



Jack L. Hippen

August 17, 1944 - February 28, 2024

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Jack L. Hippen, 79, died at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born August 17, 1944 in Peoria, IL, he was the son of Lester and Margaret (Harsey) Hippen. Jack graduated from Spalding Institute in 1963. After service in the U.S. Army, Jack attended Bradley University and graduated from the Caterpillar Training Program. Jack retired from Caterpillar in 2002 after 37 years of service. Jack married Carlene M. Mayes on July 2, 1987 in Peoria, IL. She survives. Also surviving is a son, Lester "Buddy" Hippen (Alexis Bell) of Alton, two grandchildren, Layla Hippen and Windlyn Hippen. Buddy, Lexii and the girls were the light of Jack's life. Along with his parents, Jack was preceded in death by a brother, Steve Hippen. Although Jack did not have an opportunity to go on an Honor Flight, he was amazed at the profound influence the Honor Flight had on his father-in-law (John Wayne Mayes). Therefore, it was Jack's wish that memorial donations be directed to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL 62703. A memorial visitation will be from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home, 2409 State Street, Alton, IL 62002. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **16**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ Jack (or as I called him behind his back Jacques) was a very good friend of mine through high school and for the rest of our lives in Peoria. Jack helped me with many of the things a young man might expect from his father. he helped me buy my first gun: a .22 rifle we used to shoot rats by the city dump near the Kickapoo River. He fed my interest in auto racing going to the tracks in Peoria, Stirling, and several times to the Indy 500. Help talked my dad into letting me buy a car! My beloved light green '55 Chevy - which my dad was eventually grateful. Jack introduced me to HI-Fi and Stereo recordings: mostly folk music like the Kingston Trio. He got me a job at Boland's mortuary where I stayed overnight assisting the mortician during my junior year at Spalding. He bought me super cool English Cologne set for Xmas and taught me how to change the transmission on his '50 Ford in one afternoon. He drove me and the Frisch brothers to St Louis for a Cubs Cardinals double header and when the second game was also beset with rain delays, he suggested we drive to Chicago's McCormick Place for a Ray Charles Concert. He also introduced me to alternative religions at several "Holy Rollers" and other profoundly odd services in the Peoria area. And one night he loaned me his Valiant to pick up a girlfriend who stood me up. I along with a friend crashed his car on Moss Avenue into one of those pretty lamp posts with the big white light shattering on the windshield. I offered to pay of course, but he told me to not worry about it. I could go on of course, but I will miss the many things that I didn't learn because of his unfortunate early death from cancer. My best memories of Jack were about Carleen and Buddy who he loved and received their deep love and respect he had deserved all his life. My condolences to all of his friends, and loved ones, whom I am sure grieve as I do. Goodbye my friend. Roger Backes

Roger Backes - April 29, 2024 at 05:09 PM

EJ

“ *Carlene, Lester and Family,
We are sad to read of Jack’s passing. When
Diana expressed interest to join the Illinois
Valley Yacht and Canoe club (IVY), Ed found
out that Jack was a member. Ed worked with
Jack at the Caterpillar Mossville Engine Center. Plant. Jack was
kind enough to sponsor Diana for membership. Ed worked with Jack
at the Caterpillar Mossville Engine Center plant. Jack was kind
enough to sponsor Diana for membership.
We met you and “Buddy” at IVY. We remember server Dottie
Hymbaugh said that “Buddy” was so adorable.
We hope your many happy memories will help you get through this
most difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With
DEEPEST sympathy and Love,
Diana & Ed Johnson
Peoria, IL*



Edward Johnson - April 16, 2024 at 07:53 AM

DW

“ *Debbie, Drew and Mike Wisdom purchased the S
trength & Solace Spray for the family of Jack L.
Hippen.*



Debbie, Drew and Mike Wisdom - March 09, 2024 at 11:31 AM

TS

“ *Carlene and family, My sympathy to all of you on your loss. May the
grace of God sustain you at this difficult time and grant him
everlasting peace. Tom Schierer*

Thomas E Schierer - March 08, 2024 at 06:02 PM

JR

“ *Carlene and Buddy and family I am saddened to read of Jack's death. My memories of him and of all of you are filled with such pleasant times and working together. Heartfelt prayers. Joan Ruppman*

Joan Ruppman - March 06, 2024 at 09:21 PM