



Billy Jack Armstrong

December 4, 1944 - May 18, 2014

Jack Armstrong, 69, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma passed away Sunday, May 18, 2014 in Fort Gibson. He was born on December 4, 1944 in Anthony, Kansas to Ralph Armstrong and Mary Faye Beard Armstrong. Jack attended Neodesha High School in Neodesha, Kansas as well as Independence Junior College in Independence, Kansas where he received his associates degree. Jack met and later married Marva Julian on May 11, 1979 in Fredonia, Kansas. They celebrated 35 years together.

He began working in 1984 at Box IGA in Fort Gibson, that later became Harps Foods as Store Manager. Jack retired from Harps in 2011 after a long career. He was a faithful member of Muskogee First Assembly of God Church. Jack was known for his quiet demeanor and his love for the outdoors. His love for his wife, kids, and grandkids was very evident. Jack will be remembered as the best husband, father, grandpa, and friend.

He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mary Faye Armstrong; and his brother, Benjamin (Mac) Armstrong.

Jack is survived by his wife, Marva of the home; sons, Stephen Bradley Armstrong of Winfield, KS, Darrin Todd Armstrong and wife, Freda of Muskogee, Mark Hickox and wife, Sarah of Dallas, TX; daughters, Melissa Keener and husband, Kevin of Harrisonville, MO, Michelle Ford and husband, Mark of Fort Gibson, OK; grandchildren, Hillary Morse, Aaron Armstrong, Mason Armstrong, Kelly Armstrong, Shelbie Jackson, Madison Jackson,

Reagan Ford, Dylan Ford, Austin Hickox, Lance Bennett, Trent Bennett, and Traci Bennett; eight great grandchildren; brother, Charles (Chuck) Armstrong and wife, Dianne of Urda, UT; many nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at Cornerstone Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Children's Center Building Fund, c/o Muskogee First Assembly of God, 3100 Gulick St, Muskogee, OK 74403.

Funeral services celebrating Jack's life will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2014 at Muskogee First Assembly of God Church with Dr. Steve Rose, Rev. Kenneth Broadus, and Rev. Don Dorsey officiating. Interment will follow at 2:00 p.m at Citizens Cemetery in Fort Gibson with Russell Blankenship, Jimmy Taylor, Tony Legg, Will Crawford, James Tye, and Gary Marrs serving as pallbearers.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 20. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

MAY 21. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Family Visitation

MAY 21. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Muskogee First Assembly of God
3100 Gulick St
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Jack Armstrong*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Billy Jack Armstrong*



James Harris - July 12, 2014 at 05:47 PM



“ *Marva, May your loss be lessened by your memories and memories of others of your beloved Jack.*
Marshea Halterman



Marshea Halterman - June 08, 2014 at 02:18 PM



“ *Marva, we're so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. We first met you when we were looking for a house in Muskogee, and we didn't just get a house, but also a dear friend. I'll always remember the day you, Ron, and I went to eat after church and I gave you a pen and ink drawing I'd done. I'd hoped it was a fitting gift for what you'd done for us. Wishing you well,*
Sherry and Ron Shafer



Sherry Shafer - May 31, 2014 at 04:25 PM

BJ

“ Marva, we are so sorry to learn of Jack's passing. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.



Betty & Charles Jackman - May 29, 2014 at 02:21 PM

RB

“ Traveled a lot of miles with Jack the last two years. He was a fine and fun person. Will miss our trips.

Russell Blankenship - May 21, 2014 at 09:09 AM

PB

“ Jack was always a fun guy. His classmates will always remember when he came to our 45th reunion with ugly fake teeth and ugly glasses. We thought maybe he just hadn't aged well but we still loved him anyway. He will be missed!

Pattie Bailey - May 21, 2014 at 08:36 AM

MC

“ Jack was named after his Great-Grandfather, Billy Burrow (Grandma Kate's Daddy), and also my Dad, his Uncle Bill(y) Beard. Some summers, while his folks, (my Uncle Ralph and Aunt Faye) were away training race horses, Jack would work as a farm hand for my Dad. Dad was going to be away from the farm one day, so before he left, he said. "Jack if you want to, work the south 40 today". When Dad got home that night, Jack had done zero fieldwork and spent the day playing with us 4 kids, None too happy, Dad said "I thought I told you to work the south 40", to which Jack quipped, "No, Uncle Bill, you said to work it if I wanted to, and I didn't want to" Needless to say, Dad was more specific in the future!!! At that time, Jack was about 17, which made me 7 or 8. I pretty much idolized him, and was convinced I would marry him someday. It broke my heart when I found I couldn't marry him because he was my cousin.

And one other story Aunt Faye told me on him~~While in grade school, Jack would ask her the night before if he was wearing a short or long sleeve shirt--Guess he told her he wouldn't need to wash his whole arm(s) if he was wearing a long sleeve shirt.

Lucky for me, he was my cousin, and I got to enjoy his great hugs and see his sweet face all my life!! Once again, my heart is breaking, and am sending my love and prayers to Marva and their family, Love you, Jack, and I'm already looking forward to seeing you when we meet again in Heaven--- Marsha Carothers

Marsha Carothers, Cousin - May 20, 2014 at 11:57 PM

DD

Thanks for sharing the story Marsha Lynn.

Dennis Daniels - May 21, 2014 at 12:49 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Marva and family. Jack will be missed by many. That great smile of his is a wonderful memory to carry. Your friends at the Red Shed.



susan wallace - May 20, 2014 at 05:40 PM

MS

“ Jack, you were a cherished friend who will be missed a great deal. You left us way too soon.

Michael Sharpe - May 20, 2014 at 10:59 AM

SS

“ The Armstrong Family had many stories about Jack. He was always the one with the biggest smile and always the one to think of some mischief. Once when Mom Armstrong was going into town and Jack was just a toddler he told her "You'd better take me or I'll get into something." All his life he never lost that sense of humor. -- Susan Armstrong Smith

Susan Armstrong Smith - May 19, 2014 at 06:51 PM

DD

Our thoughts and prayers are with Marva, the children, Chuck, all members of the family, and friends.

Dennis Daniels - May 21, 2014 at 12:47 PM