



Cedric David Lack

April 7, 1931 - June 14, 2015

CEDRIC DAVID LACK

Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, (Retired)

Born April 7, 1931 in Northampton, England and was the only child of his father, John Reginald Lack (1893-1973) and his mother, Mary Johnson (1896-1989). Departed this life on June 14, 2015.

Cedric was a military devotee for his entire adult life. First volunteering for the British Army at age 18 and thereafter in 1952 emigrating to the U.S. and beginning a lengthy career first in the U.S. Air Force, then in the U.S. Army becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1954. He served in numerous hot spots around the globe including North Africa, West Germany, South Korea and Vietnam (combat-field artillery). He also served in multiple important locations within the U.S. including highly sensitive assignments in military intelligence.

Cedric retired to Rose Hill, Fairfax County, Virginia in the mid 1980's. Living out his life there as a gentleman at large, he became easily recognizable because of his distinguishing facial features, silver hair and full beard as well as his cheerful demeanor. Never married and therefore being foot-loose, he was often seen on the go within the community and on walkabouts in the general area. He was a man of keen intellect, regularly fascinating friends with his command of the English language, his wit, charm and extensive knowledge on an array of topics: military history, world history, weather patterns, geography, the history of various religions, etc. He was a man of

strong Christian convictions and unabashedly spoke of his faith and his affiliation with the Anglican Church. The Bible was his favorite book and he frequently purchased various copies to add to his extensive collection. On a given day he might be spotted at a bookstore, a library (especially a library), a restaurant, various types of stores and shops, a mall or other public places. He became a curiosity to many who observed him only from afar. He was a very private man and those who came to know him quickly became aware of that fact. He could be disarmingly friendly with his charisma and British charm, and he attracted scores of friends and acquaintances along the way. At the local McDonalds Restaurant where he was a fixture he was a bon vivant celebrity that people sought out for a word or a game of Chess with him. As the time passed, he enjoyed the loyalty of numerous close friends and many admiring acquaintances. He was a truly unique individual who will be greatly missed.

Cedric is survived by his first cousin and friend Davinia Coleman , her son Julian Coleman, Davinia's daughter Sarah Coleman Olsen, Sarah's husband Graham Olsen and their son Sebastian, age 11 all of whom are citizens of England and all of whom recently visited Cedric in the U.S.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on Friday July 10th, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 PM..

Services to celebrate his life will be held at All Saints Sharon Chapel Episcopal Church, 3421 Franconia Road. Alexandria, VA on Saturday July 11th at 11:00 AM.

Internment at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, 10300 Pridesville Rd., Amelia Court House, Amelia County, VA will be on Monday July 13th at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions, in his memory, may be made to the Children's Playground Fund, All Saints Sharon Chapel, 3521 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310 or to the Building Fund, Lighthouse Baptist Church, 5901 Wilton Road, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cedric David Lack*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Obituary Wall*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ *I live in the Wilton Woods area and a few years ago, I noticed a gentleman walking through our neighborhood on a regular basis. He really resembled Santa. It was mid winter and I was leaving my house in the morning to look after an elderly man. It must have been 20 degrees...I pulled up and said "get in, it's way too cold to be walking". He got in my car and said he was heading to McDonald's to meet his friends. That was his morning routine. I gave him short rides many times after that around the Rose Hill area. He would never ask for a favor but seem so pleased when an offer was there. He named me "Lips" because my lips were always shiny with lip gloss. He got a kick out of calling me that. He was a wonderful and very nice man. I am blessed our paths crossed. Rose Hill will not be the same without Cedric. God bless his soul, his family, friends and anyone else who was touched by this angel on earth.*

September 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sad to hear of Cedric's passing, his Grandmother and mine were sisters and we often heard of Cedrics exploits in America. I had thought of visiting him but as we had never met it seemed a bit intrusive. My condolences to the many people affected by his passing.

July 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric, I will miss you. JH 1

July 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric, was our Daughter's Family neighbor and our friend. Our daughter bought the house beside Cedric, we were busy moving things in that day, but Cedric came to the fence and introduce himself to all of us. It seem from there on the kids and Cedric formed a relationship. The kids would never know what they might find at their door, from cookies, flowers and even a Turtle (Heineken). Where ever we saw him he would have to give the girls a reading or a puzzle from the newspaper. He shared cook-outs with us, we enjoyed getting to know him. What a lovely person. We will miss you. Rest in Peace.

