



Jack Nickels

July 27, 1937 - May 29, 2009

Jackie Leon Nickels, passed away May 29, 2009 at St. John's Breech Hospital, Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 2 days.

Jack was born July 27, 1937 in Pulaski County, Missouri. He was one of five sons born to the union of the late Albert Lee and Edna (Coogan) Nickels.

Jack spent his early childhood years in the Big Piney area where he attended school through the eighth grade. The family then moved to Richland where he graduated from high school in 1954.

On September 28, 1956, Jack married Jacqueline Nickels, and to this union two daughters were born: Sheree and Cathy Lynn. Jacqueline preceded Jack in death on January 1, 1990, and their daughter, Cathy Lynn Leuthen on August 5, 2002.

Jack married Charlotte Lunette (Doyle) Mathis on May 18, 1991 in St. Robert. His family then grew to include Charlotte's children, Tracey and Brian.

After graduating high school, Jack went to work at the Waynesville Optical Company, where he worked as an optician many years. Most of his career was spent working for Dr. Carl Larson and later for Dr. Jerry Brown. Jack had a great passion for, and took great pride in his work. He had a special gift

working with children. Jack loved the outdoors. He enjoyed camping and fishing on the Gasconade River, and running the Nickels Hunting Camp.

Jack will be sadly missed by his wife: Charlotte; three children: Sheree Kelley (Jim), of Waynesville, Tracey Jefferson (Kenneth) of Wentzville, and Brian Mathis of Atlanta, Georgia; four brothers: Ronald Nickels (Christy) and Donald Nickels (Linda) of Moscow, Idaho, Michael Nickels (Nina) of Nebo, and Marvin Nickels (Leslie) of Lansing, Kansas; nine grandchildren: Chris Snelling (Melinda) and Jacob Kelley all of Florrisant, MO, Shanna Register (Dwayne) of Lexington, Sabrina Ross and Jordan Kelley of Waynesville, Joseph Kelley of Richland, Sarah Leuthen of Portland, Oregon and Bryce and Avery Jefferson both of Wentzville; five great grandchildren: Alayna, Lauryn, Kylie, Caleb and Caden; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, his wife: Jacqueline and his daughter: Cathy Leuthen, Jack was also preceded in death by a grandson: Jacob Ferral Leuthen.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Rev. Danny Graves officiating. Soloist Becky Lercher sang "Precious Memories", "Softly and Tenderly" and "Supper Time". The song "Go Rest High on that Mountain" was played. Serving as escorts were Shawn Nickels, Mike Nickels, Jr., Todd Carmon, Earl Arnold, Dr. Jerry Brown and Joe Garner. Serving as honorary escorts were Gary Nickels, J.B. Simmons and Boone Doyle.

Burial followed in the Idumea Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jack Nickels to the Idumea Cemetery Fund and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Nickels*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jack Nickels*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED BY JACKS DEATH, MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU. HE NEVER FAILED TO LIGHTEN UP THE DAYS , EITHER WITH A STORY OR A LAUGH. I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF GROWING UP AND WORKING WITH JACK, HE TOUGHT ME ALOT . HE WILL BE MISSED.##imported-begin##JON LARSON##imported-end##*

June 04, 2009 at 09:00 PM



“ My Sincere condolences to the Nichols family. Jack was a big part of my growing up memories since he was always around the Optical Center. He was one of my favorite people there, always ready with a big smile and a jovial laugh. He was a standup guy and I know that he will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends. Sincerely, Dr. Deborah L. Larson###imported-begin##Deb Larson###imported-end##

June 03, 2009 at 07:26 PM



“ Condolences from nephew Ron###imported-begin##Ron Nickels###imported-end##

June 01, 2009 at 10:43 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I knew Jack a long time ago when we were younger. His grandmother and my grandmother were sisters.###imported-begin##Linda A. Breedlove (Watson)###imported-end##

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“ Jack was such a dear old friend. Whenever I saw him, it was like we just spoke on the phone. He was caring and such a sweet man. I am out of town and cannot attend his funeral but please know that I am there in spirit. I will remember him always.###imported-begin##Luge Hardman###imported-end##

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“ My condolences to everyone who knew and loved Jack but most especially to Charlotte, Tracey and my dear friend Brian, I am truly sorry for your loss. You will all be in my thoughts.

The following are words which gave me great comfort when I lost my beloved Father. I hope they will do the same for you, as well.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.*

*I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.*

*I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.*

I am in the morning hush,

I am in the graceful rush

Of beautiful birds in circling flight,

I am the starshine of the night.

I am in the flowers that bloom,

I am in a quiet room.

I am in the birds that sing,

I am in each lovely thing.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there. I do not die. –Mary Frye

Baptiste

June 01, 2009 at 11:24 AM



“ My deepest condolences. Jennifer
Scott

June 01, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ *Charlotte & family*

Our sincere Condolences to you all. Jack's life has a VERY Special Memory for both of us We go back a long ways together (1960). We will always cherrish these memories. He was a GREAT GUY ! Everyone , whos lives he touched will truly miss him Carl & Jackie Larson##imported-begin##Dr. Carl & Jackie Larson##imported-end##

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