairman of the Board of Bluefield Regional Medical Center, Secretary-Treasurer of Bluefield Health Systems, President of Mountaineer Resources, President of Data Center, Inc. and President of Bluefield Country Club. Jackson was a former member of Leadership Team for Bluefield Chamber of Commerce member, member of Advisory Board for Bluefield State College, active with the Boy Scouts in past years, former President of Virginia Tech Alumni Chapter, Chairman of Parking Facilities Board of Bluefield, and Chairman of the Study Group for Bluefield City Elections and served on a committee for the United Jewish Charities. Basil Jackson also served as past president of the Credit Bureau of Princeton and the Data Center, Inc. , and the Bluefield Chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. He served as Past Chairman of the Operations Committee of the West Virginia Banker's Association. Basil served as past Director of the Bluefield Area Development Corporation, Pocahontas Welding Corporation, Northfork Coca Cola Bottling Company, Glenwood Park Methodist Home, The West Virginia Alliance of Hospital Governing Boards, Flat Top Insurance Agency, and The Governmental Council and Bank Leadership Commission. He was a member of the Legislative Committee and Automotive Committees of the West Virginia Bankers Association. He was a

member of the Regional Advisory Committee for the Comptroller of the Currency. He was past Secretary of the Bluefield Community Hospital Foundation, Inc and was past Secretary-Treasurer of the Bluefield Princeton Foundation, Inc. In addition to his part regarding the passage of legislation creating multi-bank holding company's branch banking, he was also proud of his contribution regarding the relocation of The Dean Company from Chicago and his work regarding the building of the new Bland Street United Methodist Church. Basil Jackson was the recipient of the following awards: "Kentucky Colonel" in 1968, "Boss of the Year" in 1970 presented by the Professional Secretaries International, "Outstanding Man of the Year" in 1976 presented by the Greater Bluefield Jaycees, "Boss of the Year" in 1979 presented by the Greater Bluefield Jaycees, and the "Robert Francis Hamilton Award" in 2008 presented by the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. Basil was active in the Sales Executive Club, The Clover Club, The Bluestone Club, The University Club (Past Vice-President), The Mercer County Crippled Children's Association, the Bluefield United Way, and Fincastle Country Club. On July 29, 1950, Basil married Jean Cothorn, the daughter of Leland and Dorothy Cothorn. His wife Jean graduated from Ohio State University with a B.S. in Home Economics and with teaching certificates in English, Social Studies, and Home Economics in Secondary Education. His son Robert graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy from Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. Presently he is a Pharmacist at Bluefield Regional Medical Center and he is licensed to practice Pharmacy in West Virginia, Virginia and Alabama. Basil's daughter Dorothy Jean Jackson Godbery graduated from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa with a B.S. in Education and Physical Education. She and her husband Bruce Godbery have two children, Brooks and Casey. Visitation will be held at Mercer Funeral Home on Sunday June 26, 2011 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted at Bland Street United Methodist Church on Monday June 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. David Hall officiating. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Lon Hopkins, Stan Hodges, Harold Lee Miller, Sr., Ron

Satterfield, Henry Dave Smith, Brooks Godbery and Roger Budner. Honorary pallbearers will be Officers of First Century Bank, Frank Wilkinson, Buzzy Wilkinson, John Beckett, Bill Albert, Ronnie Hypes and Jeff Forelines. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions, if desired, be made to Bland Street United Methodist Church, Pastor's Fund, 2620 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 163549, Columbus, OH 43216-3549. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Basil Lynwood Jackson, Jr.

Tribute Wall



“ *Basil Jackson,*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *We are saddened at the loss of such a fine man and community leader. Basil was a true gentleman and a force for good in our area. Our prayers are with Jean and the family at this time of grief. With deepest sympathy, Charlie & Charlotte*

Charlotte & Charlie Sacre - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Edna and I because of poor health are unable to visit the funeral home want you to know how much we thought of Basil and Edna's love of Mrs Jackson and her work in the DAR. Also My daughters love of Dottie when children (Barbara Green) Basil was a BIG man in the community and he will be missed as no other. Danny and Edna Pruett*

Charles D and Edna Pruett - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JR

“ Dear Jean, Dottie and Bobby.. Toni, Lynn, Jeff and I share your loss of Jack and your Dad. We loved him very much! We were both disappointed that we couldn't be with you , but Toni was out of town and I'm recovering my total knee replacement surgery. Jack was my first "Boss", mentor and dear friend when I was hired at the Bank of Pocahontas..Soon after Jack served our wedding as an usher. Toni And I remember the driving experiences we had on the road from Bluefield to Nemours (where Toni was Principal/teacher) and then on to Pocahontas. We remember the bank parties at Christie Dennen's home..We remember the other bank related mettings, etc with you guys! Then later in life, just good friends who got together occasionally at parties, garden club and DAR functions.. We're going to miss Jack, as we considered him part of our family.... Our deep thoughts and prayers are with all of you...We love you very much Jim & Tonia Russell Bluefield, WV

Jim, Tonia, Lynn & Jeff Russell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are for Mrs. Jackson, Bobby and Dottie. Mr. Jackson will be greatly missed for he made an impact on so many lives.

Kimberly Kiser Snyder - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ST

“ Jean: I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Jackson. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Knowing the two of you, has been a wonderful pleasure. I will never forget him teasing me about our Wendy's experience. May God bless you in the days ahead with fond memories.

Scarlett Thompson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JV

“ We are so sorry to hear of BL's death. He was always so very friendly and kind to both of us. Our thoughts and prayers for the family at this sad time.

Jay and Pat Valeyko - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EF

“ Iam very sorry to hear of Mr.Jackson passing.I hope you will find comfort in family and friends. I have known all of you for many years, i always admired Mr. Jackson. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you. God bless.

eddie fox - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BB

“ Bob, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. He was such a sweet man and was always so nice to all the nurses. May God be with you and your mother during this difficult time.

Brenda Bowman - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JV

“ To The Jackson Family: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your husband and father. He was definitely one of a kind. He always had a smile and greeting for everyone he met. No kinder gentleman have I ever known. He will be missed by so many. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time and in the weeks and months ahead.

Jeanette Vernon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GC

“ Dear Mrs. Jackson & family, My deepest sympathies for your great loss. I always appreciated your +husband's friendliness and kind expression whenever my +Mother and I would see him. What a gentleman and good human being.! God grant rest to his soul & give comfort to you & yours. Warmly, Ginny Chryssikos

Ginny Chryssikos - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SK

“ Our sincere condolences to the Jackson Family. May God watch over you during the days ahead. You are in our prayers. Fondly, Dr. Sam and Sabrina Koja

Sam and Sabrina koja - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ Bob and family, A well known man in the community, Mr. Jackson will be missed by many. God Bless you all.

Betty Horne - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KH

“ Dottie and Family, So very sorry to hear about you dad, what a great man he was, you were so lucky to have such a wonderful father. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Hoops-Simon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM