



Jack Morris Grace Jr

September 22, 1942 - January 30, 2017

A Celebration of Life for Jack Morris Grace, Jr., 74, of Saint Joseph, LA, will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Saint Joseph on Friday, February 03, 2017, at 10:00 AM with Rev. Wanda Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Legion Memorial Cemetery, Newellton, LA, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

Jack Morris Grace, Jr., was born on Tuesday, September 22, 1942, in Warren County, MS, and passed away Monday, January 30, 2017, at River Regional Medical Center in Vicksburg, MS. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of St. Joseph.

In 1960 Jack graduated from Joseph Moore Davidson High School in Saint Joseph and enrolled into Louisiana Tech University where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. After serving in the ROTC, he graduated in 1965 with a degree in Finance and was commissioned into the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant. He served his country during the Vietnam War stationed at Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, FL, and Clark Air Force Base in Manila, Republic of the Philippines. Jack married Qualeen Whitehead, of Cottonwood, AL, on March 13, 1967. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of Captain in April 1969.

Jack returned to Saint Joseph to his high school and summer job at the Bank

of Saint Joseph & Trust Co., now known as Cross Keys Bank, as a Teller. He worked his way up to Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1986. He retired from Cross Keys Bank in 2008 with 48 years of service. He served as a bank director for 30 years until 2016.

Throughout his life he enjoyed photography, fishing, hunting, antiques, playing cards, winning at BINGO, vacationing with family, golf, tennis and every sport his children and grandchildren participated.

Jack was very active in the community. He served as an alderman for the city of Saint Joseph for 36 years. He served on the Tensas Academy school board as Treasurer. He spent many years involved with Dixie Youth Baseball and the Boy Scouts of America. He served as president of the Saint Joseph Arts. He was integral in organizing the Turkey Trot and Jake fun runs. He volunteered countless hours to the Tensas Athletic association. He was active in the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Rotary International.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Morris Grace, Sr. and Katherine Payne Grace.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Qualeen Grace of Saint Joseph, LA, his son Paul Grace and wife Lisa of Orlando, FL - children Kaitlyn and Sean, son Kevin Grace and wife Nicole of Petal, MS - children Ryan, Sawyer, Jack Riley, and Vivian, son Travis Grace and Kelsey Leake of Saint Joseph, LA, brother Mike Grace and wife Peggy of Baton Rouge, LA, Aunt Joyce Payne Tidwell Wall, and 12 nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be Ben Watson, Brooks Watson, Scott Watson, Darrell VandeVen, Donnie VandeVen, and Hank Rabb.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Saint Joseph, Tensas Academy, or Millsaps College football in Jackson, MS.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the Current and Former Cross Keys Bank Directors and the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group of the First United Methodist Church of Saint Joseph.

The family will receive friends at Young's Funeral Home in Ferriday, LA, from 6:00 PM til 9:00 PM, Thursday, February 02, 2017. To leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.youngsfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Legion Memorial

Legion Memorial, LA 71357

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Young Funeral Home - Ferriday
609 N. E.E. Wallace Blvd.
P.O. Box 1850
Ferriday, LA 71334
(318) 336-1300

Service

FEB 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
St. Joseph, LA

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Katherine Squyres lit a candle in memory of Jack Morris Grace Jr



Katherine Squyres - February 07, 2017 at 01:44 AM

GK

“ I am so sorry Qualeen for the loss and sadness you and your family are experiencing.
I'm praying for peace and comfort for you all during this time of coping with the loss.

grace Kirkland - February 03, 2017 at 08:22 PM

BH

Our love and prayers to you and the boys and their families. Love you. Billy,Ann and Kelli.

Billy Hall - February 03, 2017 at 09:35 PM

DA

“ To the Grace family. Jack will be missed by more than his family. All of the people whose lives he touched thru the years doing business with him, or thru summer recreation on the ball field. He has touched many lives and made an impact for the good on them. Heaven is certainly gaining a special angel. You have our deepest sympathy. Darrell& Mildred Anglin.

Darrell Anglin - February 03, 2017 at 04:42 AM

JR

Qualeen and Family, our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time of grief. We are so very sorry we are unable to be there for Jack's memorial service. Please know we are there in our hearts, Janice & Bill Routh

janice Routh - February 03, 2017 at 07:44 AM

JP

“ *Mrs. Qualeen, Paul, Kevin, and Travis,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Your family has always been special to me. I have many fond memories of spending time with you. My family will be praying for you during this time.

Joe Pankey

Joe Pankey - February 02, 2017 at 08:34 PM



Thanks Joe.

Kevin Grace - February 07, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Morris Grace Jr.*



February 02, 2017 at 02:05 PM

SR

“ *My sincere condolences to Jack's family. I spent the same years at Louisiana Tech and the Kappa Sigma house, and know what a great person you are all going to miss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Scotty Roberts, Tech Class of 1965.*

Scott Roberts - February 02, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Morris Grace Jr.*



February 02, 2017 at 10:36 AM

RD

“ *Truly one of the greatest men I have ever known.*

Rhonda Darlington - February 02, 2017 at 09:38 AM



Thanks Rhonda :)

Kevin Grace - February 07, 2017 at 04:30 PM

SH

“ *I will always remember Uncle Jack as a caring, compassionate, bigger than life, man! He was kind to me and touched my heart. I send you my prayers and condolences.*
Stacy Hanzl

stacy hanzl - February 01, 2017 at 11:37 PM



Thank you Stacy.

Kevin Grace - February 02, 2017 at 06:04 AM



“ *I was one of Jacks Kappa Sigma Fraternity brothers at La Tech. Although I have only seen him two or three times in all these years years, I remember many great times. Many of them were in the afternoon at the fraternity house playing poker. By way of those games I think I funded a part of Jack's education. Your family are in my prayers. Tom Hollenshead*

Tom Hollenshead - February 01, 2017 at 02:15 PM



*Love your memories.
AEKDB
Kevin Grace*

Kevin Grace - February 01, 2017 at 10:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack Morris Grace Jr.*



February 01, 2017 at 10:34 AM