



Jackie Preston

February 14, 1936 - January 1, 2025

Former Smith County General Session Judge, Jackie Preston of Gordonsville, TN, passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in the evening, peacefully at his home surrounded by family. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Preston was born February 14, 1936 in Gordonsville, TN, a son of the late David Monroe Preston and Dora Mai Cowan. He married Janice Gail Williams Preston on March 29, 1964 and she preceded him in death on March 9, 2013. Mr. Preston was also preceded in death by Sister; Reba Bellar and his beloved dog, Stormy and cat, Meow Meow.

Mr. Preston attended Gordonsville High School. He worked at the Tennessee Department of Correction at the State Penitentiary for 3 years. After that, he was Chief Deputy for Smith County Sherriff's Office from 1974 until 1978. He then served Smith County as General Sessions Judge from September 1, 1978 until his retirement on August 31, 2006. Mr. Preston was also a bus driver for Smith County School and served as a Smith County Commissioner for 8 years.

Mr. Preston was saved at First Baptist Church, Gordonsville and was baptized by Bro. Jonnie Young. He was a member of the Gordonsville Church of the Nazarene.

He will be remembered as a devoted father and loved the people of his community. He loved farming, his church, his family, and his John Deere Tractor.

Mr. Preston is survived by Children; Renee (Steve) Armistead of Club Springs, TN, Deborah Preston of Gordonsville, TN, Penny Preston of Gordonsville, TN, and Scott (Kim) Preston of Gordonsville, TN. Six grandchildren; Brooke Armistead, Brandi (Serman) Lim, Brittany (Caleb) Reese, Mackenzie (Brett) Silvers, Jesse Cole Preston, and Katie Preston. Eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Mr. Preston are scheduled to be conducted from the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 2PM with Bro. Shane Smith officiating and Eulogies by Scotty Lewis, Eugene Roberts, and Steve Armistead. Interment will follow in the Gordonsville Cemetery with Bro. Bobby Peoples officiating.

Visitation with the family will be at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Saturday from 10AM until service time at 2PM.

The family requests memorials be made to the Smith County Humane Society or charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Gordonsville Cemetery

34 Hickman Hwy
Gordonsville, TN 38563

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Home
71 E Main Street
P. O. Box 248
Gordonsville, TN 38563
(615) 683-8212
kurtbass@bassfh.com
<https://www.bassfh.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ I just heard of my friend passing, I worked with Jackie when he was the Chief Deputy of the Smith County Sheriff's Office and I was a Carthage police officer, I had so much respect for this man and the people elected him judge without he being an attorney and did a remarkable job. Rest in peace my friend until we meet again.

Danny Holmes - May 14, 2025 at 09:02 AM

GR

“ I am sorry to hear about Jackie's passing. He was a great man; I always enjoyed our visits together.

Please accept my sincere condolences; my God grant you peace and comfort with the loss of your Dad and Grandfather!

*Sincerely,
Geoff Roten*

Geoff Roten - January 27, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JW

“ my mother the late Sharon Lynn Woodard knew judge Jackie Preston many years where she appeared in court in front of Jackie Preston back in the day of my childhood Jackie Preston will be missed dearly by the son of the late Sharon Lynn Woodard Mr. James Richard Estal Woodard god bless the preston family through this sad time

I love you Mr. Preston i will see you again in heaven one day with my rejoicing time with you in the kingdom of heaven when we meet again one day in the longterm future when i enter the kingdom of heaven where i then will become your brother in Christ in the kingdom of heaven!!!

james woodard - January 04, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JD

“ I was preparing to come to the funeral home when I realized I should stay home. I suffer from mobility problems and other health matters that keep me mostly home bound.
I first met Jackie soon after I moved to Carthage to practice law in 1973. I have considered him a good friend and associate since that time. He was an honorable and very respected person and judge. He was intelligent and was kind to lawyers, defendants, and all other persons appearing before him. Even when he found against me I respected his knowledge, attention and ability along with his kindness and intelligence. He made law practice easier for me. You may judge the character of a person by the friends he keeps and I see Scotty and Eugene will speak at the funeral.

Jim Dance

James Dance - January 04, 2025 at 01:11 PM

DW

“ This earth has lost a wonderful man. He will always be remembered as one sweet,caring,person that always had time to stop and say hello. I will always remember him. God bless the whole family. Donna Eastes Wright



Donna Eastes Wright - January 03, 2025 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ Joseph Sutherland purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jackie Preston.



Joseph Sutherland - January 03, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DC

“ *DONNA GAIL DAVIS COWAN lit a candle in memory of Jackie Preston*



DONNA GAIL DAVIS COWAN - January 03, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jackie Preston.

January 02, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jackie Preston.*



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PE

“ *Penny, Mackenzie, Brett and Everlee purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jackie Preston.*



Penny, Mackenzie, Brett and Everlee - January 02, 2025 at 05:55 PM

TH

“ Tonya, Wayne, Hannah, and Olivia Haney purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jackie Preston.



Tonya, Wayne, Hannah, and Olivia Haney - January 02, 2025
at 05:41 PM

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“ Love and Prayers, Scotty and Pam Lewis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie Preston.

Love and Prayers, Scotty and Pam Lewis - January 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ Love and Prayers, Scotty and Pam Lewis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jackie Preston.



Love and Prayers, Scotty and Pam Lewis - January 02, 2025
at 03:37 PM