

# Jane Jackson

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Jane F. Jackson, 88, of Alton died Monday August 10, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, IL.

Jane was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on April 3, 1921 the daughter of the late Hugh Maitland Figgatt and Laura Jane (Coleman) Figgatt. Jane graduated in 1939 from A.I. Dupont High School in Wilmington, Delaware and from, what is today, Arcadia University in Glenside, PA in 1943. Jane married Charles Jackson on June 14, 1947 and became an Altonian. While her husband worked at the former Western Military Academy Jane became fully involved in both the community and the school. Jane was as active member of College Avenue Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder. She was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and past president of both the Alton Junior Service League and the Alton Community Service League. She later pursued a degree in Library Sciences and served



as both the librarian and yearbook advisor at Western Military Academy. When the Academy closed in 1971, Jane worked as a secretary at the Salvation Army, where she also served as a member of the Board of Directors. Jane received the Edwin Booth Award which is among the highest honors the Salvation Army bestows. She lived a life of service; service to family, service to church, service to community. She will be greatly missed but her legacy will live on in all those who have been inspired by her compassion and selflessness. When Jane retired from the Salvation Army the Commander captured the feelings of those who knew her when he wrote, "I have never met anyone who has given so unselfishly of herself. Your motivation runs deep within

the heart and it is that which makes me proud to have served with you."

Survivors include her two sons and their families; C.B. and Ellen Jackson and their children, Matthew, Jane, David, and Thomas of Godfrey, and Randy and Lynne Jackson and their sons, Luke and Tyler, also of Godfrey. Her husband Chuck Jackson, and her brother, Pete Figgatt preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Janet Riley will officiate. Private burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the College Avenue Presbyterian Church Abiding Fund. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

Online guestbook and information may be found at <http://www.gentfuneralhome.com>