



Jack C Elder

July 13, 1930 - December 10, 2017

Jack C. Elder, 87, passed away peacefully in St. George, Utah on December 10, 2017, the day of his 42nd wedding anniversary to his wife, Susan A. Elder. Their tradition of buying a fresh cut Christmas tree on every anniversary was not to be this year.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 13, 1930, Jack was the only child of Thelma Caffall and James Elder, and he always counted 13 as his lucky number. After attending East High School and the University of Utah, Jack served in the US Army in meteorology during the Korean War. He returned home to help his grandfather, Frank A. Caffall, run the family business, Caffall Tile. Jack later opened Domestic Import Tile Supply and continued to run both companies until his retirement.

Jack loved boating with family and friends at Lake Powell, camping in his motor home, scuba diving in Kauai, golfing at Oakridge Country Club, playing gin rummy, and restoring antique Jaguars. His show cars won many trophies and awards, even attaining a 100-point perfect score at the national Jaguar competition in Bend, Oregon. Jack also appreciated art deeply and painted a few treasured masterpieces himself. He especially loved southern Utah's desert landscapes and happily retired in sunny St George, enjoying the red rocks without the fuss of a boat.

Survived by his wife Susan of Washington, UT; half-sister Lynn (Wayne) Fujisaka of Las Vegas, NV; children David Elder (Linda), Nancy Elder, Corrine Shepherd (Kevin), and John Elder (Sherri); stepchildren Jill Meyer (Brian) and Jim England of Seattle, WA; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grand children; and his cat, Percy. Preceded in death by grandson Tyler Eggertz and former wife Freddy Harlin, mother of his children.

Many thanks to Jack's caregivers, Barbara Hilton, Leslie Waddel, Melissa, Andie, and Loretta from Integrated Senior Care for their many kindnesses and caring support during his last months. And thank you also to Becky Phillips and Ralph Clingen for their heartfelt assistance to Susan.

According to Jack's wishes, there will be no viewing or funeral service. Jack was a long-time supporter of the Utah Symphony, PBS television and KUED. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make donations to any of these organizations or simply send flowers to someone you love.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ *This is a blast from long past. I knew Jack when he was in his early teens and I was around 6 or 7. Jack was a sort of step-brother to my cousin, David Steffensen. I took piano lessons from Jack's mother, Thelma Elder Thurman.*

Although I didn't see all that much of Jack, I was impressed by his kindness, and I looked up to him. I am saddened by his passing. Condolences to his loved ones

A. Robert (Bobby) Thurman

A. Robert Thurman - December 27, 2017 at 12:37 PM

PA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May you rely on God through prayer, pouring out your deepest emotions. He cares for you and wants to strengthen and comfort you. Please accept my condolences.*

Pat - December 20, 2017 at 05:33 PM

JR

“ *Many good times were had at golfing at Oakridge, bowling at the Ambassador Club and drinking margaritas at AT's on Friday nights. Our fathers had great lives ! May Jack Rest In Peace*
Jeff Ridges

Jeff Ridges - December 17, 2017 at 11:35 AM

DB

Dear Susan and family:

Sorry to read of Jack's passing. Many good memories of golf and Caffal Tile dealings. Always admired Jack's talents and have missed him the past few years.

My sincere condolences to you.

Don Bosch

Don Bosch - December 17, 2017 at 03:27 PM