



## Jack Paul Garzelli

July 12, 1928 - January 1, 2021

Jack Paul Garzelli, son of Frank Paul Garzelli and Johanna (Grabowski) Garzelli, was born July 12, 1928 in Gary, Indiana where he grew up and graduated from Tolleston High School with the Class of 1945.

Shortly after graduation, Jack was drafted into the United States Army and served in Tokyo, Japan from 1945 – 1947.

After being honorably discharged from the military, Jack attended Missouri State University and graduated in 1951. He began his teaching career with his first official teaching job being at Newburg, Missouri in 1951. He then came to Waynesville, Missouri where he taught for the Waynesville R-VI School District until his retirement in 1987. He taught government, American History, Economics, as well as Western Civilization.

Jack also taught for several colleges and universities; some of which include: Southwest Baptist University, Drury University, Columbia College, and Valley City University in North Dakota. He spent the longest time at Columbia College where he taught for 30 years and retired in 2003.

On November 22, 1951, Jack was united in marriage to Belle Louise Laughlin in Alton, Missouri. They shared over 69 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Brent and Beth.

Jack and Louise made their home and raised their family in Waynesville, Missouri where they were very active in their community throughout the years. They are members of Westside Baptist Church in Waynesville and were active until their health began to decline.

Jack loved the martial arts, especially Karate and Judo and even was an instructor for many years. After his retirement from teaching, Jack perfected his hobby of making wall clocks out of cypress wood and he enjoyed sharing them with family and friends. Jack

also loved history so much that collecting and reading history books was a real passion.

Jack was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Karate Club, MSTA (Missouri State Teacher's Association) and served a term on the Waynesville R-VI School Board from 1987 – 1990.

Jack went home to be with his Lord on Friday, January 1, 2021 in his home having attained the age of 92 years of age. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Jack leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Louise Garzelli of the home; two children: Brent Garzelli (Cheryl) of Waynesville, MO and Beth Crow (Tom) of Waynesville, MO; two grandchildren: Jennifer Brown (Mike) of Waynesville, MO and Erin Garzelli of Birmingham, AL; three step-grandchildren: Christopher Crow of Laquey, MO, Amy Zimmerman (Michael) of Springfield, VA, and Matthew Crow of Waynesville, MO; two great grandchildren: Jayden and McKinna; seven step great grandchildren: Nathaniel, Michaela, Grace, Haley, Leilani, Elena, and Alexis; other relatives and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his father: Frank Paul Garzelli in 1976; mother: Johanna (Grabowski) Garzelli in 1998; and one brother: Daniel Francis Garzelli in 2020.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2021 in the Westside Baptist Church of Waynesville with Pastor John Shaw and Pastor Lindell Shelden officiating. The music was provided by Gilbert Crismon, Mike Freman, and Becky Lercher. Serving as escorts were Brent Garzelli, Tom Crow, Mike Brown, Jayden Brown, Steve Lynch, and Dennis Dye. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jack Garzelli to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery

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**Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood**  
25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO, 65583

# Events

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**JAN 8 Visitation 10:00AM**  
Westside Baptist Church Of  
Waynesville

**JAN 8 Funeral Service 12:00PM**  
Westside Baptist Church Of  
Waynesville

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.

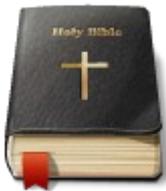


**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 19 at 01:40 PM

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“ Bill and I have known Jack and Louise through the Westside Baptist Church, but have been privileged to enjoy their hospitality in their home as well. We also enjoyed taking trips with them and our BASICs Group. We love the whole Garzelli family and can only imagine how broken-hearted they must feel to lose Jack, who was so delightful and witty. They all love the Lord and His church. I felt so privileged that Jack agreed to be a judge for a couple of my DAR Chapter's American History Essay Contests. He did a great job and would wind up agreeing with the other judges using our points system. RIP, Jack! We are praying that our God will bless and comfort the whole family as they make the big adjustment to Jack's new residence in Heaven. Maybe you could think of him as in that great crowd of witnesses in Heaven cheering you on to be the best you can be while on this Earth.



**Annette Morrison Catts** - February 02 at 11:46 PM

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“ I enjoyed serving the Garzellis and their family and friends for 11 years at a local restaurant. My heart goes out to MS Louise, Jack will surely be missed.



**Janet Martin** - January 11 at 04:21 PM

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“ We have fond memories of visiting Jack and Louise and family throughout the years! Loved Jack's jokes and sense of humor. We always felt welcomed, cared for and loved every time we visited. We are so sorry for your great loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Lots of love, Cindy Getty (Willits) & Bob Getty, Sharon Kramer (Willits), and Ken Willits.

**Cindy Getty** - January 09 at 02:28 PM

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“ Jack Garzelli was a great guy, loved by all of us! He will be missed!



