



## Genevieve Jackson

August 1, 1939 - February 10, 2015

Genevieve Jackson passed away on February 10, 2015 in Mansfield, Texas from the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

Eunice Genevieve Jackson was born on August 1, 1939 in Mobile, Alabama, to Grace and Cecil Gartman. Genevieve had three brothers; Cecil "Buddy", Robert, and Larry, and was the youngest of three sisters; Mary-Glen "Guinea" and Wanda "Ducey".

After graduating high-school, Genevieve met Charles "Charlie" W. Brown, a Marine pilot, in Pensacola, FL. Genevieve and Charlie were soon married and had their first son, Tony, in Kingsville, TX. Charlie's military stationing had them constantly moving throughout the U.S. Southeast. Within two years, Genevieve had her second son, Doug, in Beaufort, SC. The birth of her first and only daughter, Tracy, was five years later, again in Beaufort. Genevieve found herself caring for her young children alone, as Charlie was deployed overseas. After fourteen years of marriage, Genevieve and Charlie divorced. Living in Pensacola, FL, with her three children, ranging in age from seven to fourteen years, Genevieve entered the workforce for the first time. Genevieve tended bar in a steakhouse and lounge. The work was hard, but her outgoing personality and social skills made for a good fit in the food and beverage industry. She always saw that her children were well cared for, and above all, loved.

In 1975 Genevieve married LCDR Edward "Ed" I. Jackson, USN (Retired). By marrying Ed, Genevieve now had three step-daughters; Liz, Jenny and Suzie. Over the years Ed's aviation career led he and Genevieve across the U.S., and as far away as Iran and New Zealand. As her children grew up and away, she and Ed settled into retirement in a waterfront home on Miflin Creek, just outside Elberta, AL. Ed and Genevieve began to have family and friends over for any excuse to have a gathering. Some came from next door and some as far away as California. It was not unusual to have fifty or sixty friends and family for a fish-fry or barbeque.

And as Genevieve always said, “we are family”. &#160;

After years of living on the Gulf coast, Genevieve and Ed moved to Mansfield, TX to be closer to their grandchildren.&#160; Their home in Texas soon became the gathering place for family and friends.&#160; There were always kids around the house. &#160;

Genevieve enjoyed 60’s and 70’s R&B and country- western music.&#160; If there was dancing, Genevieve was there.&#160; Whether at home, a bayside club, Mexico conga line, or Texas bar top, Genevieve liked to “boogie”, as she would say.&#160; If there were children in the mix, all the better.&#160; Genevieve loved babies.&#160; She could always make a mother beam with pride as she gushed over any baby.&#160; But the most important thing in her life was her family. &#160;

Wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, you are missed and loved by all of us; Ed; Tracy & Mike; Doug & Tina; Tony & Fran; Liz & Mike; Jenny; Suzie; Jessica & James; Richard; Amanda & Abi; Jeniece & Nedal; Krystina; Ryan; Juliette; Mya; and Andy.

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