



Mr. Donald Lee Lackey

October 16, 1940 - July 11, 2023

Mr. Donald Lee Lackey passed away July 11, 2023 at the age of 82. He was born to Toy and Eloise Grant Lackey on October 16, 1940 at the home of his grandparents in Verona, Lee County, Mississippi. After Don completed the third grade at Verona, his family moved to Bissell where he completed the sixth grade before attending Tupelo schools where he graduated high school in 1958. After two years at Itawamba Junior College he graduated from Mississippi State University in 1962 with an engineering degree. On September 1, 1962 he married Peggy Dugard whom he met while riding the school bus to IJC. He briefly worked at Vickers, Inc. in Jackson, Mississippi before moving to Huntsville, Alabama to begin work at NASA. His career at NASA spanned 35 years where he worked on the J-2 Engine that powered the Saturn Vehicles in the Apollo Program; the Space Shuttle Main Engine; and the Center Financial Office where he retired as the deputy CFO. Don enjoyed hunting and fishing which he learned from trips with his father and Grandfather Grant. He accepted Jesus as his savior at Bissell Baptist Church when he was a teenager and continued to support and attend church throughout his adult life. Don loved his family and was especially proud to have seen all five of his grandsons accept Jesus as their savior. Survivors include his wife of 61 years Peggy Dugard Lackey; two sons: Jeff (Gwen) and Greg; and five grandsons: Tyler, Jesse, Grant, Parker, and Austin Lackey. He is also survived by one brother Mike (Janelle) and two nieces, Karen Lawler (Al) and Michelle Lackey.

Services for Don will be at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Visitation will be from 12:00 until 2:00 pm. Funeral service will immediately follow beginning at 2:00 pm. Dr. Paul Murphy will be officiating. Interment will be in the Gilliam Springs Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Tyler Lackey, Grant Lackey, Jesse Lackey, Parker Lackey, Austin Lackey and Al Lawler.

Cemetery Details

Gilliam Springs Cemetery

1351 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

JUL 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - July 14, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Lee Lackey.



July 13, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ *Barbara Lackey Kruckenberg* lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Lackey



Barbara Lackey Kruckenberg - July 13, 2023 at 02:05 PM

BK

We are saddened to hear about the loss of Don. I will miss our conversations about sports. I am glad I got to visit with Don, Peggy and Greg a few weeks ago at Endville. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peggy and the family at this time.

Barbara Lackey Kruckenberg - July 13, 2023 at 02:09 PM



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Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - July 13, 2023 at 01:26 PM

BL

“ *We are sorry to hear of Don's passing. It was always great to hear from Don and Peggy. Our thoughts and prayers to Peggy and all the family.*

Bobby and Laura Lackey, Robin and Smythe.

Bobby Lackey - July 13, 2023 at 01:07 PM

LM

“ *Condolences to family and friends from a former NASA lady.*

Linda McClendon - July 13, 2023 at 11:35 AM

EB

I'm sorry to hear of Don's departure from this place even though I know he is in a better place. I'll miss hearing tales of him and Ted. Peggy, I'm praying for you and all y'all's family. Emily Earrey Bean

Emily Earrey Bean - July 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ *We are so very sorry to learn of Don's passing. Prayers for Peggy and family. Jackie and Donna Collins*

Donna Collins - July 13, 2023 at 10:46 AM