



## T. M. "Jackie" Cookston

April 16, 1938 - January 16, 2020

T.M. "Jackie" Cookston, of Terrell, passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on the morning of Jan. 16, 2020. Jackie was born April 16, 1938 in Royse City, TX to Walter and Lois (Hicks) Cookston, both of whom preceded him in death.

Jackie grew up in Royse City and graduated from Royse City High School. He worked in Terrell where he saw Shirley Killian walking by one day. They began dating and within 6 months, they were engaged and married 2 years later on June 17, 1960 at Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ. Jackie was an active member of Rockwall and Brin as well as a frequent volunteer with the Share Center for many years alongside Shirley until his health began to decline. He worked for Texas Aluminum and then with his father-in-law at Killian's Shoe Shop in downtown Terrell. After his father-in-law retired, Jackie owned and operated Cookston's Shoe Repair out of his home in Terrell. Jackie also worked for, and retired from, Madix after many years of dedicated employment. His favorite places to be were at home and on a tractor spending many happy hours farming, mowing, baling hay and taking care of his horses as well as providing farming services to other residents to help them mow and bale and farm. He and Shirley were often seen around town especially at Terrell Café where they would share a meal and most mornings (6 out of 7!) Jackie could be found drinking coffee at the Café visiting with the many friends who joined him each morning. His sense of humor was one of a kind and his wisdom and experience in the weather, farming, livestock, shoes and welding

were valuable insights that his children, friends and the community respected and prized. His smile and contagious laugh will be missed by so many and Jackie definitely made days better for all who knew and loved him.

Jackie is survived by his beloved wife of almost 60 years, Shirley Cookston, of Terrell; children: Tommy Cookston and wife, Diane, of Terrell, Sheryl Gray and husband, Andy, of Terrell, Sherry LaRue and husband, Ricky, of Quinlan, Jack Wesley Cookston and wife, Diane A. of Terrell, and Shanan Cookston Kohls of Terrell; grandchildren: Jeff Cookston and wife, Amanda, Matt Cookston and wife, Kristi, Josh High, C.J. Payne and husband, Houston, Janette Wilde and husband Michael, Andrea Gray, JW. Cookston, Wade Cookston, Wyatt Cookston, and Colton Kohls; great grandchildren: Kara, Jeffrey, Brant, Rylee, James, Norah, Clair, Drew, Grace, and Thomas; brother, W.L. Cookston as well as nieces, nephews, numerous extended family, church family and a host of friends.

Funeral service will be 10:30 am, Monday, January 20, 2020, at Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ with interment to follow at Highland Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends Sunday, January 19, 2020, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. For those wishing, the family suggests memorials be made in honor of Jackie to the Share Center, 103 Jones St., Terrell, 75160 or at <https://terrellsharecenter.org/> .

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Gardens

Hwy 34 North  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations  
642 N. Rockwall Ave  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ  
407 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *T. M. "Jackie" Cookston*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Richard & Tricia Selman lit a candle in memory of T. M. "Jackie" Cookston*



**Richard & Tricia Selman** - January 18, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of T. M. "Jackie" Cookston.*



January 17, 2020 at 07:23 PM



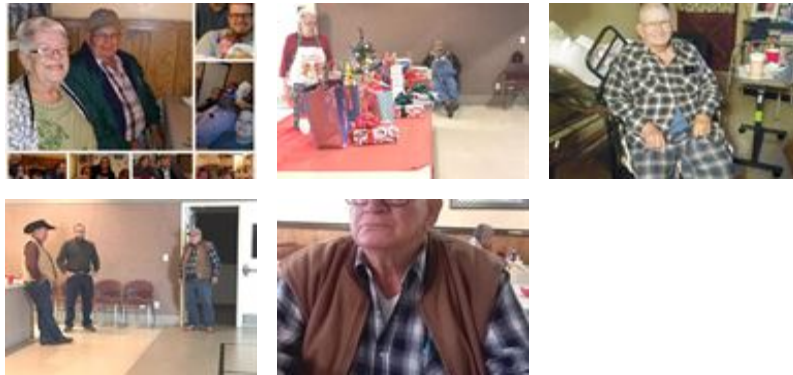
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of T. M. "Jackie" Cookston.*



January 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 17, 2020 at 12:53 PM

BC

“ My heart and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. May God bless you with sweet memories that give you strength and peace.

J. Caldwell

Barbara Caldwell - January 17, 2020 at 10:52 AM

DB

“ My deepest condolences to you all. I'm sending prayers and big hugs.

Deana Elliott Boyd - January 17, 2020 at 08:36 AM

VD

“ So thankful to have known Jackie. He was a loving husband to Shirley, great dad and grandpa. He loved God and served him well especially at the Share Center. God bless the family. He will be missed. Tom, Virginia DeLong. Kelsy Leatherwood.

Virginia DeLong - January 16, 2020 at 05:58 PM

MM

“ I’m so very sorry for your loss. I’ve known Jack and his parents my whole life and they were all wonderful people. My condolences to Aunt Shirley and the children. Mary Ann Miller(Roycroft)

mary miller - January 16, 2020 at 05:36 PM

SB

“ Shirley my prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time. May God give you peace and comfort. Your husband fixed many a shoe for me in my younger days

Sharon boyd - January 16, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of T. M. "Jackie" Cookston



Sharon boyd - January 16, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of T. M. "Jackie" Cookston.



January 16, 2020 at 04:31 PM

KS

“ Kayla Sullins purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of T. M. "Jackie" Cookston.



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**Kayla Sullins** - January 16, 2020 at 03:17 PM

CJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Cookston family. Jackie was a great man, husband, dad and granddad. He will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to the family.

*Connie Johnson*

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**Connie Johnson** - January 16, 2020 at 08:20 AM

JT

*Prayers for Shirley Cookston and family May God give you comfort and love.. Great loving caring soul.. 🦋🦋🦋*

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**Jenny Thompson** - January 16, 2020 at 04:37 PM

SB

*Shirley my prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time. May God give you peace and comfort at this time. I still remember your husband he fixed many pair of my shoes in my much younger days*

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**Sharon boyd** - January 16, 2020 at 04:54 PM



*I will always remember the day he came into Walmarks just to say hello to me I will treasure that memory forever and never forget the big hug I got from him.I Love my Cookston Family forever your 'SISSY'*

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**Virginia Sanders** - January 19, 2020 at 09:24 PM

CA

*Shirley, I am so sorry. I thought the world of Jackie and it is really hurting me that I found out he had left this earth. Prayers for you and the family. Love you my friend. I wish I had known about this before today.*

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**Cam** - January 28, 2020 at 12:23 AM