



Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards

June 17, 1943 - November 13, 2022

Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards, 79, died at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at his residence. He was born June 17, 1943 in Alton the son of the late Ivan Thomas "Tom" and Margaret L. (Critchler) Edwards. Jacob served in the United States Marine Corps for 3 years and retired after 33 years as an engineer for Norfolk and Southern Railroad.

On June 9, 1962 in Alton, he married Rebecca "Becky" Lynne Roettgers and she survives. Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Edwards of Wood River and Mark Edwards (Elaine) of Godfrey, and one daughter Kelly Weihe (Gary) of Newburgh, IN. He has seven grandchildren, Tasha Wolfe, Faith "Pud" Edwards, Stephen Edwards, Lucas Edwards, Zachary Edwards, Allison Weihe and Adam Weihe, six great grandchildren, Will, Sophie, and Abel Reynolds and Caiden, Landon and Jackson Edwards, two sisters, Beverly Dulin of Alton and Barbara Humphrey (Harry) of Alton. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Michelle Lynne Edwards and one brother, Melvin Edwards. Jake enjoyed coaching his boys' sports teams; he played basketball, softball, and golf. He developed many friendships on the golf course. After retirement, he delivered meals on wheels, drove a handicapped school bus for the William BeDel Achievement center, was a "corn cop" at the Godfrey Corn Maze and a golf ranger at Woodlands Golf Course, and Spencer T Olin Golf Course. Jake loved sports and competition. He insisted on attending every game/competition his grandkids were involved in and made sure Becky got him there after he could no longer drive. He loved telling

stories and jokes. After his Parkinson's diagnosis, he and Becky joined the Rock Steady Boxing program at SSP and he loved to attend and participate and make the other class members laugh. He was always quick to make a witty joke. We would like to extend a special thank you to his caregiver, Erica Towell and to all of the OSF Homecare staff and therapists who provided Jake with love and excellent care. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the First Christian Church in Alton. Jim Johnston will officiate. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, or OSF HealthCare Alton Home health. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
706 Washington Ave.
Alton, IL 62002

Memorial Service

NOV 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
706 Washington Ave.
Alton, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards.*



November 19, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Jeanette, Ken Jeff & Andy Weihe Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards.*



Jeanette, Ken Jeff & Andy Weihe Families - November 17, 2022 at 01:20 PM

 Terri Williams

“ *Becky, I am so very sad to hear about Jake's passing. i want you to know you & your family are in our prayers. Know that there are so many people out there thinking of you all in your time of need. May God's arms wrap around you and comfort you.*

*Sending our love,
Louis & Terri Williams*

Terri Williams - November 17, 2022 at 06:28 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards.*



November 17, 2022 at 12:07 AM



“ *Marilynn and I will remember Jake especially as a fellow Parkinsons Rock Steady Boxing member, and his many year battle with the disease. He always provided some levity to our sessions with his wife Becky at his side, encouraging him on, and showing all how a true caregiver can help. The RSB 12 mourning toll was played on his passing, at all our sessions, in remembrance of our friend Jake. We miss you Jake.*

Sincere regrets to his family, Don & Marilyn Joehl

donald joehl - November 16, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards.*



November 16, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy...* 🍷❤️



Jill Trudell - November 16, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Trebe Bradfisch - November 16, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Candy Moore lit a candle in memory of Jacob "Jake" Carlyle Edwards*



Candy Moore - November 15, 2022 at 07:55 PM

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“ *Becky, Jeff, Mark, Kelly, and Families,
We send our sympathies over the loss of
Jake. He fought long and hard through his
disease, but he always reached out his hand
to everyone he knew. May you endure your
grief with the support of family and friends. We have very fond
remembrances of good conversation when we were with Jake. May
he rest in peace and may you cherish the numerous positives he
brought to you and others. God blessings to your family.
Rita and John Markgraf
St. Charles, IL*



Rita and John Markgraf - November 15, 2022 at 04:09 PM