



Jack C. Williams

June 2, 1933 - June 4, 2024

Jack C Williams, a local high School teacher and coach from Giles High School and Christiansburg, entered fully into the presence of the Lord just two days after his 91st birthday on June 4, 2024.

Jack was a Christian, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, and a friend. Jack positively impacted many young lives in his years as a teacher and a coach. During his (40+) year tenure in various school districts around southwest Virginia, he introduced thousands of students to the practice of how to build structures and the proper use of tools. His passion was making connections and reaching students, showing them how to carve out a niche for themselves and their future.

Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, he went on to serve in the US Air Force and earned a teaching degree from the University of Alabama. Roll Tide! Jack taught for 15 years at Giles High School in Pearisburg, Virginia while raising a family of 5 children and coaching girls' and boys' basketball, football & tennis. He married the love of his life, Hazel, in 1981 and was instrumental in the lives of her 4 sons. Jack finished his teaching career coaching and mentoring at Christiansburg High and East Montgomery High School.

He was an avid sports fan and had a specific passion for Alabama football. He was a talented wood worker, and he took great pleasure in hand crafting crosses that touched many people throughout the world, as well as gifts for others. He loved to share the stories of his life, engaging others in laughter

and tears. He truly was a “Jack of all trades” and could do almost anything. He had a tender heart. He loved to listen to music. He loved well and was well loved. He will be missed by many.

An outstanding coach, teacher, and mentor, he is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Blacksburg, Va; his sister, Ann Boyd (Ralph) Newman of Pinehurst, NC; daughter, Debbi (Reese) Evans of Spot, NC; daughter Jacki (Mike) Mitchell of Blacksburg, Va; daughter, Theresa (Gerry) Scarborough of Spot, NC; daughter, Cindy (Kenny) McGuire of White Gate, Va; stepson Tim (Karen) Ligon of Blacksburg, VA; stepson Jeff (Carrie) Ligon of Blacksburg, VA; stepson Scott (Mary) Ligon of York, PA; and stepson Todd (Klarissa) Ligon of Venice, FL; as well as 17 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his two sons, Mark Steven and William Pasco; mother Ruth Elizabeth; father Oaka Hare; brother Oaka (Sonny) and two sisters Barbara Kennett and Betty Jeanne Moore.

A celebration of Jack’s life for family and friends will be held on August 10, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the Gateway Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your charity of choice in Jack’s name.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gateway Baptist Church
2196 Harding Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

AP

“ *The world has lost a great man. Jack was of the best men that I have ever known. I was blessed to have had as a dear friend.*

Anyone that goes in the Christiansburg Recreation Center and to Kiwanis Park will see Jack's handprints.

I regret that I cannot be there August 10. I would be if I was not traveling.

Roll Tide !!!

Art Price

Art Price - August 05, 2024 at 01:38 PM

RK

“ *Hearing of the passing of Jack Williams saddens me tremendously but also brings back many great memories of the time we spent together coaching at Giles High School. Jack was a veteran coach at Giles High School when I got hired in 1978. He was very much a positive influence on me as a person and was a true mentor in my coaching career. I will always be grateful for the friendship he showed me and the time and assistance he was so willing to give a young aspiring coach. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Rusty Kelley

Rusty Kelley - June 12, 2024 at 06:34 PM

JM

Thank you so much Rusty, your sentiments are appreciated.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DE

Thanks Rusty he did care too.

Debbi (Williams) Evans - July 01, 2024 at 09:51 PM

CC

“ *Debbi, Jacki, Theresa and Cindy....So sorry to hear about Jack's passing. I have many fond memories of him during my high school years, football coach, Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor and working for him at the Pearisburg Town Park to name a few....Curtis Caldwell, Giles High Class of 71*

Curtis Caldwell - June 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JM

So nice to hear from you Curtis, your kind words are appreciated.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:22 PM

DE

Curtis I thank you for reaching out. I remember you being side by side for many of my growing up years.