**Frank Livingston** - January 09 at 08:21 AM

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“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - January 07 at 04:34 PM

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“ What a blessing this past year has been for us to be neighbors with Jack & Louise! We have grown to love them so very much. We have many wonderful memories that we'll keep forever stored in our hearts. Such wonderful Christian friends & neighbor. Keeping all the family in our thoughts & prayers. Larry & Lori Fincher

Larry & Lori Fincher - January 07 at 03:30 PM

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“ I thing of Jack as being one of the great guys i have known.To the family i am sorry to hear about the sorrow your family is in at this time.



rick carter - January 07 at 12:51 PM

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“ Matthew Carter lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



Matthew Carter - January 07 at 12:31 PM

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“ Rick Carter lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**rick carter** - January 07 at 11:36 AM

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“ Rick Csrtet lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**rick csrtet** - January 07 at 11:35 AM

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“ Alan And Pamela Cox-Clark lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Alan and Pamela Cox-Clark** - January 07 at 11:21 AM

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“ Mr. Garzelli was my Youth Leader at Mt. Gibson Baptist Church in the 1960s. Everyone who knew him, loved him. Condolences and prayers for Louise and Family. RIP Mr. Garzelli.

Carol (Smith) Sharp  
Clayton, North Carolina

Carol Sharp - January 05 at 02:08 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Garzelli family in the loss of Mr. Jack. We know that he will be missed so much in the difficult days ahead. We are praying for all of the family, asking God to grant you His peace and comfort. We've met him two or three times in our years in education, and he has always been so kind, concerned, caring, and he'd tell us a story or a joke.

Martin-Georgia White - January 04 at 11:03 PM

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“ Dawn And Robert Mckee lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



Dawn and Robert Mckee - January 04 at 10:21 PM



“ Over the years have remembered alot of his teachings.He was truly a great man.

christopher wesley - January 06 at 01:27 PM

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“ Mr. Gazelli was that rare teacher who was able to also be your friend. Later in life he always took the time to visit for a few minutes any time we met. An epic joke teller. Often when we talked he'd ask "whatsamattau?" When it came to Mr. Garzelli, the answer was a resounding nothing. A gentleman and truly a great guy. My prayers and condolences to the family.

Cary Hansen

Cary Hansen - January 04 at 07:54 PM

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“ Mr. Garzelli was a wonderful educator and neighbor. My sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones.

Maurine Hill - January 04 at 05:34 PM



“ Mr.Garzelli has been an amazing Dad to my best friend, Beth. I met her folks back in 1976 when Beth & I went to SBU. An incredible family of Waynesville- with the honor and respect of the whole community. Mr.Garzelli always made me laugh and welcomed me like his own! He will be truly missed.

Melanie Withers-Ebel

Kansas City, MO

Melanie Withers-Ebel - January 08 at 08:42 AM

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“ Condolences to the family. Mr. Garzelli was instrumental in my selection as an AFS student. His support was truly life-changing. I will always remember his kindness.

Maureen Leuthen - January 04 at 04:24 PM

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“ There are usually just one or two people that have such a profound influence in our lives that they shape much of our future. For me, Mr. Garzelli was such a man. Yes, he was my history teacher as a high school senior in 1965, but what he taught me was far more important than history. He instilled in me a thirst for knowledge and a determination and work ethic that served me well my entire life. For no man I have known do I have greater respect and admiration. His legacy will live on through those that he touched and the world is better off for his being. Condolences to his family and may God take him to Him and watch over him till he is born again...

Jim Coffey  
Branson, Mo.  
WHS Class of 1965

Jim Coffey - January 04 at 04:10 PM

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“ Mr. Garzelli was a wonderful man with a great sense of humor . He always managed to be one step ahead of me and made me think about what he said.  
A wonderful provider ,husband and father .  
Our prayers are with the Garzelli family. Peace be with all of you.  
Jesse and Cheryl Hinson Carlisle Pa.

Jesse Hinson - January 04 at 01:06 PM

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“ What a great picture of Jack, a great man who was always quick with a smile and a joke or story. Although I unfortunately didn't take any of his classes, I knew him initially as the Karate Club sponsor when I was a h.s. junior. I knew the value of hard work, but through his karate teaching I also learned the value of discipline and self-discipline. He affected many lives through his teaching, was a pillar of the community, and he leaves vacancies which cannot be filled but through colorful memories of him and the knowledge and love he passed on to others. My deep condolences go to my friends Brent and Cheryl and Louise and the rest of the family.

Larry Goforth - January 04 at 12:30 PM

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“ Patricia Evert lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



Patricia Evert - January 04 at 11:40 AM

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“ Linda Cole-schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



Linda cole-schonbok - January 04 at 09:38 AM

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“ Sending Prayers to the famiy!



