



Jack Lee Ashley

April 1, 1935 - January 18, 2023

Jack Lee Ashley was born April 1, 1935 to Roy Edgar and Ida Alice (Goodwin) Ashley. He grew up and attended school in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado.

At the age of fourteen, Jack enlisted into the National Guard and served for three years. He then enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and served until going active duty. Jack served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge.

Jack was united in marriage to the love of his life, Erika Betty Staudigl, January 14, 1967 and shared nearly fifty-six years of marriage together. Jack and Erika loved going out and dancing and often traveled to Germany. They were blessed with five children: Manfred, Bill, Allison, Suzanne, and Brian.

Jack was a hard worker and in his early years owned and operated a trucking company. He was recruited and served as Deputy Sheriff in Eldorado Springs, Missouri for several years. Jack worked as an emergency room technician and as a psych aide at the Fulton State Hospital. He retired as a Labor Relations Specialist from the Union.

Jack was passionate about horses, and a true cowboy. He worked at several Ranches in his younger years. He enjoyed reading, was a gifted storyteller and liked entertaining others. Jack loved teaching leather crafts and when his

children were younger, he volunteered with 4-H. His family was most important to him and he treasured the time spent making memories with them.

Jack was a lifetime member of the Marine Corps League and held several offices, including the office of adjutant, and earned several medals, ribbons, and awards. He often attended the yearly Marine Corps Ball accompanied by his beloved bride and family.

Jack entered into rest January 18, 2023 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of eighty-seven years. He leaves behind his loving children: Bill Walker and wife Gala of Kansas, Allison Evins and husband Bret of Colorado, Suzanne Ashley of Rolla, MO, and Brian Ashley and wife Linda of Salem, MO; grandchildren: Stacy, Aimee, Amanda, Melissa, Shawn, Eva Maria, Ismeida, Alece, Michelle, Melissa, Rhiannon, and Nuvia; fourteen great-grandchildren; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, wife: Erica Ashley; son: Manfred Staudigl; parents: Roy and Ida Ashley; sister: Betty Jo; and two infant brothers.

Jack led a very interesting life. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Jack leaves behind a great legacy and will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for Jack Lee Ashley were held Sunday, January 22, 2023 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Ernie Coverdell and Bret Evins officiating. Special Remarks were shared by two daughters and several friends. Special Music played was "Amazing Grace", "Old Rugged Cross", "I'll Fly Away", "I Can Only Imagine", and "Home On The Range". Military Honors was provided by the American Legion Post 99 and the Missouri Honors Team. Interment was Monday, January 23, 2023 in the Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
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Tribute Wall

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“ *First grandma then you. It is so sweet that you were there for her in her final years. You were a good man grandpa! I love you so much and am great full to get to know you, even if it was so late in life. In hindsight I regret not finding more time or mental energy to stay in touch with you more since my son’s death. I will always remember you! I love you so much, grandpa! Just like during our long phone calls please tell grandma I love her too!*



Aimee Walker - January 21, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jack Lee Ashley.*



January 21, 2023 at 03:44 AM

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“ *Denise, Charlie and Vickie purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jack Lee Ashley.*



Denise, Charlie and Vickie - January 20, 2023 at 06:23 PM

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“ I met Jack prior to working with him at California School Employees Association, attending union steward training he developed. He was bigger than life and had such knowledge and passion when he talked about advocating for working men and women. Jack has held a special place in my heart since 1994 first as a mentor, then as a friend and finally as a member of my family. My deepest sympathies to the Ashley family as you grieve Jack and Erika's passing. They were inseparable while here on this earth. I know they are together now, loving and laughing and, probably, dancing. Thank you, Jack, for your unconditional love that I always felt. I was so blessed to have you in my life. Until I see you again, rest in peace. Denise

Denise Williams - January 20, 2023 at 06:06 PM

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*Dear Jack Ashley Family,
We were deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Erika. Then so soon after
The passing of Jack.
We cannot imagine how difficult this must be for you now.
Our thoughts and Prayers are with You All!
Please let us know if we can do anything for You.
On behalf of the Marine Corp League! "We send our sincerest condolences"
"God Bless"
Russell J. Leabch
Chaplain-Loveland MCL
Detachment 1250*

Chaplain Russell Leabch MCL - January 26, 2023 at 02:47 PM