



Jack Austen Mleynek

February 27, 1937 - December 6, 2013

Jack A. Mleynek

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Jack Austen Mleynek, of Sandy, Utah, passed away December 6, 2013 due to complications from cancer. He was born February 27, 1937 in Omaha, Nebraska to Fred J. and Ella Mleynek. Jack attended North High School in Omaha and earned a BA at the University of Colorado. He was active in scouting throughout his high school years, working on the staff at the council scout camp during the summer months. In college he worked for the forest service as a smoke-jumper and as a water front director at a camp in the Canadian San Juan Islands. After graduation he served for four and a half years as a Marine attack pilot, including service on the U.S.S. Enterprise during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Upon discharge in Japan, Jack and two squadron mates made their way south through the Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia to Australia and New Zealand where Jack spent several months mountain climbing. He then drove a 90cc Honda motorcycle across Australia and from Sri Lanka to London. In 1966, he became a commercial airline pilot and flew for thirty years with Western and Delta Airlines. After retiring, he built and flew an F-1 Rocket experimental aircraft. Jack belonged to the American

Literacy Council, an organization that works to create more logical spelling patterns. He is survived by his wife and true love, Elizabeth (Betsy), their daughter Tara (Darren Gonzol), by his son Lance Mleynek (Jennifer Sullivan) and daughter Natasha Mleynek (Andy Boucher) from his first marriage, and by his brother Loren and sister Nancy (Norbert) Hildebrandt. His passion for life, sense of humor and unconditional love will live on forever in our lives, and he will be greatly missed. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a contribution to The Boy Scouts of America or to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Austen Mleynek*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *the twinkle in his eye, the hop in his step, the calm character..lesser in th land of th living*

joe little - June 10, 2014 at 10:01 AM



“ *Betsy, I was at your and Jack's wedding-even caught your bouquet. I was sorry to read of Jack's death. I hope that the life you shared and all the memories you made together will sustain you in the days to come. Kathy (Shaver) Stoltzfus*

kathryn stoltzfus - December 21, 2013 at 10:22 PM



“ *It is difficult to comprehend such a loss. As Jack's cousin I remember him since I was a small child as being a person with a twinkle in his eye, a smile for everyone, and often up to a bit of mischief, none of which changed with him. He was a wonderfully supportive member of the Mleynek family and particularly so when I lost my father, his uncle, and he came to be with us. That was an incredible gift and a natural part of his giving nature. He will be deeply missed while at the same time being with us always. Much love and sympathy to Betsy and Tara and all those who hold Jack dear.*

Deanna (Mleynek)Buhr and family

Deanna Buhr - December 20, 2013 at 01:00 PM

MM

“ Betsy, we are very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was always so friendly as we passed by while admiring your beautiful yard. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to you and your family at this difficult time

Sincerely, your neighbors, Mike and Marian Mallory

Mike & Marian Mallory - December 11, 2013 at 03:44 PM

JB

“ Jack and Betsy and Tara have been a big part of our lives for over 20 years. Jack was a wonderful man, friend, husband and father. He will be greatly missed by everyone. My fondest and last memory of Jack is at Tara and Darren's wedding in August. He was so proud of his little girl and he really enjoyed himself. Our love to Betsy and Tara.

Joan Block and family

Joan Block - December 10, 2013 at 08:45 PM

LB

“ A most amazing person -I feel honored to have met him at Tara and Darren's wedding.

sympathy and loving wishes to the whole family, for they have lost a great one.

- Lise Sorensen

Lise Sorensen Brunhart - December 10, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jack Austen Mleynek.*



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