Sonya Campbell - January 04 at 09:02 AM

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“ My heart is sad-sweet memories. In my prayers. Praying for comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Marie Brown - January 04 at 08:54 AM

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“ Pamela Ann Seda lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Pamela Ann Seda** - January 04 at 07:43 AM

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“ Mr Garzelli was an amazing man. I saw him a couple years ago and even after 38 years he didn't remember my name but knew I was "one of his fine young students". May he rest in the arms of angels. My thought and prayers are with his family during this time.



**Richard Williams** - January 03 at 11:31 PM

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“ I always enjoyed being Jack's friend. He was always full of good jokes and good stories and was one of those teachers who was a great story teller. I have good memories of him and Louise.  
Luge Hardman

**Luge Hardman** - January 03 at 10:31 PM

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“ Debby (Johnson) Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Debby (Johnson) Myers** - January 03 at 10:02 PM

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“ William & Susan Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**William & Susan Anderson** - January 03 at 09:18 PM

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“ Louise and Family, I first met Jack at Waynesville High School while working in the library and every April 1st he would send one student each hour to the library looking for a book titled Lirpa Loof (April Fool). Know how you will miss him and we are praying for comfort and peace for all.

Wyndham and Ruth Whynot

**Ruth Whynot** - January 03 at 08:45 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers to everyone.

**Cynthia (Choate) Stevenson** - January 03 at 08:28 PM

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“ Tammy Loney Moreau lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Tammy Loney Moreau** - January 03 at 07:43 PM

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“ Mr. G was my teacher and friend. He helped me when I went to Kemper and was always in my corner and taught me ways to get out of tight jams. So sorry for your loss. Jack was a great man.

Bob Voss  
McKinney, TX

**Bob Voss** - January 03 at 07:28 PM

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“ Mr. Garzelli was one of my favorite teachers and a true gentleman. I remember him with such fondness and respect. My sympathies to his family.

**Sharon Rogers Wright** - January 03 at 07:12 PM

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“ I wonder have you heard this one..... To many, he was a mentor, a rock-solid political philosopher, a school board member, and to more, including me, he was a friend and a master teller of jokes. He was the source of many jokes, that I retold over and over again. He will be missed.

**Dennis Geisler** - January 03 at 06:13 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Garzelli's passing. I pray that our God wraps His arms around the family and grants you peace and comfort in the coming days.



**Marge Scott** - January 03 at 05:58 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences and prayers of comfort and strength for family members and dear friends of a Legend in Mr. Paul Garzelli! May he Rest In Peace in the Everlasting Arms of Our Savior while his Legacy lives on in some many others he has taught in so many ways over time!



**Harold & Brigitte Burleson** - January 03 at 05:16 PM

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“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Pulaski County Camp Gideons** - January 03 at 05:09 PM

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“ Louise, our thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of your husband, Jack. The Kerrs and the Laughlins go back many years, long before Fort Wood came into existence. It was always great to visit with your mother, Jeretta, and great to have visited with you last year on the telephone. May our Lord make his face to shine upon you and may He bless and keep you and your family during this time.



**Tom & Yvonne Kerr** - January 03 at 04:50 PM

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“ Sending Condolences to the Garzelli family. I am so sorry.



**Cindy Shelden Emory** - January 03 at 01:04 PM

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“ Jack was an inspiring teacher and a truly good man. Condolences to his family and friends and all that were fortunate enough to know him. His wry sense of humor was unique and it was always good to see him.



**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - January 03 at 12:07 PM

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“ Michael and Crystal Mosier to the Garzelli family, so sorry to hear of Mr. Garzelli`s passing, you in our thoughts and prayers.



**Michael and Crystal Mosier** - January 03 at 11:16 AM

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“ What a great man! Mr. Garzelli was a mentor and a friend to all of his students, me included. He taught my father and then he taught me. I`m happy to see he lived a long life. I`m sure the world is a little bit darker without him in it. My most sincere heartfelt condolences to his wife Louise, (who also taught me), his family, and friends. You were lucky to have such a wonderful human being in your life.

**Donna Wagner Odegaard** - January 03 at 09:49 AM

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“ Lois Jester-lofton lit a candle in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Lois Jester-lofton** - January 03 at 09:37 AM

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“ Mrs. Garzelli & family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. You are my favorite 2nd grade teacher. Best there ever was. No one like you. Hugs. Love you.



**Michael & Crystal Mosier** - January 02 at 11:21 PM



“ I took Civics from Jack Garzelli as a freshman at Waynesville HS. He was an excellent teacher and my favorite. My thoughts and prayers are with Louise and the family.

**Carol Davis French** - January 03 at 06:19 PM

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“ Sorry to hear this. Jack and Louise are both such wonderful people. My condolences to his family! I remember his family having his 90th Birthday party at the senior center. What a great day. RIP Jack!

**Linda Daniels** - January 02 at 08:48 PM

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“ One of my favorite teachers at Waynesville High School. He was one of a kind. Rest in Peace

**Barbi Surmiller Hoskins** - January 02 at 04:42 PM

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“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Paul Garzelli



**Pamela Cox** - January 02 at 04:08 PM