



Donald "Jack" Callaway

February 14, 1938 - March 27, 2015

Donald "Jack" Callaway, age 77, went to be with the Lord after a brief battle with cancer. He died peacefully on March 27th at home surrounded by his family. Jack had a zest for life and a great love for his family and many friends. He was born in Raton, New Mexico on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1938, along with his twin sister, Gail, to the parents of Joe and Thelma Callaway. Jack grew up in Raton and graduated from Raton High School in 1956. After graduating high school, Jack joined the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for 26 years, retiring in his home state at Kirtland Air Force Base in 1982. Jack spent the next 17 years working at the Defense Nuclear Agency. Upon retiring, Jack spent his time with his wife, children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Near the end, Jack described himself as a very lucky man who was proud of his family, and he greatly appreciated being surrounded by his family and many friends. Jack maintained lifelong friendships with his high school classmates, colleagues and friends from all walks of life. Jack was preceded in death by his first wife, Eleanor Mora Callaway, to whom he was married from 1961-1974; his twin sister, Gail; his brother, Bill; and his parents. Jack is survived by his wife Jackie; his son Errol, his son Michael and wife Sue; his daughter Jacqueline Martinez and husband Collin, his daughter Becky Mendez and husband Joe, his daughter Brenda Armijo and husband John, and his daughter Pam Fanelli. Services will be held at French Funerals-Cremations at 7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE in Albuquerque. Viewing will be Tuesday, March 31, from 5:00-7:00 pm,

and memorial service will be on Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 pm followed by a reception at his home. Burial will be at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on April 2, 2015 at 11:00 am with full military honors

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)
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Memorial Service

APR **1**. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

CE

“ I will sorely miss Jack's big smile. He was certainly proud of his family! I worked with Jack at the Defense Nuclear Agency from 1987 until I changed jobs in 2001. Kept in touch at the DNA retiree's luncheons each month after I retired from Civil Service. He was such a sweetheart...the Valentine 'baby'.....cannot believe he went so fast after his diagnosis. Heaven is surely graced by his presence.
Charlenea Ellis & husband, Gary



Charlenea Ellis - March 29, 2015 at 06:27 PM

HB

“ Jack my friend, and you were my best friend. I will always cherish the memories that we shared together. The sports programs will not be the same without us watching the games and while talking together on the telephone. I don't know who was ahead in our cups of coffee bets on the games. Even though we grew up miles apart, we shared similar life styles & experiences. I enjoyed your telling me of your many life's experiences. It is still amazing that in our adult lives we were physically so close together during our trips to the Nevada Test Site. I still recall our first face to face meeting at the Raton class of 1956 reunion. That was 30 years ago and our friendship has grown continuously. Thanks my friend for sharing your life with me. God bless you. I am still your bro, Homer Blankenship

Homer Blankenship - March 29, 2015 at 03:11 PM

RS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Rick Stewart - March 29, 2015 at 03:09 PM

GY

I will truly miss Jack. He was a friend and a classmate. He truly loved attending class reunions and his interest in classmate success stories was his joy. I first met Jack when I started my freshman year at Raton high. His dad was the conductor on the coal train that came to the coal camp of Koehler, NM where I grew up. Mr Calloway always bought us kids soda pop at the company store and when I met Jack and told him about his dad we had an immediate friendship. Jack was a great tennis player and boy could he play a trumpet...1st trumpet for Raton High School band. I am truly sorry I will be unable to attend his funeral service. Please accept my most sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

George "judo" Yaksich

george yaksich - March 29, 2015 at 04:34 PM

ES

I will miss my uncle Jack. He was a wonderful man and loved his family. He was my dad's "little" brother and he was 16 when I was born and used to tell me stories about that time. He always was so warm and loving to me and my family and was there in my time of grief with my dad's passing. Rest in Peace and enjoy your reunion with our family in heaven.

Elaine Stone - March 29, 2015 at 06:49 PM

AC

My condolences to the Callaway family. Jack was a classmate at Raton High. His talents were many; but the one that impressed me to this day was his trumpet playing. When I heard him and Johny Maes (if memory serves me right) play "Bugler's Holiday" the trumpet became one of my favorite instruments to listen too. I regret not attending his memorial service as we were on an extended trip to several countries in South America. Our prayers are with his loved ones and hope your sorrow is lessened by our sharing in your loss.

With deepest sympathies, Al Castillo, Santa Fe, NM

Al Castillo - April 24, 2015 at 07:24 PM