



Jack LeRoy Tueller

January 28, 1921 - August 15, 2016

One of the Greats of that Greatest Generation has flown into history. Jack LeRoy Tueller, Col. USAF Ret., died August 15, 2016 in Bountiful, Utah.

Jack was born January 28, 1921 to Percival and Augusta Snow Tueller in Evanston, WY. Orphaned at age six, he was raised by an aunt and uncle. As a little boy he was introduced to two great loves that would shape his life: playing the trumpet and airplanes. Encouraged by his aunt, Jack excelled in music. In high school he received first place in the brass instrument competition for the state of Wyoming. He attended Brigham Young University 1938-1940 seeking a degree in music and was a soloist for the Cougar Concert Band. Jack played a trumpet solo for the first coast-to-coast radio broadcast by BYU. However, the biggest highlight of his band participation was when he met another trumpet player, his future sweetheart, Marjorie Rogers. They courted while Jack played in dance bands throughout the area, and continued to nurture his passion for airplanes. In 1941, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, graduating from flight school at Luke Field, Arizona. Jack and Marjorie were married in the Mesa Arizona LDS temple on March 17, 1942.

As WWII began, Jack was assigned as a flight instructor. In 1943 he entered combat as a fighter pilot, flying the P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang in more than 100 missions over Europe, including the D-Day invasion and other key battles. He was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and seventeen other air medals. Jack made the USAF his career and advanced to the rank of colonel. He served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He flew in 28 different fighter and bomber aircraft and had over 7000 flying hours to his credit. Jack served in the Strategic Air Command as well as the Missiles and Space Command at the Pentagon. He was commander of the 2705th Air Munitions Wing at Hill Air Force Base during the Viet Nam war. This unit received the Presidential Citation for outstanding performance. Twice, Jack received the Legion of Merit, the nation's highest peacetime award.

His military career meant moving and adventure for the family. They lived in Florida, Arizona, London, Nebraska, California, Virginia, and Utah. Despite many moves, Jack was determined to complete his education, attending night school at various universities for several years. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in aeronautical engineering. After retiring from the USAF in 1964, Jack became vice-president of two

engineering firms. He retired at age 78.

A member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Jack served faithfully in numerous church callings throughout his life, but especially in youth programs. Many of the youth he served, now as older adults, recall the significant influence he made in their lives, many of which were life changing. Some still recall his taking them up in his airplane when they met their individual goals. Jack and Marjorie served as church service missionaries for fifteen years. He cared for Marjorie for many years, as her health declined due to Alzheimer's. After 69 years of marriage, she passed away in 2011.

Throughout his life, Jack continued to play his trumpet. In his later years, he found great joy in making music and sharing the lessons he had learned in life with others. He inspired individuals and groups, playing at weddings, funerals, scout events, care centers, youth conferences, school groups, and large and small events. He cheered up neighbors and those who were lonely. He would often practice his trumpet in the canyon near his home. Many hikers and joggers have enjoyed being serenaded by "Colonel Jack". He has been featured on local and national news, TV documentaries, National Public Radio, CNN, and Music and the Spoken Word with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. His life stories have been incorporated into school curriculum materials. His children and grandchildren consider him their hero.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, parents, four brothers, and one granddaughter. He is survived by his six children: Rosanne (Norman) Nielsen, Carolyn Markwith, Sharman Tueller, Janine Tueller Mickelson, Shayne (Pam) Tueller, and Stephen (Camille) Tueller, twenty-six beloved grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 20, 12:00 noon at the Canyon Park Ward, 1190 E. Bountiful Hills Drive, Bountiful, UT. Visitations will be held at the church the evening before, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and 10:00-11:30 a.m. prior to the funeral.

Online condolences can be sent to <http://www.serenityfhs.com>

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the LDS Church General Missionary Fund.

Cemetery

Morgan Cemetery South

355 S. State Street

Morgan, UT,

Events

AUG **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Canyon Park LDS Ward

1190 E. Bountiful Hills Dr, Bountiful, UT, US

AUG **Viewing #2** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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AUG **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:15PM

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Comments



“ Dear Sharman,
This is Miss Marie from Summerset Pre School. I was sorry to hear about your father. I didn't ever know that your mother had died previously. I don't have your current address or phone number. I think of you and wonder how you and the boys are doing. Please give me a call 801-292-4060, the same number as when we worked together.
We send you hugs and sympathy, and please know that we are thinking of you.
Marie Burke

Marie Burke - August 26, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ We've had the pleasure to meet Colonel Jack Tueller at several family occasions, and its a privilege to be related this amazing man. Our favorite memory of Jack was at the South Morgan Cemetery where we had gathered on Memorial Day some years ago to place flowers at family graves. Suddenly the clear sounds of "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" floated to our ears. To our amazement and delight, there was Colonel Jack sitting on the back of his car playing his beloved trumpet and letting the sounds of his mellow music fill the air. Proud member of The Greatest Generation, you will be missed, sir! Blue skies, till we will meet again, Colonel Jack. -- Francis and Leena Rogers, Provo, Utah



Leena Rogers - August 25, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ Maite Palma lit a candle in memory of Jack LeRoy Tueller



Maite Palma - August 23, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ What a wonderful talented man!

Several years ago, my brother and his wife surprised my elderly parents with their own personal "concert" to hear Col. Jack. They didn't have to go far because he performed right in their driveway. Being a WWII vet himself, my dad and Jack enjoyed exchanging stories in between songs.

The music he played that day was absolutely beautiful and from an era of time that brought us all to tears.

My parents passed away in February of 2015 and our desire was to have Jack play at my dad's services. We were unable to secure this due to time restraintsmaybe he can now play his beautiful music for them as well as many people who have passed. May he rest in peace.

Kathy Holt - August 19, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ My daughter and I had the honor of meeting Col. Jack at the Corner Bakery in Bountiful when she was 3 yrs old - he caught her eye and they had the most lovely exchange. We sent him a picture she colored, and he kindly dropped a lovely gift by our home. We got to see him a couple of times and it always was a joy. We are thankful for him, his service, and his friendship. Thoughts and prayers are with your sweet family -- what a remarkable hero who, from what I can tell, proved courage, intelligence, and kindness can take the world by storm and make it a better place.

Melissa Dimond - August 18, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ To the family of Jack Tueller;

I was fortunate to be with Jack on his Honor Flight to Washington DC as a member of the Utah Honor Flight team. I listened to him play his trumpet at the "Heroes Banquet", he touched everyone in the audience that night, and looked so incredible in his uniform. He was and is one of America's Heroes.... His stories will never be forgotten and his courage will live on forever.

RIP Colonel Jack
Rhonda Withers
Utah Honor Flight

Rhonda Withers - August 18, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Jack Tueller



Serenity Funeral Home - August 17, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ My life was forever changed the day I met Col. Jack Tueller. He was one of the coolest men I ever met! I asked him if he would speak at the annual Hill family flag raising ceremony on the 4th of July a few years back. 250 people showed up at 0700 hrs that morning and he not only spoke to the folks in my neighborhood, but he also played his trumpet. It was a hot day and he did it all in full dress uniform! I love Jack Tueller, my wife loves Col. Tueller and our kids loves brother Tueller and we will continue to love him forever! His influence for good was one of the greatest legacies he could have left us with! Right now, as tears drip onto this computer keyboard, I pledge to be a better man, a better father, a better husband and a better citizen until that great day when I can see him again! I thank God that I was among the fortunate ones who knew this great and amazing man! Godspeed brother Tueller! From your forever brother!

Thomas N. Hill - August 19, 2016 at 03:16 PM