

Jaxson's

Ice Cream Parlor & Restaurant

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This year, the ice cream parlor that every South Floridian knows and loves celebrates its 70th anniversary. Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor & Restaurant has been serving up sundaes, smiles, and sentimental values since 1956, transporting locals and visitors alike to a simpler time. However, no matter how many times one goes to Jaxson's, it always feels like a novelty. From the carousel out front to the trinket-lined walls, walking into Jaxson's feels warmly familiar, like seeing an old friend. This classic ice cream parlor is a true pillar of South Florida, proving that commitment to ingenuity and interest in connecting with the community is the key to withstanding the test of time.

Since Jaxson's opening, they have consistently served the most enticing, high-quality ice cream in the area; still made on-site daily with their original recipes. Famous for their original "Kitchen Sink" sundae, customers can share pounds of ice cream along with a plethora of toppings, served to the table in a picture-perfect silver sink. The rest of their Americana menu offers classic dishes with

an exciting twist, from their piled-high corn beef and pastrami sandwiches to their "Titanic Triple Burger."

One cannot admire this Florida landmark without accrediting its longevity and iconic status to its founders, Monroe and Connie Udell. At just 28 years old, they were determined to create a restaurant that was dedicated to excellence. Over the years, these restaurateurs adapted to South Florida's growth and to the changes that inevitably come with time; however, they continued to operate an establishment that never strayed from their original vision.

Jaxson's remains a family-run establishment honoring Udell's hard work and commitment. After Monroe's passing in 2014, his daughter, Linda Udell Zakheim, stepped in, preserving the restaurant's traditions and unforgettable guest experience. Seven decades later, Jaxson's remains a place where generations gather, memories are made, and every visit brings back the simple joy of being a kid again. ♦

