

LIFE'S JOURNEY



In Loving Memory of Jack

wasn't a man of many words—
but when he did say something,
you listened.
It meant something.
He was a son, a brother, an uncle...
and he showed up in his own way.
Jack loved the simple things.
Give him a good burger—Wendy's especially—
and he was good.
He kept up with what was his,
he loved his wallet,
and moved at his own pace.
And if you knew Jack,
you knew where his loyalty stood—
a true Dallas Cowboys fan,
no matter what.
Life threw a lot at him.
More than most.
But one thing about Jack—
you could count on that smile.
No matter what he was facing,
he still found a way to give you that.
And in his lifetime,
he had his moment—
he rang that bell.
A reminder of his strength,
his fight,
and everything he pushed through.
That's what sticks.
That's what we'll carry.
He will be missed—
for who he was,
for how he showed up,
and for the quiet love he gave.
Rest easy, Jack, man!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Jack Kennedy Thurman wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, and expressions of love shown during this difficult time. Your support has meant more than words can express.



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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Jackie "Jack" Kennedy Thurman

May 8, 1964 - April 15, 2026
Thursday, April 23, 2026
1:00 PM

Palmer Grove Baptist Church
1606 Kingston Road
Kingstown, North Carolina
Rev. Donnie Thurman, Jr., Pastor
Rev. James L. Smith, Pastor Emeritus, Officiating

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Minister, Pastor Emeritus James L. Smith
Palmer Grove Baptist Church

Receiving of Family and Friends.....12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm
 HymnMrs. Marie Bell
 Scripture Old Testament..... Psalm 23:1-6.....Pastor Albert Hillman
 Community Baptist Church
 Scripture New TestamentJohn 14:1-6.....Pastor Randy Thurman
 First Baptist Earl
 Prayer Of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Roger Fuller, D. Min.
 Zion Hill Baptist Church
 Selection
 Remarks..... Mrs. Judy Jackson
 Mr. Donnie Thurman Sr.
 SelectionMrs. Rashida Lewis
 Words of Comfort.....Pastor Donnie Thurman, Jr.
 Palmer Grove Baptist Church
 Recessional

-INTERMENT-

Palmer Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
Kingstown, North Carolina

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

PALL BEARERS

Nephews



LIFE REFLECTIONS

Jackie "Jack" Kennedy Thurman, 61, of Shelby, North Carolina transitioned on April 15, 2026. Jackie was born May 8, 1964, in Cleveland County, NC, to the late John Thomas Thurman and Ruby Jeanette Thurman.

Jack lived simply, and yet deeply. He found joy and contentment in life's everyday moments. Jack found happiness in routines, relationships, and small blessings. Jack carried a quiet strength and steady presence.

Jack was known for his contagious smile-the kind that would light up any room. No matter what he faced, he showed up with joy. Always smiling, always bringing a light that people felt the moment he walked in. His presence was special and his spirit was unforgettable. He inherited several nicknames from his peers and church members because of his swagger and his spirit. He was called Jack Frost, Ice Man, and Deacon Jack. Jackie loved to look sharp. He dressed with care, pride, and confidence. He carried a quiet strength and steady presence.

Some of his life highlights in knowing were; he loved his family and family gatherings. Jack was also a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan. Whether they won or lost, you would always know who Jack was riding with and would not have to take a second guess whose side that he was on.

Jack attended the Life Enrichment Center and Cleveland Vocational Industries both of Shelby, NC. Jack built meaningful relationships at both places over the years and was surrounded by people that truly loved him. Jackie was an active member at Palmer Grove Baptist Church and Sunday School where he was accepted by everyone, and his presence was a blessing to many.

In addition to his parents, John Thomas Thurman and Ruby Jeanette Thurman, he was preceded in death by siblings John Steven Thurman (Rodeo) and Tracy Jeanette Thurman.

He is survived by his siblings, Mary Magdaline Thurman, Donnie Thurman Sr. (Debra), Karl Thurman (Aricka), Michael Thurman (Harvetta); special niece whom he loved like a sister, Teresa Brooks; aunts whom he loved dearly Eva Jennings (Bobby), Kay Allen, both of Kingstown, Isabelle Rivers, and Annie Johnson, both of Shelby, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Jack leaves the legacy of a host of family members that will forever carry his memory.



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