



Jackie Dale Willyard

August 5, 1939 - April 12, 2018

Jackie Dale Willyard, age 78 years, a resident of Goreville, passed away Thursday morning, April 12, 2018, at 6:10 AM at Hillview Healthcare Center in Vienna. Jackie was a former longtime resident of Joliet, Illinois.

Jackie was born August 5, 1939 in Buncombe, Illinois. He was the son of Ralph Jackson Willyard and Bessie Jane (White) Willyard.

Jackie is survived by: his children – Jacqueline Ann (Dana) Willyard-Wright of Aurora, Colorado and Michael John (Teresa) Willyard of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; 4 grandchildren – Chloe Ann Wright, Lisa Renee (Alex) Willyard, Brooke Marie Willyard, and Kate Elise Willyard; and 2 great grandchildren – Zandeleigh Mae Willyard and Beauregard John Willyard.

In addition to his parents, Jackie was preceded in death by a half brother – Roy Lee Perry.

Jackie was a U.S. Navy veteran. He served from 1956 until his honorable discharge in 1960.

Jackie was employed as an officer at the Stateville Correctional Center. Later, he worked as a machinist for 30 years at Caterpillar, Inc. in Joliet. At the time of his retirement, Jackie had advanced to the position of final inspector. Jackie

was a 35 year member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Jackie was a member of the Catholic faith. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

A graveside service honoring the life of Jackie Dale Willyard will be conducted Thursday morning, April 19, 2018, at 11 AM at Busby Chapel Cemetery south of Goreville. Military graveside rites will be accorded.

The rosary will be prayed Wednesday afternoon, April 18, 2018, at 4 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Visitation will begin at 4:30 PM immediately following the prayer service and continue until 6 PM.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church, 2020 State Route 146 East, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Busby Chapel Cemetery

IL Route 37 South
Goreville, IL

Previous Events

Prayer Service

APR 18. 4:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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Graveside Service

APR **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Busby Chapel Cemetery
IL Route 37 South
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Tribute Wall




“ Jackie Dale Willyard

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Remembering Jackie from Buncombe where we grew up together at Buncombe Grade School. I am impressed with all the great memories of him shared by his family. Kathy Mckenzie Harper

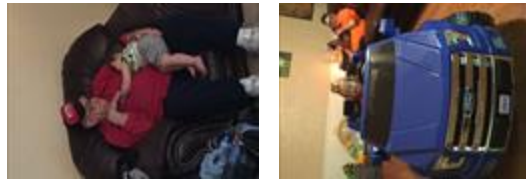
Kathy McKenzie Harper - April 18, 2018 at 04:43 PM

 Lisa
Willyard

“ Jack was a great grandpa. Whenever we would visit he would let us grandkids take all of the coins and quarters that he had collected so that we could buy toys. He told us a lot of stories and was always telling us about hunting and fishing. He loved my dad deeply. They always had this hidden language where they would poke fun at one another but you could always tell that my grandpa was proud of my dad.

My grandpa loved his great grandkids too. When my oldest daughter (Zandy) was ready to change from a crib to a bed he bought one for her. He sent Christmas gifts and spoiled her rotten. When my son (Beau) was born he was over the moon. This is the first grandson to tote the Willyard name along. Beau shares my dad's middle name (John) because I look up to my dad every day. Grandpa Jack was so excited that my dad had a grandson to spoil. He has also gotten them a swing set, batterie powered cars, and other outdoor toys. He wanted to get them bikes when they were bigger.

Grandpa Jack was a good man and we will all miss him.



Lisa Willyard - April 18, 2018 at 08:38 AM

DW

“ Jack loved to come to Colorado and visit us! We would go to Estes Park and drive through Rocky Mountain National Park. He would always joke with me and my family about being Republicans. (In a loving manor, of course)!

Dana Wright - April 17, 2018 at 05:45 PM

MM

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Dave Keller, Kim Wright, Mr. & Mrs. David Wright and Adrian, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Wright and Zion, Mr. & Mrs. John Keller and family, Mr. & Mrs. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jackie Dale Willyard.*



Mr. & Mrs. Dave Keller, Kim Wright, Mr. & Mrs. David Wright and Adrian, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Wright and Zion, Mr. & Mrs. John Keller and family, Mr. & Mrs. - April 17, 2018 at 09:30 AM

MW

“ My fathers measure of success was retiring from his job at Caterpillar after 35 years of service. He was content on breaking even while reflecting on growing up poor as a child in Southern IL. My father was most comfortable quietly living at his home in Goreville. He would expect me and the rest of his family to not create a fuss about his passing. I need to say that he was a good role model for his family. He was very giving and would often extend his hand without being asked for help. Buying toys, electronic scooters, swings, and doll houses for his great grandkids was exciting for him. Yes, my father was a devoted Democrat and was quick to called the nurses “Donald Trump” when he didn’t get what he wanted at the hospital. However, I believe he was a Republican and didn’t realize it. Either way he would love to let everyone know his political position. I have a lot of great memories doing stuff with my father. I really loved to deer hunt and fish some of the same ponds and lakes he did growing up as a kid. In recent years I would come to his home and take him on car rides, he would reflect on times he was a kid and I would ask him question on family I was never able to meet. He would get excited to see deer in the distance and enjoyed the beautiful country that he grew up in. I need to mention his military service. My father was proud of his service and being able to stand tall that he served his country. Finally, my father fought the good fight to the end. He will be missed by many and my guess he is already picking a politely fight with someone in the afterlife.

Mike Willyard - April 16, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie Dale Willyard.



April 16, 2018 at 07:27 PM

JA

“ My father was surely a country boy and always reminded me I was half hillbilly. He liked fried bologna , Kentucky fried chicken, and Bob Evans resturaunt. He was a very hard worher. He used to take me to Mister doughnuts when I was little and we would get cherry cake doughnuts and bear claws. He liked to stir things up by talking about politics. He loved the beauty of nature. He served in the navy . He taught us to work hard . One proud memory I have is when he coached my brothers baseball team “The Dodgers” and against competitive parents wishes he let all the children play regardlesd of skill, I’m thankful I was able to tell him multiply times in his final days that I loved him. God loves you dad.

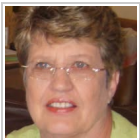
Jacqueline - April 16, 2018 at 07:14 AM

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“ Betty Bellamy lit a candle in memory of Jackie Dale Willyard



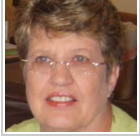
Betty Bellamy - April 14, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Jackie Dale Willyard



Elaine Rotan - April 13, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ Remembering the good old days of Buncombe Grade School. When I think of mischievous Jack, I think of garter snakes and grape vines.

Elaine Rotan - April 13, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Ronald L McBride lit a candle in memory of Jackie Dale Willyard



Ronald L McBride - April 13, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ Micki Snelling lit a candle in memory of Jackie Dale Willyard



Micki Snelling - April 12, 2018 at 02:50 PM