July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric, what a fine specimen of the human race you are. Thank you for your friendship. I love you and will always hold our conversations in a special place of my heart.
Belinda Osorio Polgar

July 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We at John Marshall Library will miss you. We enjoyed your weather forecasts, Dollar Tree cookies for our "Eleveneses," and scoping out the sales at Safeway and Rite Aide. You lived your life on your own terms -- good job, Cedric! Rest in Peace.

July 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric: you will be missed but remembered. Have a cool one at Fiddler's Green with our comrades, Tillman, the Skipper, and the rest. We will be following down the trail.

July 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Spent an interesting year with SSG C. David Lack in (Saigon, RVN, MACV, Special Intelligence Projects) in 1972. Great SOLDIER, but a better person and FRIEND. Our paths crossed years later at RAF Alconbury, UK when CWO Lack and I were both assigned to the 2nd MI Bn (ARS), Cedric in England and me at Group Hqs in Munich, FRG. God speed (I'm sure you're very much into planning and plotting your new mission), stay bold and strong. Hope you remembered to take some VEGEMITE (orn-paste) along. --R2--

July 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ My family began noticing Cedric around the area about twelve years ago. We never knew his name, so we referred to him as "Edmund Gwen" after the actor who portrayed Santa Claus in the movie "Miracle on 34th Street," whom he resembled. We will miss seeing him around the neighborhood, for sure. May God rest your soul in peace, Cedric.

July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ When I first meet Cendrick 17 years ago I couldn't pronounce his name because of my strong accent after several classes at Rose hill macdonald I decided to baptize him with a new name Mr. Senior Tea. Friends are like angels set upon this earth to us through thick and thin Cendrick AKA Mr. Senior Tea was one of these angels who stood beside me and my staff at Rose Hill MCD every Sunday throughout the years never asking for anything in return. he will be sadly missed, but his gestures of caring, goodwill, and kindness will be part of Rose Hill spirit now as he go forward in his new journey. It's been many years that Mr. Senior Tea has been a friend, grandfather and teacher to me not just any kind of a friend though. Cendrick stuck by me when times were tough and I was at a loss to know what to do. I don't know what I would have done without his help and guidance. My heart goes out to his family I know how much I will miss him Nadine Gualdino and the staff of Rose Hill Macdonald

July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Shot, over."*
Cedric, you will be sorely missed by your military contemporaries. May your journey be filled with many adventures.
"Shot, out."

July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric lived beside us for many years in Rose Hill we always referred to him as the old man next door and we always had some good funny talks at the fence My parents sold the house and moved away but whenever my dad is in the area he will always ride through Rose Hill to see the old house and see if he can run up on the old man (Cedric) to catch up on old times and have a few laughs Im sure Rose Hill shopping center is gonna miss him RIP Cedric

July 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We will always treasure our memories of Cedric and the many "family" celebrations we shared with him. He enriched our lives in so many ways.

July 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric, Rose Hill will not quite be the same without you: McDonald's, Rite Aid, Safeway, Dollar Tree, the Library and others. In Old Town, Books-A-Million, La Madeline, the thrift store you showed us - none will be quite the same. What will we do without you to remind us of the Scottish Christmas Walk each year? How will Rose Hill McDonald's patrons manage without you around to remind us of birthdays and the number of days until Christmas and Boxing Day? What will we do without your "intelligence reports," and your curiously coded notes and weather forecasts? We will miss seeing you in your familiar corner booth being comforted by your cup of tea, tied up shopping bags and other paraphernalia. Somehow you became a part of our lives though we could never fully explain to ourselves how that came to pass. We will miss you terribly but are comforted to know that you are out of harm's way, without discomfort or pain and have finally found peace for your spirit. Who knows, perhaps in another place and time we will spot you on the go, manage to catch up and reunite with you. Friends forever.

July 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Cedric was indeed one of a kind. He was a super polite charmer, and always had time for a short chat with me. I shall truly miss him. I consider him to have been one of the good guys in this world.

July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We'll miss you in many ways, Cedric. I appreciated your friendship and individualism, although I sometimes had trouble understanding the latter. I'll never go into Mcdonald's again without looking to see if you are there. Wouldn't be surprised to see you, even if only in my mind. Enjoy those Golden Archesn in the sky!

Carl Sell, President

Rose Hill Civic Association

July 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM