



Grady Jackson Gravlee, Sr.

May 31, 1930 - December 27, 2019

Grady Jackson (Jack) Gravlee, Sr., age 89, was born May 31, 1930 in Birmingham, Alabama to Grady Gaines and Olathe “Patsy” Gravlee. Jack married Rhonda Louise Gygax in 1953. They loved and supported each other through 57 years of marriage. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a sister and one son, Grady Jackson Gravlee, Jr. Survivors include step-daughter, Rita Gygax of Missouri, and step-sons, Thomas Gygax and Monty Nash of Arizona, as well as Steve Baysinger of Texas, the close friend of his late son.

After high school, Jack went into the Air Force for four years during the Korean War. After discharge, he entered Samford University (Birmingham, AL), where he received an undergraduate degree. His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees were completed at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA).

Jack taught Communications at the University of Houston as well as at the University of New Mexico and Auburn University. Jack spent the final 39 years of his career at Colorado State University where he was chair of the Communications Department for fifteen years. Jack traveled extensively for international academic research, consulted in British political campaigns and authored multiple publications in his field. He was honored with a named endowed scholarship at Colorado State University. Jack and his wife were generous and gracious hosts to many national and international debate teams and he received numerous national and international awards during his career.

Jack passed away at Good Samaritan Assisted Living Center, Estes Park, Colorado, on Friday, December 27, 2019. He will be sincerely missed by his many friends, kind caregivers and loyal companions.

Graveside services will be at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colorado on January 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. There will also be a memorial requiem mass at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, Estes Park, Colorado on January 17, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church or to the Gravlee

Endowed Scholarship at Colorado State University or a charity of your choice.

Events

JAN **Graveside Service** 03:00PM

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Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins, CO, US, 80521

Comments



“ Dr. G. "Jack" Gravlee, a "gentleman's gentleman," dear friend, former neighbor, scholar, academic visionary, one who truly cared, he made a difference in his life. We MacLauchlins are all the better because Jack, his late wife Rhonda, and his late son, Jack Jr. passed our way.
Our love and prayers,

Bob and Liz MacLauchlin

Bob MacLauchlin - January 11, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Jack's outgoing, generous and always pleasant personality made him a wonderful colleague from the moment I joined CSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in 1973. He and Rhonda were delightful to watch on the dance floor, and they brightened any social event they attended. I am grateful to have known them and felt the warmth of their friendship. - David Clark

David Clark - January 08, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ Jack was a such a lively, personable, energetic, and bright person, someone who never failed to name, give a smile, and cheerful hello even to mere acquaintances. I can see him and hear his voice still as we passed in the halls of the Eddy Building at CSU so many years ago. Charles Smith, English Department

Charles Smith - January 06, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Dr. Gravlee was one of my favorite professors while I was at CSU in the Master's program. I'm terribly sorry for your loss. He was a great man and a great mentor.
Tona Greco

Utanna Greco - January 05, 2020 at 04:18 PM