



James Jackson

October 8, 1921 - July 3, 2010

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend James Martin Jackson went home to his Lord on July 3, 2010. Born on Oct. 8, 1921, in Pendleton to Edgar and Euphemia Campbell Jackson, Jim was the youngest of their six children. His grade school was a one-room schoolhouse near his home in Hermiston that he attended with his siblings, cousins and neighbors.

Music flowed through his life from his earliest years. He practiced the violin in the barn due to his family's sensibilities, and it was further from the chicken coop. He played in the Hermiston band, and was a voice student of Professor Paul Petri at Oregon State University.

A gifted lyric tenor, he was a soloist at weddings and funerals, a member of the First Presbyterian Church Choir and the Town Choir, and twice president of the Music Association.

Jim became a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1940 when attending OSU. At Christmas of 1942, he met Gladys (Pat) Brown, who was teaching in his hometown. They married on Dec. 24, 1943; she was his wife of 67 years. Jim was shipped out to Italy in 1944, where he received a Purple Heart in April of 1945 due to a head injury, and was sent home for surgery and recovery. He returned to OSU to finish his degree. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi honorary, and graduated in 1947. Jim was an announcer and later music director at KOAC before it became the Public Broadcasting Service station in Portland. He worked for the Equitable Life Assurance

Society for 10 years before adding Jackson to Stover and Evey's appliance firm.

Jim served his community in many capacities over the years. He enjoyed many years with the Lions Club, of which he was president; worked as a volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital; was a First Presbyterian elder; and was PTA president at Harding School, to name a few of his endeavors. In 1986, he worked for two months at a mission hospital in Kenya, when he said he "laid hands on 100 appliances, and healed 70 of them." Jim was a man who always did more than he was asked to do, and gave more than he was asked to give. He will be greatly missed by his beautiful bride, Pat Jackson; his son, James Malcolm Jackson and his wife, Pat Jackson; and his daughter, Jeanette-Marie (Jeanie) Mirich and her husband, Rodney Lee Mirich, M.D. He enjoyed the love of his grandchildren and their spouses, Allison Mirich Doty and Jonathan Doty, M.D., Robert Andrew Mirich and Emily Mirich, and Jonathan Daniel Mirich and Shannon Mirich. He was blessed with 13 great-grandchildren: Andrew, Madeline, Peter and Caroline Mirich of Olathe, Kan.; Kyle Jordan Mason of Salem; Katharine, Alexander, Evangelyn and Anneliese Doty of Danville, Ky.; and Christian, Emma, Abigail and Sadie Mirich of Des Moines, Wash. Memorial services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, in the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. Private burial will be at Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Corvallis.

Memorial gifts can be given to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, the OSU Music Department, or the First Presbyterian Church in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330. Special thanks to First Baptist Church for use of their parking lot.

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“ *A good friend, a great Lion, fine musician, infectious sense of humor, always a twinkle in his eye. We have great memories of Jim and wish him well in his next life.*
Sorry we can't attend his memorial service--but our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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