



Jack Baber Jr.

June 7, 1942 - February 14, 2021

Asheville, NC - Mr. Jack Baber, Jr, 78, slipped the surly bonds of this earth to touch the face of a loving God in the early hours of February 14, 2021 following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease. Jack was the first born son of the late Jack "Big Jack" Baber and Anne Garrison Baber, arriving on June 5, 1942 in Shelby, NC. Following "Big Jack's" service in World War II the family made Asheville, NC their home.

Jack graduated from A.C. Reynolds High School where he played football and baseball. He then went to what would become one of the loves of his life, Clemson University. Like many in the mid-1960s, Jack was drafted into the U.S. Army where he was later stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA. There Jack showed a proficiency and taught signalmen Morse Code which he liked to call "dot dot dash." Following his service, Jack returned to Asheville where he established himself in the real estate market and later founded Baber Appraisal Service. He was proud to note that his North Carolina appraisal license number was #51. In addition to his business involvement, Jack was a longtime member of Central United Methodist Church and the Country Club of Asheville.

All who were able to know Jack soon learned of his quick wit and sense of humor. He was very quick to turn punny phrases into what his family referred to as Jack-isms. Though, you would have to be paying close attention to his

soft spoken nature. Just as easy as Jack's ability to spread the gift of laughter was his ability to open his heart and share the gift of love. He will be remembered as a kind and gentle man, a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Preceding Jack in death are his parents - Jack Baber and Anne Garrison Baber and his brothers - Thomas Allen Baber and Joe Garrison Baber. Left to cherish Jack's memory is his loving wife Michelle Cochrane Baber, his daughter Angela Moore Lytton (Al), his son Robert Brandon Moore (Jessica) and his sister Iris Anne Gaddy (Northal). Additionally, Jack is survived by his grandchildren: Chloe, Sydney and Caelan Moore; and AJ, McKenzie and Worth Lytton, as well as his nephews Richard and Northal Gaddy and niece Hannah Gaddy. Special family memories will also be cherished with Jack's mother-in-law Edna Cochrane, and sister-in-law Charlotte Cochrane Brock.

Michelle and the family would like to give special thanks to the caregivers and front line workers at Brooks Howell and to the care of Doctor Patel.

A service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Baber Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Jack was my uncle when I was a child and young adult. He was a good guy and helped my dad coach baseball at East Asheville. He came to a lot of my football and baseball games when I was a Reynolds. I lost contact with him when I moved to Georgia. I am sorry to hear about his passing. God bless you and your family.*

John Ledbetter - February 18, 2021 at 10:11 PM



“ *I too met Jack and Michelle over dinner in the Brooks Howell dining room. My longtime companion Bob Leonard was a resident at the same time. Often the two men shared a table and they looked like brothers with their full heads of grey hair. Michelle tended to Jack's every need with a quiet tender dignity and I think for all of us present she lit up the room. I was happy to read of the vibrant family man Jack had been in life as by the time I met him he was gripped in that horrible illness (which Bob also shared). One night Jack chided Michelle gently about "talking to Bob, that old guy" (actually 4 years younger!). During a time of not much laughter, I have to say I loved seeing that side of him. I join the others in stating how grateful I will forever be to the kind and generous staff at Brooks Howell. Blessings upon Michelle and the family- may Jack's memory keep him forever close in their hearts.*

Cindi Sutherland

Cindi Sutherland - February 17, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jack Baber Jr..*



February 16, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ *One of the toughest things to endure from the Covid 19 pandemic was the loss of daily visiting privileges with loved ones at care facilities. I got to know Jack and Michelle from my visits with my mom when she was a resident at Brooks Howell Home. Their love for one another was apparent from those visits. Michelle's sunny disposition was also felt by the other residents and family members. I echo any comments about the wonderful care given by the staff at Brooks Howell. May God continue to bless Michelle and Jack's family as he welcomes Jack into a place where there is no suffering.*

Bill McClement - February 16, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *I met Jack and Michelle when they shared a table with my dad, also a Jack, for their meals at Brook Haven. As I only knew him after he was sick, many times I would find them watching TV or quieting enjoying a meal. He had a gleam in his eye as Michelle attended to his every need. They were a testimony to unconditional love. Her warmth and patience was so touching. Beth and I share in their grief and sorrow. Our prayers will continue to be with them all. The two Jacks are probably eating barbecue sandwiches, sharing stories of their days at their beloved Wake Forest and Clemson,*

Anna Arnold - February 16, 2021 at 09:05 AM