



Jack C Turner

February 24, 1936 - August 25, 2019

Jack C. Turner, age of 83, died on August 25, 2019 surrounded by his family and holding the hand of his best friend and wife at his daughter's home in Ephrata, Washington. Jack was born on February 24, 1936 in Vancouver, Washington to Dan and Gladys Turner. He graduated from Bothell High School in 1954. He joined the Air Force in February 1955 and eventually was stationed in Stephenville, Newfoundland where he met the love of his life, Edie. They were married on July 18, 1959. In 1965, Jack and Edie bought a small gas station/grocery store starting with \$68 in the till. D&J's grew to be a very successful business which they sold in 1985. They raised four daughters in Startup and in 1979, a foster son joined the mix of all these women to help Jack keep some sanity. Over his lifetime, Jack was a Sultan school board member, active in the Lion's Club and Knights of Columbus, drove countless buses to sporting events and volunteered at hundreds of church and school events.

Jack was a "Jack" of all trades with an entrepreneurial mind. He was always dreaming up new ideas and challenges and if Edie approved he would jump right in. Over the years, Jack's endeavors included being an Air Force policeman, construction worker, a business owner, insurance salesman, paraprofessional, school bus driver, and custodian. He was proud of his work ethic and anyone who worked with Jack knew he was a man of loyalty and integrity.

Jack had a passion for car racing and motorcycles. One of the highlights of his

life was being in the pit crew for Fronsman Zema Motorsports traveling all over the northwest. At the age of 80, Jack checked off one of his “bucket list” items as he sat in the stand watching the Daytona 500. Jack always had a twinkle in his eye and a great smile, he would give his opinion but never dismissed you for your choice and always loved for who you were.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, Dan, and his mother, Gladys, and his grandson, Jeremy Firestone. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 60 years, Edie, and his four daughters Deb Firestone, Linda Parisi (Dave), Chris Romm (Rich) and Jackie Roduner, and son, Greg Beckel (Becky), step-father, Clarence Yarnell, his brother, Bill Turner (Pat) and step brothers Denny Yarnell (Theresa) and Ron Yarnell. His 13 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Jack will also be deeply missed by the “guys at coffee”. He shared a daily cup of coffee and together they discussed and solved the world problems for the past 18 years.

A Rosary will be held on September 12 at 7:00 PM at St. Rose Catholic Church in Ephrata, Washington. Funeral services will be September 13 at 11:00 AM at St. Rose Catholic Church with a burial to follow at the Ephrata Cemetery. A reception will be held following the services at St. Rose Catholic School. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to “Fixing What Drove Jack Crazy Fund” at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, 420 Nat Washington Way, Ephrata, WA 98823.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata, Washington.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata Catholic Cemetery

333 E St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **12**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima
323 D St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Jack and Edie are like my second set of parents. They took good care of me always and practically let me live at their house! I also worked for Jack and Edie, and enjoyed being part of D&J's. We scooped a lot of ice cream and we made a lot of fried Chicken. Jack loved us all, and we knew it. He will be missed dearly. My heart goes out to Edie, Deb, Linda, Chris and Jackie. From the bottom of my heart, Jen

Jennifer Walker - October 04, 2019 at 11:46 AM

PR

“ Jack's smile was a huge part of my childhood as we visited D&J in Startup. My sincerest condolences to the family on your loss. May your memories sustain you.

Pam Griffin Roberts - September 19, 2019 at 06:13 AM

RD

“ I am so grateful to have known such a wonderful man. My own grandparents lived far away and could rarely come to my performances in high school. Jack was such a loving grandfather figure to all of choir kids under his daughter's teaching. He was there for choir retreats, musicals, rehearsals, always taking the time to tell me good job. I appreciate all those times and all the moments he stopped to say hi to me and my kids just out and about in the community. He was a blessing. Much love to the family!

Rachel Dowd - September 18, 2019 at 01:26 PM

AW

“ Dear Edie, Deb, Chris Linda and Jackie,
We are so sad to hear of Jack's passing. The joy he brought great joy into the Walker family will never be forgotten. So many memories. We feel so grateful to have known him and to call him friend. Sending all our love,
Anita and Johnny Walker

Anita and John Walker - September 12, 2019 at 03:42 PM

FW

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Jack's family. Jack was a high school buddy of mine at Bothell. We had a lot of good times. He was a special special person.

Frank Wiprud

Frank Wiprud - September 11, 2019 at 12:14 AM

RF

“ Jack and my dad loved being at the race track together or traveling to another race. Jack will be missed by all and I'm glad I was able to share some of my greatest memories with him at the race tracks!

RJ Fronsman - September 07, 2019 at 10:05 AM

 Lynda
Van Wyk

“ Doug and I were just talking about Jack. Such a great guy with a wonderful smile. We always enjoyed a visit with Jack and Edie at D & J . Their little store was the hub of the Startup community. Hugs to all with love, Doug and Lynda Van Wyk

Lynda Van Wyk - September 07, 2019 at 09:41 AM

DF

“ Jack was a wonderful man, so friendly and caring in all he did. He will be missed by many. Our prayers and thoughts are with the Edie and the family.

Mike and Dana Fadden

Dana Fadden - September 07, 2019 at 04:37 AM

 Sam
Lamb

“ Jack was one of those rare quality of men that all men should strive to be. Kind, strong, patient, honorable, compassionate. He carried a strong sense of brotherhood for his fellow man and a deep faith. His willingness to offer his hand to help or an ear to listen was a true treasure. It was a true blessing to know him.

Sam Lamb - September 06, 2019 at 10:51 PM

BH

“ When my family moved to Washington Jack and his family were the first family other than our own relatives that we met they became our family to I love Jack as if he was my own parent my heart breaks for Edie Debbie Linda Chris and Jackie.

barbara reeves hughes - September 06, 2019 at 10:01 PM

GW

“ Jack was a special man and will be remembered dearly by my family. Special prayers to all of the family, God Bless you all.

Gloria Wolter - September 06, 2019 at 05:50 PM

JM

“ I don't think Jack ever met a stranger. He was so very kind. Our heartfelt prayers go out to his family. Jerri and Bryan Mickle

Jerri Mickle - September 06, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Jack was a great man.He always had the best advice to give and always there to lend a hand.He taught me how to be a better man.He will be missed by all.

Jeff Startzman - September 06, 2019 at 11:51 AM

ND

“ Jack was the best! All of my family absolutely adore him and Edie. May God comfort you all in this difficult time. God bless.....



Nicole Davidson - September 04, 2019 at 04:16 PM

SM

“ Sheryl Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Jack C Turner



Sheryl Montgomery - September 03, 2019 at 11:16 AM

SV

“ Jack was one of the nicest people I have ever known, and my heart goes out to all his family and friends. I will forever be grateful that I knew him; he was kind, he was friendly, he was caring, he was extremely hard working, and he had a terrific sense of humor. Utmost sympathy; he will be missed. ❤️😭

Sigrid Vira - August 30, 2019 at 03:38 PM

MG

“ *Maria E Garcia-Rowlett sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack C Turner*



Maria E Garcia-Rowlett - August 27, 2019 at 07:33 PM

MG

“ *Maria E Garcia-Rowlett lit a candle in memory of Jack C Turner*



Maria E Garcia-Rowlett - August 27, 2019 at 07:15 PM