Austin Jackson Jernigan, Sr., 86, of McKinney, retired Chief Psychologist at Dallas VA Medical Center, died March 9, 2008. He is survived by wife Jean, daughter Beth Fain, son Austin, Jr., and son Richard and his wife, Leslie; grandchildren Lisa and Jacob Fain, Nathaniel and Andrew Jernigan, son-in-law Jay Fain. Predeceased by parents Austin and Blanche Jernigan, brothers Stewart and Jamie and their wives Mary and Frances. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church McKinney on Wednesday March 12 at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive friends during a visitation beginning one hour prior to the service at First Baptist Church McKinney. Interment will follow at Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please honor Jack’s memory by making donations to First Baptist Church McKinney, Cliff Temple, Dallas or to the church or charity of choice.

Memorials

Richard and family, Janet and I were saddened to hear of your loss. Please know that our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you. We miss you and hope to see you soon.
ARMANDO AND JANET ROSADO, MARCH 20, 2008

I remember first meeting Jack when I worked for Dr. Gibson's office. He always smiling even if he felt well or not. He always had a kind word and sincerity that brightened the office. He will be greatly missed.
APRIL SMITH, MARCH 18, 2008
Jean and family, I was so sorry to learn of Jack’s death through Ralph Robinowitz today. We all worked together at the V.A. for several years. I remember Jack coming to see my husband and I at the hospital when our son was born in Dallas which we appreciated so much. He was a good man and a good psychologist. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

PAM AND MILT PROFANT, MARCH 18, 2008

I am writing on behalf of Texas Psychological Association. Dr. Jernigan was always such a great joy to talk to and work with. Please accept sympathies from all of psychology.

SHERRY REISMAN, MARCH 13, 2008

Dear Jean, I love you and Jack very much. I have served in various staff positions in eleven churches over 50+ years. I can truly say that I place Jack among the top men I have served alongside in all my years. He was a man of integrity, dedication, faith, commitment, etc. He had a true heart for the Lord and for people . . . thus fulfilling the two great commandments of Christ. He inspired me. I will be praying for you and your family in the days ahead. God bless you.

R. GAYLE BONE, MARCH 12, 2008

Jack had just finished his term as TPA President when I arrived in Dallas. It was obvious that everyone respected him and held him in the highest regard. It was not long before I did as well. He became a role model for me and is to this day. His quiet, gentle, and unassuming yet effective manner is something I strive for to this day. When confronted with a difficult issue, I always wonder "What would Jack do?" In my religious tradition there is a saying that when a star dies, its light shines long afterward. How true this will be for him. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing him will not soon forget him. We have lost a champion. My apologies for not being able to attend today and my deepest sympathies to all who mourn, Mike Gottlieb

MIKE GOTTlieB, MARCH 12, 2008

Dearest Cousin Jean and family, Our prayers are with you today, as you give Jack back to God. We will miss him greatly, but rejoice to think of the joyous
family reunion in heaven at his arrival. We love you.

RENA AND PATRICIA BANKS, MARCH 12, 2008

When I interviewed Dr. Jack for a history report 4 years ago, he told me how he was looking forward to the day when he could interview Moses, Isaac, Joseph, and Jesus himself. Now that that day has come, I rest assured that he wouldn't trade it for any other.

JEFFREY LOWRY TARRANT, MARCH 11, 2008

Sorry to hear of Jack passing. He a was dear friend for many years. I worked with him at the medical center.

MARVIN M ACUFF, MARCH 11, 2008

Dear Jean, Jack was loved by everyone, including me. He was such a fine gentleman and well-respected psychologist! He will be greatly missed. And I know from what he told me, you were a wonderfully devoted wife. I hope you are doing well. Ludwig joins me in sending condolences. Fondest regards,

CARMEN MILLER MICHAEL

CARMEN MILLER MICHAEL, MARCH 11, 2008

Dear Jean: I am leaving town for a few days, and will not be able to attend Jack's funeral. I am so sorry about that. I have a wonderful little booklet that so blessed me when Cliff died. I'll call you in a few weeks and we'll have lunch so I can give you the booklet. I have great memories of working for Jack at Veterans Hospital. He was such a kind man and very easy to work for.

Lovingly--Ellen Harris

ELLEN HARRIS, MARCH 11, 2008

Jack Jernigan is the epitome of a Christian gentleman. His example and faithfulness has been an inspiration to many, including our family. God bless you all

ED AND ANN SPIVEY, MARCH 11, 2008

Dear Jean and family, I am very sorry to hear of Jack's death last week. He was a fine man and a wonderful psychologist. He helped many veterans through some very tough times, and he taught his staff many things about caring for others. Thank you for sharing Jack with us, and I hope you are doing
well. Tom Van Hoose

THOMAS A. VAN HOOSE, PH.D., MARCH 11, 2008

Dr Jack gave me many great memories at camp and in Sunday school. He was a great mentor and inspiration to myself and many others in our church. My condolences to the family. Cpl Bird, Jeremy USMC

JEREMY BIRD, MARCH 11, 2008

I will always treasure the words of wisdom I received from Dr. Jernigan over the years. He was a blessing to so many lives and always so willing to share his life experiences.

CARL JOHNSON, MARCH 11, 2008

I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I lived near to him on the farm and attended Whitewright High School with him in the late 1930's. His brother, James, was one of my teachers.

JACK D. BRADEN, MARCH 11, 2008

Sorry to hear about the passing of our Dear sweet brother in Christ. Each Sunday, Jack attended church and was faithful to his Lord to the end. What a shining example for the rest of the world. We will miss you brother Jack. The angels are singing another course for a brother who has come home.........

Ralph E. Cross

RALPH E. CROSS, MARCH 11, 2008

Dear Jean and family, I was so sad to hear about Jack's passing. What a great guy! I still have the photo he took of Melissa, Texas, hanging in my office. It makes me smile each time I see it. Thank you for sharing Jack with us for so many years.

SUSAN SHANKS, MARCH 10, 2008