



Jackie Gene Berry

August 12, 1945 - June 25, 2024

Jackie Gene Berry, 78, of Athens passed away on Tuesday, June 25th, 2024, at Athens Limestone Hospital. Mr. Berry was born August 12, 1945, in Popular Bluff, Missouri, to Jack Berry and Ann D. Moore Berry. Mr. Berry graduated from Greenville High School, Greenville, MS in 1963. He worked to obtain his pilot's license while in high school.

In 1969, Mr. Berry enlisted as a Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army to fly helicopters. He served one tour in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Charlie Battery 4th Battalion (ARA) 77th Artillery. Call sign Griffin 82flying the AH-1 Cobra. There he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 oak leaf clusters, 1 Air Medal with Valor, 15 Air Medals and numerous other awards including the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star.

In 1977, CW2 Berry was selected to use his expertise in the Development and Testing of what would become the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter. He severed as a Maintenance Officer, Engineering Test Pilot, Instructor and Standardization Instructor Pilot. He attended numerous schools on behalf of his military profession also earning a B.S. Degree. CW4 Berry retired from active duty in 1989.

He continued to fly as a contractor pilot for the next 10 years supporting the Aviation Developmental Test Activity at Fort Rucker except for a short break

for being recalled to active duty in 1991 in support of Operation Desert Storm. In 1999, Mr. Berry began a new career supporting the warfighter with PEO Aviation, PM Apache as a consultant until his retirement in 2016.

Mr. Berry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, MSGT Robert Eli Berry, USAF (ret.).

Survivors include his wife Holly, a blend of family children, J. Scott Berry (Hilary), Deadre Berry Stoessel (David), Thomas G. Cook (Kristen), Aaron A. Cook (Jessica), and A. Tyler Berry (LauraBeth). He was honored to assist in raising a Grandson, Aidan R. Cook.

Grandchildren: Aaran, Kyrstie, Jack, Jenna, Jeremy, Lindsey, Betsy, Ansley, Connor and Jack Jack.

Great Granddaughters: Hayden and Addison.

Siblings: Linda Berry and David Berry

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Jack's homecare nurses Simone Grace and Nicole Jackson; the nurses, techs, and staff of Athens Limestone Hospital for their love and care.

Internment will be in the Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL on July 3, 2024, at 12:30pm. A Life Celebration will be July 4, 2024, at 5pm at the family home in Athens. A Memory Day will occur on July 6, 2024, at 4 pm at the family home.

Previous Events

Internment

JUL 3. 12:30 PM (CT)

Alabama National Cemetery
3133 Hwy 119
Montevallo, AL 35115-8632
(205) 665-9039

Life Celebration

JUL 4. 5:00 PM.

Family Home

Memorial

JUL 6. 4:00 PM.

Family Home

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Andrew B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

Andrew B. - August 04, 2024 at 05:09 PM

AB

“ Andrew B. purchased the Gourmet Sweet & Savory Gift Basket for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.



Andrew B. - August 04, 2024 at 05:09 PM

AB

“ Dear Holly. Sorry for your loss. You, Jack and I were at Yuma Proving Ground together. We met again at that big banquet in 88 at Ft Rucker where I made certain we sat together. A thought came over me to look Jack up only to read that he had passed a month before. Andrew Baldwin of Key West, FL

Andrew Baldwin - August 04, 2024 at 05:06 PM

BR

“ Holly and boys. Jack was a great man and a great friend. I think of the boys and your family often. I am so sorry for your loss. God Speed Jack.
Betsy

Betsy Roberts - July 03, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JC

“ Joe East Heating and Air Conditioning planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

Joe East Heating and Air Conditioning - July 02, 2024 at 11:01 PM

JC

“ Joe East Heating and Air Conditioning purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.



Joe East Heating and Air Conditioning - July 02, 2024 at 11:01 PM

JO

“ I took this picture of Jack and Holly a few years ago. He had a quiet, remarkable strength and love that I could feel just being in Holly and his presence. And that amazing, piercing smile 💜 Sending peace and love to you Holly. -Johnella



Johnella - July 02, 2024 at 10:57 PM

CF

“ Chad Smith and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

Chad Smith and family - July 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM

CF

“ Chad Smith and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.



Chad Smith and family - July 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM

JF

“ Johnella F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

Johnella F. - July 02, 2024 at 10:46 PM

CW

“ CW4 (R) John and Carolyn Wade purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.



CW4 (R) John and Carolyn Wade - July 02, 2024 at 05:56 PM

CW

“ CW4 (R) John and Carolyn Wade planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

CW4 (R) John and Carolyn Wade - July 02, 2024 at 05:56 PM

AF

“ Alan F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

Alan F. - July 01, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.*



June 29, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Adam Johnson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.*



Adam Johnson and Family - June 28, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Adam Johnson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.*

Adam Johnson and Family - June 28, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Joanne and Pete Fengl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.*

Joanne and Pete Fengl - June 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.*



June 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM

GD

“ Gary and Sabrina Dean purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.



Gary and Sabrina Dean - June 28, 2024 at 10:18 AM

YS

“ Your son planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Gene Berry.

Your son - June 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jackie Gene Berry.



June 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM