



Jackson Fitzgerald

February 8, 2000 - February 15, 2011

Jackson Ace “Jax Man” Fitzgerald age 11 of Dayton was called home to walk with Jesus Tuesday afternoon February 15, 2011 while at home surrounded by his loving family. He now has a body that will never hurt again. Jackson was born in Chattanooga on February 8, 2000 the son of Jason and Cheryl (Mincy) Fitzgerald.

Jackson lived all of his life in Dayton and was a 5th grader at Rhea Central Elementary School. He attended both Salem Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church of Dayton.

Jax Man was one who touched many lives in his short time on earth. Many people also played a special role in his life. The people of Siskin School, Lisa Spurlock, Miss Jennie Summerlin, Cookie and Miss Ruth, Mrs. Bunny and her assistants at the Evensville preschool, as well as the staff at Rhea Central, Doug Keylon, Connie Hartzell, Bethany Blaski and Kathy Creason along with many other assistants too numerous to name. All of them were an important part of Jackson’s life. Also, T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital, his pediatrician Dr. Virginia Rodgers and the Ronald McDonald House.

Jackson was preceded in death by his MaMaw Mary Jeanette Mincy, Aunt Sherry Mincy, Aunt Janice (Mincy) Hughes, PawPaw Rodney Smith and Great-grandparents Clyde and Reba Fitzgerald who are singing in heaven with Jackson today.

In addition to his Dad and Mom, Jackson is survived by his Sisters Alex Hughey and Lainey Fitzgerald, PaPaw Arthur “Red” Mincy, Grandparents

Arnold and ViElla Fitzgerald, Great-grams Betty Smith, Uncle Jeremy (Sarah) Fitzgerald all of Dayton, Uncle Ron Hughes, Uncle Phil (Kathy) Mincy both of Soddy Daisy and Aunt Phyllis (Chuck) Dixon of Homossa, FL. He is also survived by many cousins who loved him and special friends John, Arnetta and Brittany Faulkenberry.

Graveside funeral services for Jackson will be held Friday morning at 11:00am at the Shaver Cemetery in Dayton with Rev. Clyde Fitzgerald and Rev. Rusty Revis officiating followed by a white dove release. Jackson's pallbearers will be John Faulkenberry, Mark Holland, Mark Russell, Doug Keylon, Matt Hampton and Walt Cameron.

Please share your memories of Jackson on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Thursday after 3:00pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson Fitzgerald Family Expense Fund c/o 1st Bank of Tennessee in Dayton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wishing you God's peace during this very difficult time. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jim and June Poole##imported-end##*

February 20, 2011 at 04:40 PM



“ *jackson your in a much better place babyboy, we will all see you again one day##imported-begin##Miranda Burum##imported-end##*

February 20, 2011 at 12:59 PM



“Dearest Fitzgerald Family,
I am so deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved son. I know your deep faith will bring you peace knowing that Jackson is one of God's precious angels. Those years in Classroom 4 were some of the best moments I've had in my professional career and times that I cherish deeply. Jackson remains a big part of those memories as does his sweet sister Alex and the love that was so very apparant by his parents. What fun we had- lots of laughter and love was shared within those classroom walls! I will always remeber our holiday performances- all choregraphed and in full costume:) I still have a framed photograph of me with Jackson on Water Day that is with my collection of cherished students that have blessed my life. When I moved recently I found the awesome Teacher Appreciation card Cheryl made me and it still had all the candy on it- I could never eat it cause it was just too cute. I am so sorry I was unable to attend the services this week. I was in Winnnipeg speaking at a conference for park and recreational professionals and just got back to town. I spoke about the importance of inclusive play. I had heard of his passing just that morning and while I was speaking I felt compelled to share this thought about Jackson to the audience. I told them of the news I had received that morning. I told them that inclusion was not about having the most beautiful accessible playground or facility, best program, or resources. Inclusion was about the love, acceptance, and friendship we had between teachers, students, and families. We were a unit, a family, and I hope you know how meaningful those times were in my life. Thank you for giving Jackson the opportunities to touch theS lives of so many people and for celebrating his life and each accomplishment. Sending all my love to you all!###imported-begin###Ms. Jennie (Jennie Sumrell)###imported-end###

February 18, 2011 at 11:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##SHAVASHA GILLESPIE##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 11:00 PM



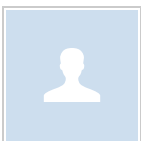
“ Jason, Cheryl, and family, Please know that I continue to pray for your family during this difficult time. I know that Jackson was a true blessing not only to his family but also to those who had the pleasure of being involved with him. I know that God will help you during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Tonya Gravett##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 01:24 PM



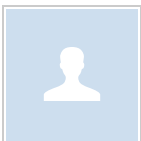
“ Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Shirley Danniels##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 11:25 AM



“ We are thinking and praying for you all##imported-begin##Randy & Debra Garrison##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 11:17 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. There is a bright little star looking down on you now. You will all be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Candy, Eric, and Alex Latshaw##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ Dear Jason and the rest of the family. We are so very very sorry.
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Andy on behalf of Michael, Jimmy and Shelby##imported-
begin##Andrew Cunnynggham##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 12:59 AM



“ my son sergio was in the room with jackson and he like to write has
name thank u sergio aguilar##imported-begin##deedee
hacker##imported-end##

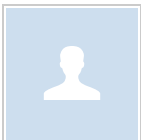
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“ Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Boo and Louis##imported-begin##Boo and Louis
McMilion##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 10:10 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through this
time of sadness. Just remember God is with you each step of the
way.##imported-begin##Pat Hawkins Guffey##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ Jim and I are saddened to learn of Jackson's passing. I have the flu and cannot come to Dayton tonight. Jim will be joining Wes tomorrow for Jackson's service. Please know we are praying for your family.

Linda Caldwell###imported-begin##Linda Caldwell###imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 08:27 PM



“ Jason and Cheryl you are in my thoughts and prayer's and now I know there is an angel in heaven on our side.

Love In Christ,

Jay Abel###imported-begin##Jay Abel###imported-end##

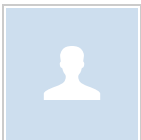
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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.Jackson was a sweet and wonderful little boy.###imported-begin##Martha

DeRossett###imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 03:10 PM



“ We are saddened by your loss. Please know that you guys are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Ronnie and Amy

Masterson and Family###imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 03:00 PM



“ Our prayers are with you during this time of the loss of this special one.###imported-begin##Elmer and Linda Hinds###imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 02:18 PM



“ Our hearts mourn for the entire Fitzgerald & Mincey families. We pray that God will comfort you in this difficult time. Jacksons pain is gone as he walks with God. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jeromy, Ashley, & Lexie Hixson##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ Just wanted to express my sympathy to the family.It sounds like he was a very special young man and God used him to bring much joy into several lives. May God give you the comfort and strength to endure during this time. Prayers from Arkansas...Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa (Robinson) Bolding##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:59 PM



“ I have been blessed and touched to know little Jax man. He has touched so many lifes just the joy to now that he walking and talking in heaven.##imported-begin##Bethany Blaski##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ Jackson, You were a blessing in our lives. We will surely miss you little man.In my heart, I know if you could tell us about heaven, you would tell us how wonderful it is. See you there someday.##imported-begin##Pam Williams##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Jason, Cheryl and family, Please know that our prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Lynn, Beth, Ashley and Laurabeth Hixson##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ May God be with you and your family in this time of need. God Bless you!##imported-begin##Shane Keasler##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ We are so grieved along with you. Our prayer are with you all. Knowing he is in our Lord's arms is so comforting. Much Love##imported-begin##Kiepher, Laura, Meagan Olmstead##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 10:44 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for your family.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Anderson##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 09:54 PM



“ Jason and Cheryl we are so sorry for your loss just wanted you to know that you and your family is in our prayers##imported-begin##Sandy Hackler Owens and Brenda Hackler##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 08:51 PM



“ i was truly blessed when God placed Jax in my life 4 yrs ago. He will be missed but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Kathy Creason##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 07:50 PM



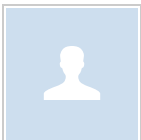
“ hey just wanted to say that im sorry to hear about this all of us guys from rhea of sunshine will be praying for you guys love you guys very much##imported-begin##amy rutherford##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 04:24 PM



“ You have been on my heart and in my prayers constantly since I heard of Jackson's critical condition. He was a precious boy and so blessed to be your child. There are so many that make me look forward to Heaven and now I can add hearing Jackson's laugh and seeing him running free to that list. Thanks for sharing him with us.##imported-begin##Connie Hartzell##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 04:02 PM



“ the family of jackson fitzgerald

our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. god bless all of you.

john and emma boynton##imported-begin##john and emma boynton & family##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ May God's richest blessing be with all of you at this time. Our true comfort is knowing that Jackson is in a better place. Our love and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Jerry & Elizabeth Arnold##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 02:21 PM



“ Family is in our hearts and prayers. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Erik & Audra Arnold##imported-end##

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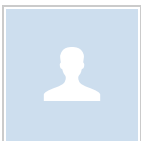
“ Our love and prayers are with the entire family at this time as they will continue to be during this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda & Larry Pendergrass##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ I just want you all to know that you are in my prayers. I know that Jackson is running and playing on this beautiful day in Heaven.##imported-begin##Amy Rothwell##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 09:37 AM



“ Jason I will be praying for you and your family through this tuff time. Hang in there I will call you soon.##imported-begin##Reid McMilion##imported-end##

February 16, 2011 at 08:36 AM



“ You're in my prayers. I love ya'll.##imported-begin##Laura Knight##imported-end##

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