



Jack D. Ferrell

September 17, 1933 - October 25, 2024

Jack D. Ferrell of Eatonton/Lake Oconee, Ga passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on October 25, 2024. He was 91 years old. Jack was deeply grateful for the big beautiful life the Lord provided him.

Growing up in Durham, NC, he spent his childhood days freely roaming the hills of his family farm, learning to trap rabbits, shoot squirrels and prime tobacco to earn money, becoming quite the entrepreneur by the time he was 10. Jack would eventually use his earnings to purchase his first baseball glove and bat and go on to become an exceptional three sport athlete at Oak Grove High School before graduating in 1951 and being selected as Durham County's Best Athlete. That same year he married his high school sweetheart, Lou Jean Warren, who predeceased him after 62 years of marriage in 2013. She remained the love of his life until his very last breath and was enthusiastically anticipating their reunion in Heaven. He is praising Jesus with her there today.

Jack, with Lou's unwavering support, continued his entrepreneurial aspirations throughout his life, buying his first commercial HVAC business after relocating to Atlanta in 1960. He loved to point out all the buildings he worked on in the Atlanta area. Some of his most memorable accomplishments were his design of the red V-shaped duct work at the downtown Varsity that's still there today, and his installation of the HVAC in Atlanta's very first McDonalds as well as many of the first Chic Fil A stores. He retired in 1997.

Jack's most prized accomplishment was the beautiful family life he built with

Lou. Together they raised three daughters whom he loved and cared for from the age of 18 until his death.

Jack was always the biggest personality in the room and could spin a tale as humorous and engaging as any of his Irish ancestors. He was the light to whom everyone was drawn and those precious memories of him will continue to provide laughter and help fill the void for those left behind.

Jack loved the Lord and was a model of leadership, provision, security and generosity as he served his friends and family as well as strangers through difficult times. He was a rock.

Jack was a member of First Baptist Church of Eatonton, the Cornerstone class, since 1997. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lou Warren Ferrell, his parents, Melville M. and Vera Mozelle Ferrell and siblings, Jesse, Clarene, Roselyn, James L. Ferrell and Billie Ferrell Wilson. He is survived by his daughters: Toni Triplett and husband Joe of Eatonton; Julie Tingle and husband Steve of Panama City Beach, FL; Kelly McLane and husband Keith of Flowery Branch, GA. Grandchildren: Stephen Triplett and wife Leighann; Kyle Triplett; Sean Reach, Benjamin Tingle, Meghan Tingle and husband Mitch; Cailin Tingle, great grandchildren Hudson and Claire Triplett, and many nieces and nephews. Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to Eatonton First Baptist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eatonton First Baptist Church
Eatonton, GA 31024

Funeral Service

NOV 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton created a Webcast in memory of Jack D. Ferrell*



Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton - November 03, 2024 at 03:04 PM

TV

“ *Uncle Jack was my mother’s “Little brother”. That was the only little thing about Uncle Jack! He had a BIG heart and a Big personality. A very quick sense of humor that kept us all entertained. All of my growing up years Uncle Jack’s and Aunt Lou’s home was open to me. With fun memories. In the last few years, Uncle Jack would cook a yummy casserole and bring it for lunch as he visited my sister and brother-in-law and I was blessed to be included. Love you Uncle Jack! What a glorious time of rejoicing there is in Heaven as you are now reunited with Aunt Lou, my mom, my Dad, Jimmy, Gertie and Grandma Vera.*

Terri Wilson Voorheis - October 29, 2024 at 07:15 PM

TC

“ I was blessed to meet Jack while he was visiting his daughter Kelly and son in law Keith Mclane, he was always playing chicken foot or some kind of board game, he was always engulfed in his family in one way or another! He will be missed by all that had the honor and privilege too know him, but he is back with his wife and now in the presence of Glory! Jack love and blessings to your family here, that will see you again another day! Terry Chastain

Terry B Chastain - October 29, 2024 at 03:31 PM

SC

“ Granddaddy Jack was an amazing man. I was lucky to have known him for a short while but he was such a delight. He loved puzzles and would stay up all night playing dice if we would let him. I know he is in heaven having the best homecoming party. Prayers for the family! Love, Stacey L. Corbitt

Stacey Corbitt - October 28, 2024 at 08:07 PM

FS

“ I met jack through joe and Toni. He was a most principled man with exceptional wit. He and Joe were similar with that positive attribute. Babs and I are thankful to have known Jack Ferrell. HEAVEN has added another worthy, saintly man.

May God give the entire family comfort in their loss.

*Fred and babs summers
Highlands, nc*

Frederick summers - October 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

BV

“ We were life long friends, even before we started the first grade of school, along with our wonderful mates, Lou and Cecil. Rest easy, my friend.

Bobbie Vaughan - October 28, 2024 at 10:57 AM

DT

“ Denise Templeton lit a candle in memory of Jack Ferrell



Denise Templeton - October 27, 2024 at 04:07 PM

DT

“ Mr. Jack Ferrell played an important part in my growing up. I remember great and fun times at their home on River Rd. He and Mrs. Lou Ferrell were like second parents to me. Toni was my best friend in my grammar and high school years - and remains a strong port for me. I spent a lot of time at their house on River Rd. They were always welcoming and accepting- even during some very confusing years. Jack's frequent smile is what I remember most. Toni, Julie, and Kelly remain in my prayers. But we know this is not the end.
Much love,
Denise Watson Templeton

Denise Templeton - October 27, 2024 at 04:06 PM