



Jack Axtens

September 15, 1936 - July 18, 2019

Jack Wesley Axtens went to meet his Lord and Savior in the early morning hours of July 18, 2019, at the age of 82. He was born September 15, 1936, in Big Spring, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Lee Axtens and Zelma Luella Stone Axtens; sisters, Mary Helen Axtens Smith, Minerva Nell Axtens Annen, Lyda May Axtens Sanborn; and brothers, George Harold Axtens, Lewis Lee Axtens, and Ollie Dveron Axtens.

He is survived by his three children, Kenneth Harold Bradford and his wife Sherri, Bryan Wesley Axtens and his wife Marga, Kathy Bradford Donohue and her husband Mike; seven grandchildren, Shane, Valerie, Collin, Tanner, Garrett, Trevor, and Morgan; and his four great-grandchildren, Ellis, Emmett, Landry, and Layken.

From 1955 to 1962, Jack served his country in the United States Navy where he was as an electrician. After the Navy, he moved back to West Texas where he worked in the oil fields and on oil derricks. Jack moved with his family to Jamaica where he worked for Kaiser Engineering, a bauxite company. He and his family then returned to the United States and moved to Mesquite, Texas. He opened his own HVAC business in Mesquite. He had a job opportunity offered to him at Aramco where he would travel back and forth from the United States to Saudi Arabia and work in the oil fields and on oil derricks in Saudi Arabia. He did that for many years. After deciding to remain in the United States on a full-time basis, he went on to work for various HVAC and refrigeration companies. He had both an electrician's license and an HVAC license. He worked hard and had a great work ethic.

Jack was knowledgeable in just about everything and could fix just about anything, often going out of his way to help others. He was a very kind and generous man who would give you the shirt off his back and spend any extra time he had helping others. He had great wisdom in just about everything, and others often looked to him for guidance.

Jack loved hunting and tinkering with cars. One of his favorite things to do was to go to the deer lease with all of his friends. He also loved being with his family and being around his grandkids and great-grandkids. He had a great love for his country. He always was there when you needed him, always with words of encouragement or great advice when asked for.

Jack was loved very much by his family and had many great friends who cared for him deeply. His smile, laugh, strength, presence, and kindness will be missed by all who knew him. His passing will leave a void to those he leaves behind, but we can rejoice in knowing that we will one day see him again in heaven with Our Heavenly Father. Jack was strong in his Christian beliefs, which showed through in all he did and the way he treated others and lived his life.

The family will receive friends at the Rest Haven Funeral Home, 2500 State Highway 66, Rockwall, Texas, on Tuesday morning, July 23rd at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for viewing after which a celebration of his life will take place at 10:00 a.m. He will be laid to rest at 12:30 p.m. at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association in the honor of Jack Axtens.

<https://www2.heart.org/>

<https://www.lung.org/>

Cemetery

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy.
Dallas, TX, 75211

Events

JUL **Gathering** 09:00AM - 10:00AM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home -
Rockwall Location

2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US,
75087

JUL **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home -
Rockwall Location

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - July 22, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ Our condolences to your family. Jack was my neighbor in Mesquite these last several years. He was a very kind, friendly man and it is a privilege to have known him. I will miss him.



Jonathan Bell - October 08, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to everyone for your loss.
Love you all!

Vicki Eakin

Vicki Eakin - July 20, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ I'm sorry I'm unavailable to attend the service for Jack tomorrow, I'm a fellow hunter of Jacks, you will be missed so much sir your wisdom and friendship is forever in my heart. We will hunt the great white-tailed deer together in heaven someday again. RIP buddy love you!

Kevin Riedel - July 22, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ Marga Rootlieb lit a candle in memory of Jack Axtens



Marga Rootlieb - July 19, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ Prayers, hugs and love to you all. The Carters - Billy (Hunky) & Kim

Billy & Kim Carter - July 19, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ Your dad was a great man. I have many fond memories of times spent together with all of our cousins. I know you will miss your dad. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Beth Paulk Grice

Beth Grice - July 18, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ Jack was a great man and one heck of a good friend.

Mike Wright - July 18, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ Condolences from the extended family in The Netherlands! Sadly some of us have never met Jack, but we certainly heard he was a sweet and loving person. Our thoughts are with you all.

Karim - July 18, 2019 at 06:35 PM