



## Mr. Eugene Jackson Denny Jr.

December 23, 1945 - March 8, 2025

Eugene “Jack” Jackson Denny Jr., age 79, of Rock Spring, Georgia, passed away on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Jack was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and had resided in Walker County, Georgia, since 1969. He served in the Navy on the USS Hornet during the Vietnam War. After leaving the military, he joined the Georgia State Patrol, retiring after thirty-four years of service. He married his best friend Gail on May 25, 1968 and they remained committed to each other for forty years until her passing in 2008. Together, they raised two children, Jackie and Kevin. They were longtime members of Center Grove Baptist Church. Jack enjoyed woodworking, movies, thrifting, good food, camping, and, most of all, being a grandfather to his grandchildren, who lovingly called him “Poppy.” He was active in the Optimist Club, hunter safety education, and scouting with his grandson. He was known by family and friends alike for his sense of humor, self-reliance, generosity, and outgoing personality. He seemed to know someone everywhere he went. Along the way, he earned the nickname “Gator,” by which many fondly knew him. Jack is preceded in death by his wife: Linda “Gail” Strickland Denny, brother: John F. Denny and sister: Irma Jean Thomas. Jack also passed from this life together with his daughter: Jacklynn “Jackie” Denise Denny Payne. Jack is survived by his son: Kevin (fiancée: Tammy Bates) Denny of Rock Spring, GA, four grandchildren: Joshua (Sloan) Payne of Madison, AL, Ashley Payne of Cookeville, TN, Austin (Zoe) Denny of Houston, TX, Madison (Will) Ingram of LaFayette, GA, four great-grandchildren: Beckett and Henry Denny of Houston, Channing and

Carter Payne of Madison, AL, nephews: David and John Denny. The family will receive friends from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday – March 14, 2025 at the funeral home. The family will also receive friends Saturday at the church prior to the funeral services from 12 noon until 2:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday – March 15, 2025 at Center Grove Baptist Church in Rock Spring, Georgia with Pastors David Brown and Kevin Cantrell officiating. Burial will follow in the LaFayette Memory Gardens, LaFayette, Georgia. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel. Online register book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## LaFayette Memory Gardens

3658 North Highway 27  
LaFayette, GA 30728

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel  
1779 North Main Street  
P.O. Box 1592  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 638-1122  
david@wilsonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

MAR 15. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Center Grove Baptist Church  
68 Center Grove Church Road  
Rock Spring, GA 30739  
dlw1172@aol.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Jack was a wonderful person. He trained my son (John Perry) in gun safety. His passing is a great loss. We are also so sorry to hear about his daughter.

*With heart felt love and sorrow.*

*Sue Perry Mccurley former owner Perry Processing Plant,  
Chickamauga, Ga*

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**Sue Perry Mccurley** - March 14, 2025 at 04:19 PM

TT

“ Jack was the neighborhood dog whisperer - any time one of my dogs got loose all I had to do was head across the road - all dogs went to Jack. Several dogs in the neighborhood moved in with Jack. He was a good story teller, and brought be up to speed on the neighborhood when I moved in. I know he will be missed by many.

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**Theresa Thomas** - March 14, 2025 at 11:26 AM

PF

“ Perry and Shelly Fouts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Eugene Jackson Denny Jr..

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**Perry and Shelly Fouts** - March 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM

PF

“ Perry and Shelly Fouts purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Eugene Jackson Denny Jr..



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**Perry and Shelly Fouts** - March 14, 2025 at 09:03 AM

HL

“ Dear Kevin and Family,  
Words cannot fully express how truly and sincerely saddened by Jack's passing away. My heart is broken for each of you. I'm praying that the Holy Spirit will comfort you and give you peace and strength now and in the time ahead. You remain in my thoughts, prayers, and in my heart.

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**Holly J. Logan-Arrington** - March 14, 2025 at 06:53 AM

TS

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Nothing like the relationship of a father and daughter. Rest in Peace Dawn & Henry Saylor

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**Terry D Saylor** - March 13, 2025 at 09:52 PM

SM

“ Steve Nacey and Matthew purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Eugene Jackson Denny Jr..



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**Steve Nacey and Matthew** - March 13, 2025 at 08:26 PM

PT

“ I remember Kack and Gail Denny from church. They were amazing Youth leaders I learned so much from each of them. He was the Kindest man and Gail was so precious. I remember all of the times we would have shit ima and gather for events at their home. My prayers are with Kevin Denny and his family through this difficult time. May God give you the strength and peace and comfort!

Pamela McCormick Turick - March 13, 2025 at 04:39 PM

PT

*I'm sorry the mistake in Jack's name*

Pamela McCormick Turick - March 13, 2025 at 04:41 PM

PF

“ Jack used to make woodworking items and sell them in my shop on hwy 27 in Chickamauga back in the 80's. I enjoyed the Jack talks! He had a good sense of humor. I'm so sorry about his daughter and him and Officer Dunn. My condolences to their family.

Pamela Folger - March 13, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KR

“ I remember Mr Denny riding with me in the car when I was taking my drivers test. I was so nervous. Still remember the road, and our conversation after 44 years, lol. I remember Mrs Denny when I had a procedure in the hospital years ago. My parents knew them as well. Very nice people with great personalities. Both are truly missed. Prayers for the family. ❤️  
Kimberly Hollis Russ

kimberly Hollis Russ - March 12, 2025 at 10:46 PM

JO

“ *I remember Mr Denny from church. He and Gail were so kind and generous. His spirit left a lasting impression on me and my family as a young girl. Many prayers and love to the entire Denny family.*

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**jackie Bergeron Oaks** - March 12, 2025 at 08:53 PM