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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Original Montford Point Marine

Mr. Henry L. Jackson

Master Sergeant USAF (Ret)

1929 - January 30, 2021

Henry Lee Jackson, Sr., Montford Point Marine who received Congressional Gold Medal, dies at 91

Henry Lee Jackson, 91 of Albany, Georgia passed away after a short illness on January 30, 2021. Henry was born in Albany, Georgia in 1929 to the late Beulah Jackson of Albany, Georgia. Always a patriot who desired to serve his country. He enlisted in the Marine Corps and trained at Camp Montford Point, NC as one of the African American men, who became known as the Montford Point Marines. They set out to make a difference and ended up making history. He fought in the Korean War. In 2012, former President Barack Obama awarded the Montford Point Marines the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award in the U.S.



He was also the Chief of Airport Safety for a number of years before retiring to fully devote his time to full-time lawn beautification and Income Tax Preparation Services.

Henry was an active member in his community and many different veteran activities. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren. He enjoyed taking pictures and traveling to many different places with his wife. He will be sorely missed.



Henry ultimately, left the Marines and returned home to finish his education. With his continued patriotism he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served 24 years before retiring as a Master Sergeant. Upon retiring he held many different jobs, entrepreneurial of multiple businesses; Jackson Income Service and a Lawn Service.

Survived by his wife, Gertrude Jackson of 68 years, two sons; Steven (Bon) Jackson of Spring, TX and David (Nancy) Jackson of San Antonio, TX and two daughters; Brenda Jackson and Valerie Jackson both of Albany, GA. He is also survived by one aunt, Christine Davis of Detroit, Michigan and one first cousin, Robert (Bob) Jackson of Tallahassee, FL. He was preceded in death by two children; Henry Jackson, Jr. and Joanne Jackson. He is also survived by a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many other relatives, and friends.

