

Jackson Lee Penrod

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In Loving Memory of Jackson Lee Penrod
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Jackson Lee Penrod, 59, of Draper, Utah, passed away peacefully at his home on November 22, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth, kindness, and an unwavering love for life.

Jackson was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and grew up in Los Fresnos, Texas. He was the son of Ray and Lanell Penrod. He left Texas in 1984 to enlist in the US Navy, and in 1988, while on temporary assignment in Bahrain, he met the love of his life, Julie Vance. The two married the following year in Stockton, England. In 2000 Julie gave birth to their son, Samuel.

Jackson served a 23-year military career, first as an aviation electronics technician aboard the USS Midway, where he was first introduced to Navy's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community. He qualified to attend EOD dive school at the Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC). Panama City Florida in 1986, and then on to EOD Assistant school in Indian Head, Maryland. After a two-year tour at EOD Mobile Unit 5 in the Philippines, Jackson returned to NDSTC and Indian Head to complete his Basic Technician qualification. From there he was assigned to MU 9 in Vallejo, California where he deployed on the USS Nimitz for Operation Desert Storm. Next was MU 3 Det Point Mugu, California, followed by EOD MU 2 in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served deployments on the USS Enterprise, in Kosovo and Afghanistan. Jackson retired as a Chief Petty Officer in December 2006.

Throughout his life, Jackson was known for his ability to teach and mentor those around him. When he relocated with his family to Draper, Utah, he had the opportunity to earn his bachelor's degree in Earth Science with a teaching component from the University of Utah. He taught middle school science in the Jordan School District until 2016. His students loved his fun and enthusiastic style.

Jackson was deeply loved by his family and friends and will always be remembered for his fun and playful sense of humor. He was a proud and doting father to his son, Sam. He had a passion for shooting, fishing, camping, and collecting military memorabilia. Jackson approached everything he did with an enthusiasm that touched the lives of those around him.

Jackson is survived by his wife Julie, son Sam, his parents Ray and Lanell Penrod, siblings Gelinda Clark, (David), Suzanne Phillips (Jack), Kelly Penrod (Michael Winters), Jessie Johnson (David) and Sara Sanders (John), his mother and father-in-law, Pauline and Brian Vance as well as his nieces and nephews, who will cherish the memories of his love and guidance. He was preceded in death by his sister Joy Munoz.

He will be dearly missed by his friends, teammates and all those whose lives were touched by his zeal for life. Though gone from our sight, Jackson's spirit lives on in the hearts and memories for all who were fortunate enough

to know him.

A Memorial service honoring Jackson’s life will be held at 11:00 am on December 9, 2023, at Larkin Sunset Gardens 1950 E. 10600S, Sandy, Utah. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the EOD warrior Foundation Scholarship Fund in his memory https://eodwarriorfoundation.org/.