



Jack E. Jarvis

September 25, 1935 - March 26, 2026

In Loving Memory of Jack E. Jarvis

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Jack E. Jarvis, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2026, at Riverside Medical Center. He was 90 years old.

Jack was born September 25, 1935, in Kankakee, Illinois. From a young age, he showed determination, teamwork, and a love of sports. During his high school years, Jack was an accomplished athlete, participating in football, baseball, basketball, and track.

In 1957, Jack married the love of his life, childhood sweetheart, Wilma Joann Conklin. Together, they built a life grounded in faith, love, and devotion. Their marriage was a true testament to enduring commitment and partnership.

Jack proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Cold War. Stationed at Twenty-Nine Palms, California, he was also a member of the Marine Corps football team, continuing his life-long love of sports.

Following his honorable service, Jack and Joann returned to Illinois in 1958,

where they began building their life and family.

For over 30 years, Jack worked as a Delivery Driver Salesman for Colonial Bakery. After retiring, he continued serving the community by working for the Kankakee School district, delivering food to local schools

In 1960, Jack and Joann became devoted members of Calvary Bible Church. Jack faithfully served wherever he was needed, including as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and Elder. He also enjoyed participating in church basketball and softball leagues. Through both his words and his actions, Jack shared his love for Christ, leaving a lasting spiritual legacy.

Jack was known for his steady presence, kind spirit, and genuine love for people—he truly never met a stranger. Whether in his work, his church, or everyday life, he had a way of making everyone feel welcome, valued, and cared for. He carried himself with strength, offering wisdom, encouragement, and warmth to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Joann Jarvis; Half sister Donna Hall; children, Sandy Molck of Gilman, Dan Jarvis (Paulette) of Clifton, and Deb Gagnier (Steve) of China Grove, North Carolina; his grandchildren, Lynn McIntyre (Luke), Beth Molck, Andy Gagnier (Harley), Hannah Gagnier, Stacey Honeycutt (Tim), and Jack Jarvis; and his great-grandchildren, Corbyn Molck, Bailey McIntyre, Madeleine McIntyre, Atlas Gagnier, Emery Gagnier, and Riley Honeycutt.

Jack was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Jarvis, and his sister, Jolene Barber.

A life well lived, Jack's legacy is one of faith, integrity, hard work, and enduring love. Though he may be gone from our sight, he will forever remain in our

hearts.

Special thanks to the VA, Home Helpers, Dependable Nursing and Uplifted Care (Hospice)

Visitation will be held on April 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm and a Celebration of Life service will begin at 5:00 pm at Calvary Bible Church, 2587 E.Armour Road, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to Compassion, International

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Bible Church
2587 E. Armour Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

“ *A Life Well Lived: In Memory of Jack E. Jarvis*
Born on a September morning in thirty-five,
In Kankakee soil where a young heart came alive.
From boyhood he ran with a fire in his stride —
Football fields, baseball diamonds, track by his side.
Determination burned bright in his eyes,
Teamwork his language, under Illinois skies. Then came the girl from
his childhood days,
Wilma Joann, his sweetheart in every way.
In fifty-seven they stood and they said “I do,”
Building a love that would carry them through.
Through decades of laughter, through trials and tears,
A marriage of faith that outlasted the years. He answered the call of
the red, white, and blue,
United States Marine, proud and true.
At Twenty-Nine Palms he stood tall and strong,
Playing ball for the Corps where his spirit belonged.
Cold War winds tested the steel in his soul,
But honor and duty were always his goal. Back home to Illinois in
fifty-eight,
With Joann by his side, they started their fate.
Three beautiful children — Sandy, Dan, and Deb —
A home filled with love, where faith quietly led.
For thirty-plus years he rose before dawn,
Delivering bread with a smile that lingered on.
Later he served the schools, feeding young minds,
Quietly working till the daylight declined. But his greatest calling
wasn’t measured in miles,
It was found in the pews at Calvary Bible, with smiles.
Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and Elder he stood,
Serving with hands and a heart that was good.
On church courts he played, with joy in the game,
Sharing Christ’s love — not just in words, but in name. He never met
a stranger, they’d all come to say,
A steady, warm presence that brightened the day.
With wisdom and kindness, encouragement deep,

*He lifted the weary and gave strength to the weak.
A Marine's quiet courage, a father's strong hand,
A husband's devotion — the rock of the land. Ninety years woven
with integrity's thread,
Hard work, simple faith, and the words left unsaid.
He held his great-grandchildren, watched them all grow,
Left footprints of love wherever he'd go. Now he's gone from our
sight on a March afternoon,
But the legacy shines like a well-polished tune.
In the hearts of his children, his wife by his side,
In grandchildren's stories and great-grandkids' pride. Jack E. Jarvis
— a hell of a man,
Who lived every chapter as part of God's plan.
Though the body may rest, his spirit runs free,
In the faith that he lived, and the love we still see.*

scott A farley - April 05 at 10:16 AM

JP

“ You will be missed dearly, Uncle Jack. Rest in peace.



Judith Patz - April 04 at 06:48 PM

KP

“ Some sorry for your loss. I send my deepest sympathy to the family.

Kathy Peterson - April 03 at 03:06 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. God Bless.



M Stokes - April 03 at 12:57 PM

SR

“ Stacey Robbins lit a candle in memory of
Jack E. Jarvis



Stacey Robbins - April 03 at 12:34 PM