Debbi Evans - June 30, 2024 at 08:10 PM

SH

“ *Embracing Mary and all of Jack's family with love and hugs during this transition. Mary has shared wonderful memories of Jack, and I feel like in some way I knew him. How wonderful to have one of his crosses, too! SharonG*

SharonG - June 10, 2024 at 08:46 AM

PC

“ I am so sad to hear of Jack’s passing. He was a friend to Curtis and me and our children when we moved to Giles County. And we enjoyed working with him in the school system. My condolences and prayers go out to the family. 🙏

Patsy Coulson - June 09, 2024 at 06:49 PM

JM

Thank you for your condolences, we are so appreciative.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:23 PM

KB

“ I had Mr. Williams for Study Hall in Christiansburg. He was always willing to help. I enjoyed his stories too. He never seemed to forget me. When my family and I would be out to eat and see Mr. And Mrs. Williams he would always say hello. Comforting prayers for your family.



Kathy Poff Banks - June 09, 2024 at 12:13 AM

JM

So nice to hear good stories of our dad. Thank you.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:24 PM

LL

“ Hazel and family, Debby and I are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jack was one of the finest men I have ever known, and it was an honor to have had him for a friend.

Larry Lawrence - June 08, 2024 at 11:10 AM

KH

“ Jack was one of the most important people in my children's high school years, mentoring them, coaching them in tennis, and teaching them how to be good people and to do what was right. We loved Jack so much and respected him, appreciated him, and enjoyed him. What a godly and good man, and what a privilege to have counted Jack as our friend.

Kathy Habeeb - June 08, 2024 at 08:12 AM

JM

Thank you for your kind words.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:25 PM

GN

“ Roll Tide!



Gary Oaka Williams, nephew - June 08, 2024 at 12:31 AM

JM

We love you too Gary. Thank you for sharing this awesome photo.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:26 PM

TW

“ Hazel and family my thoughts and prayers are with the family. I know he will be missed by all, I know how he loved his family and how they loved him.

Terri Waldron - June 07, 2024 at 07:43 PM

KM

“ A man of God in the truest sense: always giving, always loving always teaching. The Mulheren family met Jack when our ‘53 Chevy was broken down on the side of the road. Dad was at a loss about what was wrong. A “stranger” who we came to love as Uncle Jack stopped and asked what was wrong. Dad threw up his hands. Uncle Jack popped off the air cleaner, gave a sniff and said “float’s stuck”. He opened up the carb, loosened the float and we were on our way! Not long afterwards, he worked summers with Dad keeping the Pearisburg town park and pool running. He was so beloved by all the kids in the park and his tennis students that everyone called him “Uncle Jack”, as did the Giles athletes that he co-mentored in The Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Years later, he shared his love of woodworking, Eric Sloane and the Appalachian Trail with me. To this day I think of him every time I enter my woodworking shop and pull up to the workbench he helped me build almost 50 years ago.

My heart is breaking for Hazel, the Williams girls, their families and all of the folks that Uncle Jack touched.

Rest in peace, good and faithful servant!

-Kelly Mulheren

Kelly Mulheren - June 07, 2024 at 06:21 PM

JM

Kelly, your kind sentiment means the world to us.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:28 PM

TL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Todd Ligon - June 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

JM

This is such a great clip, so happy you shared it with us.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:29 PM

KL

“ Karen Link lit a candle in memory of Jack C. Williams



Karen Link - June 07, 2024 at 05:16 PM

KL

“ *My sincerest condolences to Hazel and the Williams family. I was privileged to meet Jack many years ago when I worked with Hazel at Poly-Scientific (now Moog) in Blacksburg. I remember the love they had for each other!! Jack made me a gorgeous cabinet when I got married in '84. It was absolutely gorgeous and perfectly crafted. I still have it 40 years later and consider it a treasured item in my home. I know this is a difficult time for Jack's family, but he has met Jesus and received the eternal gift of Heaven!! I know Jack's earthly presence will be greatly missed, but we are better people because we were blessed to know him. He was one of the "good" guys.*

Karen Link - June 07, 2024 at 05:15 PM



“ *"Uncle Jack", you touched the lives of sooo many people, and instilled a love of sports, woodworking and hiking in countless young folks. You meant so much to my family, and we loved you dearly. You were one of the greats, and we'll miss you! Much love and many hugs to the family!*

- Pat Mulheren

Patrick Mulheren - June 07, 2024 at 04:03 PM

JM

Pat, your kind words mean so much to us, Thank you so much.

Jacki (Williams) Mitchell - June 20, 2024 at 12:32 PM

TS

“ *We will miss you daddy. Always remember* ❤️

Theresa Scarborough - June 07, 2024 at 03:39 PM