



Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr.

March 17, 1949 - May 31, 2024

Dr. John James Tune was born on March 17, 1949, in Salem, Missouri, to Clark Norman “Bucky” and Mary Lorayne (Reddick) Tune. He entered into eternal rest May 31, 2024, in Rolla, Missouri, at the age of seventy-five years.

Whether you called him Dad, John, Jay, J.J., or Doc, you knew him as a man of kindness, humility, strength, and independence. John was the proud father of two children: Jennifer and John Jr. At a young age he started farming and working cattle while growing up on the family farm.

John graduated with the class of 1967 from Salem High School. At the age of sixteen, he was the youngest to be admitted and further his education with the University of Missouri - Columbia. John obtained his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, was the youngest to graduate, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. John then spent over sixty years practicing veterinary medicine in his hometown where he cultivated many life-long friendships.

John started his veterinary career working for Dr. Weaver in 1965, he owned and operated Dent County Veterinary Clinic until he sold it in 2022, and in 2023 he joined South Central Vet Clinic team. Although he had a love for all animals, he had a special love for large animals, and enjoyed home farm visits. John also played a major role with the animal shelter.

John was a natural historian, avid researcher and collector of fine antiques, and poetry lover. He was intelligent, well-educated on many topics, and loved sharing his knowledge with others. For several years, he taught biological and physical science classes at SBU. Throughout his lifetime, John touched and educated the lives of many.

John was co-owner of Dent County Memorial Chapel for several years. He had a heart of serving, wanted the best for the community, and has served on many committees throughout the years. He was a board member at Salem Memorial District Hospital, former Second District County Commissioner, serving nearly ten years and, and former Mayor serving from 2014-2018.

John was a dedicated and supporting Freemason. In 2007, John was conferred as a Master Mason in Equality Lodge #497, and was a Past Master, he also became a member of the Salem Lodge #225 as was a Past Master, upon consolidation of Equality Lodge with Rolla Lodge #213 the Rolla Lodge became his home lodge. On September 2, 2009, he was appointed by the Grand Lodge to the position of District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the 29th Masonic District where he served in that position for eleven years, ending on September 22, 2020.

Above all else, John was a man of deep faith who loved the Lord. His strong belief in God was evident in the way he lived his life. John was an ordained elder of the Salem Christian Church where he has been a member for sixty-two years. He has also served as a Sunday School Teacher.

John is survived by his daughter: Jennifer Fenwick and husband Richard of Salem, MO; son: John Tune Jr. of St. Louis, MO; sisters: Sharon Redmond and husband Denny and Becky Marak; in addition to his most special friends, he was loved by many.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Bucky and Lorayne Tune; and his brother: Thomas Tune.

John will be remembered as a well-respected veterinarian and member of the Dent County Community. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Masonic Services for Dr. John James Tune were held Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at the Salem Christian Church with Benjamin Butler and Billy Miller officiating. Song selection played was "Beulah Land". Serving as Pallbearers were Richard Ferranto, Benjamin Butler, Keith Inman, Bobby Welch, Ed Fleetwood Sr., and David Watkins Sr. Honorary Pallbearers were Josh Cartwright, Sandy Ball, Martin Terry, Jim Heavin, Clay Lindsay. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of J.J. Tune to the Masonic Lodge #225 and left with Wilson Mortuary or mailed to the Salem Masonic Lodge #225 at PO Box 486 Salem, MO 65560. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
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Masonic Service

JUN 4. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ Hello everyone, I previously posted a comment on a memory photo showing J.J. and me, in Kenny Feibelman’s Salem store, about 15 years ago.

We’re standing in front of an antique “J.J. Tune Truck Service” sign.

However, I made a error in a photo caption and wanted to correct it here:

J.J.’s mother was “Lorayne.”

J.J.’s grandmother was “Wretha.”

J.J.’s father was Clark “Bucky” Tune.

J.J.’s grandfather was “probably” John, but everyone called him “Pet,” so I don’t really know 100%.

I am J.J.’s cousin. My name is “C. Van Tune.” I was born in Los Angeles CA, in 1958. And, I like to use my first initial, as “J” did.

Clearly, throughout the past 150 years, the Tune family has enjoyed its nicknames! However, my grandfather, Mark, did not have a middle name at all. Guess they ran out!

J.J. and I shared a great-grandfather: Thomas Tune who came to Missouri from Tennessee and Kentucky after the Civil War.

Our branch of the Tunes, in the 1880s, built a small cabin on farm land outside of Salem. Eventually, all six of their children would be born and raised there.)

To any Tune family, friend or historian: PLEASE CORRECT ME, OR POST HERE if you know of any other missing names or incorrect details.

TUNE FAMILY LINEAGE:

John Tune was the father of both of J.J. and my grandfathers: "Pet" and "Mark."

Thomas Tune was our great-great grandfather.

Candace (mother to the six Tune children) lived on the Tune farm until "Papa John" succumbed to an illness.

After his passing, she moved to Hemet, CA, to live with her son Mark, daughter-in-law Bessie, and grandson Jack (plus a granddaughter from Fred, Dorothy). Candace passed away around 1936.

Mark Tune (b1885, d1967) was the first-born male in that Tune generation.

Jesse (oldest female sibling) married Dorce Stevens (spelling?) and I believe they stayed close to Missouri. I do not know what type of business they were in.

