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Stonewall Jackson

Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson was born on January 21, 1824 in Clarksburg, Virginia. Thomas was the third child for parents Julia and Jonathan Jackson. When Thomas was only 2 years old, his six year old sister Elizabeth and father died from typhoid fever in the same month. When Thomas was around seven years old, his mother became sick so he and his sister, Laura Ann, were sent to live with his uncle, Cummins Jackson. His mother passed away shortly after.

While living with his uncle, Thomas helped around the farm. He was primarily educated at home. In 1842, at the age of 18, Thomas was accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York. Jackson graduated 17th out of 59 class members in 1846.

After graduating from West Point, Thomas fought in the Mexican-American War from 1846 to 1848. Surviving the war, Thomas accepted a teaching position at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. In 1853, Thomas married Elinor Junkin. Expecting their first child the following year, both the child and Elinor died from childbirth. Years later, Thomas was remarried to a girl named Mary Anna. They too suffered a loss of a child but were fortunate enough to have one healthy daughter named Julia Laura.

In 1861, the American Civil War broke out and Jackson became a part of the Confederate Army. On April 27, 1861, Thomas Jackson was ordered to take command at Harper’s Ferry. While at Harper’s Ferry, Jackson assembled the “Stonewall Brigade” which involved several Virginia Infantry regiments. With this group of men, Thomas instilled discipline, toughness and perseverance. And in July of 1861, at the First Battle of Bull Run, the nickname “Stonewall” was given to Jackson as his men provided important reinforcements, like a stone wall, and never backed down.

Jackson and his troops were called to join Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. Jackson was greatly involved in the American Civil War, proving to be courageous and brave. Unfortunately, one night when Jackson and his men were heading back to camp they were mistaken as enemies and were fired upon by their own men. Jackson was hit by 3 bullets. Though he survived the bullets, Jackson became sick while trying to recover and died on May 10, 1863 at the age of 39.

Jackson was known for his Christian character. Admired and deeply loved by the people of the South, Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson became a legend. Monuments, state parks and even a United States Navy submarine have been named in honor of Stonewall Jackson.

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6. After graduating college, what war did Thomas fight in?

7. Where did Thomas get a teaching position at?

8. What happened to Thomas's first wife?

9. In what year did the American Civil War break out?

10. Which army did Thomas fight for?

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12. What happened to Stonewall Jackson that ended up in his death?

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