



## Gregory Jackson

January 7, 1964 - May 19, 2024

Gregory "Greg" S. Jackson, 60, of Centralia, passed away Sunday, May 19, 2024 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, surrounded by his family.

Greg was born January 7, 1964 in Centralia, the son of John D. Jackson and Jeanne (Bray) Jackson. He married the love of his life, Gayla Barnhart, on January 27, 1984 in Centralia, Illinois and she survives.

In addition to his father: John D. Jackson of Centralia, his wife of 40 years: Gayla Jackson, Greg is also survived by his two daughters: Callie Jackson of Urbana and Dr. Brittany Dobill and husband Dustin of Mulkeytown; three grandchildren: Cody Dobill, Carter Dobill and Sadie Dobill all of Mulkeytown; two brothers: John A. Jackson of West Sacramento, California, Steve Jackson and wife Maryann of Centralia, sister: Kathy Bradford and Jason of Mt. Vernon; mother-in-law Shirley Barnhart of Centralia; sisters-in-law: Joy Barnhart of Bradenton, Florida and : brother-in-law: Ken Barnhart of Lenexa, Kansas, Don Barnhart and wife Dawn of Indianapolis, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Jeanne Jackson, step-mother: Rose Jackson, brother-in-law: Ron Barnhart, sister-in-law: Deborah (Rogers) Barnhart, and father-in-law: Barney Barnhart.

Greg worked at EFI in Centralia as a painter for 18 plus years. Previously, he worked at Rockwell in Centralia. He was an avid Centralia Orphans fan and also loved the St. Louis Cardinals. He enjoyed coaching his daughters (as well as many others) in softball. He loved the sport so much that he started umpiring softball as well. He also had a passion for cooking and baking, and made the best "Papa's world-famous pancakes." He would always tell everyone about how proud he was of his wife, daughters, and grandchildren. He was also quite the jokester and always made sure that everyone in his life had a smile on their face. Greg loved spending time with his family, friends, and pup Copper, and loved going to watch his grandkids play in sports, and many other activities that they took part in.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, May 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. A Private Family Burial at Hillcrest Memorial Park will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held Friday evening from 4:00 PM until the time of the service at the funeral home. Everyone is encouraged to wear Centralia Orphans or St. Louis Cardinals gear to the visitation. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to CHS Athletic Fund and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Greg's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Celebration of Life

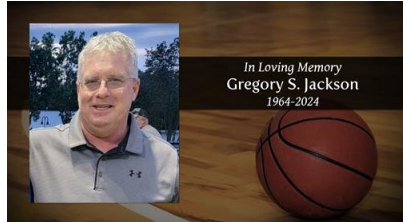
MAY **24.** 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gregory Jackson*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - May 23, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *Cindy & Tim Coats lit a candle in memory of Gregory Jackson*



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**Cindy & Tim Coats** - May 28, 2024 at 11:00 PM



“ *Keely & Jacob Wiegman purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gregory Jackson.*



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**Keely & Jacob Wiegman** - May 24, 2024 at 09:26 AM

MB

“ McKendree University School of Business purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gregory Jackson.



McKendree University School of Business - May 23, 2024 at 04:58 PM

WR

“ With love - Ken, Angela, Lori, & Ryan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gregory Jackson.



With love - Ken, Angela, Lori, & Ryan - May 23, 2024 at 11:50 AM

TF

“ The Holtkamp Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Gregory Jackson.



The Holtkamp Family - May 22, 2024 at 10:17 PM

DW

“ John, Kathy, Steve & family, So sorry for your loss. Sending sincere sympathy & condolences. Hugs, & prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Donna (Roper-Queen), & Allen Wooters



Donna & Allen Wooters - May 22, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gregory Jackson.*



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May 22, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory Jackson.*



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May 22, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ *David & Sarah purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gregory Jackson.*



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**David & Sarah** - May 21, 2024 at 06:02 PM

BW

“ In life we come across many people, then we meet that one and just know know: "this is my kind of person". Greg was that person- my friend / our friend!

We met in Highschool and became friends instantly. We then went to college together and he met and married the love of his life 'Gayla'

We had so many good times together: playing cards, doing the "dog dance" outside every New Years Eve, fishing the Kentucky damn and of course tbe famous quote" there's the damn", which I will never live down.

These are only a few of the wonderful memories I/we hold dear in our heats.

Greg loved his family and friends , and we loved him! Until we meet again my/our friend! 💔

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**Beverly Wehking** - May 21, 2024 at 02:17 PM

BJ

“ I met greg in kindergarten and we were instant friends even through adulthood a real true friend to me he was, rest in peace greg, brad

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**Brad jasper** - May 21, 2024 at 11:37 AM

SJ

“ Mine is when we had nothing to do so we would go to the gas house, a little ball Dimond on hickory street & play tennis ball (it's like baseball only with a tennis ball) we picked our favorite ball team & player to represent. He beat me most of the time because he said to pitch it in this spot, so I did not thinking I was beating myself in the process. It was all about being together having fun. The homeruns were across the road that was the only way to score. & when we was in our driveway, bat in hand hitting rocks into valley steel pipe company. Got in trouble one time for that. The security guard came out. I can say those rocks sure do fly a long way. Lastly going out to eat with gayla & Greg for the last 2 years looking for all the different places to eat was was always fun, we had a lot of laughs & some disappointments with the restaurants food. Just for a moment when this text to this link came around 9a.m. it was from Greg & I was so excited to hear from him but again that faded quickly knowing he has left my life to soon. Precious memories how they linger, how they hurt in our soul. I only know one way to see Greg again & that's by faith believing in Jesus christ & accepting God's free gift of ever lasting life. Love you Greg.

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**Steve Jackson** - May 21, 2024 at 11:02 AM