Doll Tune (ironically, "Doll" is her given name; not a nickname) married Mark MacNeill, also from Salem. They settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he became an executive with Honolulu Oil Company, ("Honolulu" always seemed to me to be a strange name for an Oklahoma business...)

Fred, (second oldest Tune male child) born c1889, passed away c1960. Fred's first wife was Elsie Sauder of Dent County. They had one child, daughter Dorothy (b1919–d2000) and moved to California.

Elsie died, c1934, when a car she was riding-in collided with a train, in Southern California. My dad's (Jack's) parents, Mark and Bessie, took-in 15-year-old Dorothy and raised her like their own daughter.

Fred Tune married his second wife, Frances, c1949, in CA. They

had no children. They owned and operated several restaurants and cocktail lounges during and after WWII, and occasionally assisted the "Mark Tune's Market" general and butcher stores in the Hemet Valley.

I hope my lengthy reply will help to clear up any confusion I might have previously caused.

*Best wishes to all,
C. Van Tune*

C. Van Tune - November 02, 2024 at 01:45 AM

JF

Van - this is Jennifer, J's daughter. I met you around '97 and we spoke on the phone last in '02 I believe. I would love to catch up but not sure how to get in touch. Dad and I spoke of you several times before he passed. xo

Jennifer Fenwick - November 06, 2024 at 07:45 PM

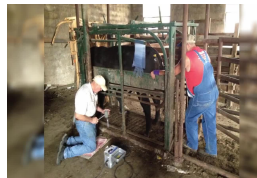
SP

“ *JJ is a great man. He taught me so much when I was living in Salem especially about caring for others. Rest in peace* ”

Skyler Powell - June 07, 2024 at 04:00 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - June 05, 2024 at 05:01 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - June 05, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Maryann Compas lit a candle in memory of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr.*



Maryann Compas - June 05, 2024 at 10:02 AM



JJ's family. I loved working with your Dad at Dent County Veterinarian Clinic. I worked with him for 8+ yrs and he was a wonderful person and great boss. May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you at this time... thoughts and prayers

Maryann Compas - June 05, 2024 at 10:13 AM

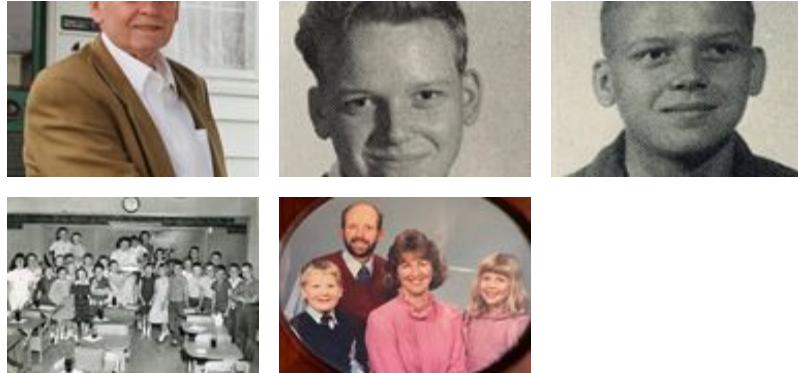
MH

“ *Dr. Tune was a very good friend of Charles Halbrook, my late husband. We enjoyed having him in our home. He found both his church and the Masonic Order very important. I give my deepest condolences to his family.*

Mary Halbrook - June 04, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - June 04, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr..



June 03, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ *Momoe & Scott* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr..

Momoe & Scott - June 03, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr..*



June 02, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *The Taulli Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr..*



The Taulli Family - June 02, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ *J.J. was a great friend since childhood. He was one of a kind. I'm sure Salem will miss him. I know our class of '67 will. It won't be the same without him. You are in the presence of your loving God, experiencing joy and perfect love, Jay. See you again.*

Nancy Nelson-Stickels - June 02, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Mary, Bobby, and Peri purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr..*



Mary, Bobby, and Peri - June 02, 2024 at 01:07 PM

MP

“ Mary, Bobby, and Peri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. J.J. Tune, John James Tune Sr..

Mary, Bobby, and Peri - June 02, 2024 at 01:07 PM

SF

“ My deepest condolences to Jennifer, Richard, John and family. J was a special man to many, a “J” of all trades and a wealth of knowledge. We know the list is endless. Hes going to be missed. Praying for peace and comfort.

J- I can only imagine the stories you and Jesus are sharing.

Skye F - June 02, 2024 at 09:00 AM

JN

“ JJ as we called him , our class all called him that and we loved him dearly, He was very intelligent and also scoring high on all test, He was so special and loved by all, Jackie Blackwell / NuDelman

Jackie NuDelman - June 01, 2024 at 06:57 PM

RC

“ J.J. and I grew up together and remained friends throughout the years. Too many good memories to list. He was a brilliant speaker and a caring man. Until we meet again, rest in peace.

RuthEllen Campbell - June 01, 2024 at 04:25 PM

BW

“ JJ was always a friend of mine. Always respectful and kind to me.
Prayers for family.

Bob and Ann Wofford

Bob Wofford - June 01, 2024 at 02:51 PM

RF

“ JJ was a dear, dear friend and co-worker in the church for so long.
He was instrumental in our coming to Salem and so supportive to
our whole family! So privileged to call him friend and brother in
Christ! May the Father comfort his family and his multitude of
friends!

Rod Farthing - June 01, 2024 at 02:29 PM