



Franklin "Jack" Blake

December 1, 1939 - February 13, 2015

Born December 1, 1939 in Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

Died February 13, 2015 in his home in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Jack was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and spending time with his loved ones. Jack attended Colorado State University and went on to be part owner of James Stewart and Associates as well as a County Surveyor.

He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie "BJ" Snyder from Fort Collins, CO; his brother, Jerry Blake from Timnath, CO; his sister, Sandra Meichsner from Redlands, CA; and his children, Christy Blake, Tammy Holland, and Nicole Snyder-Freitas; his grandchildren include, Nicole Schamberger, Shannon Chartrand, Shaun Holland, Faith Snyder-Freitas, and Hope Snyder-Freitas, along with five great grandchildren.

There will a celebration of Jack's life held in an open house-style, but the date

is to be
later determined.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I'm sorry I hadn't heard of Jack's passing sooner. I have many memories of all night poker games, playing hearts in the Student Center between classes, fishing in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, our trip to Reno and San Francisco during Spring Break, goose hunting, pheasant hunting on the irrigation canals and hauling rocks for the fireplace when he was building a home and fishing when I could make it back to Colorado.

You certainly added a lot to my life experience and I will always be grateful for that. Rest in peace.

*Alan Lindskog
Boerne, Texas*

Alan Lindskog - July 01, 2015 at 06:43 PM

DB

“ Dear Jack, what a kind and thoughtful person you were. You were so much like your mom and dad. I will always remember you calling me up periodically to check to see how I was doing during chemo. And the mushrooms you would bring out to me. The laughs we had over the fence while you picked up your camper to go on one of many of your fishing trips. Although, I will never understand the catch and release fishing. I always thought if I caught the fish I was going eat it. May you rest in peace.

Diane Blake

Diane Blake - May 11, 2015 at 04:27 PM

 Nicci
Snyder-
Freitas

“ We love you and will miss you forever....until we're with you again. I kept the letter. Thank you <3

Nicci Snyder-Freitas - March 09, 2015 at 01:57 PM

SM

Nicci, I know my brother, Jack loved you and your family a lot. Not that he said it to me, because he has never been expressive of his feelings, but that he went to visit you and your family all by himself. That showed me. I am glad he had enough love to share it with you as well as his own children.

Sincerely, his sister, Sandra

Sandra Blake Meichsner - March 11, 2015 at 12:46 PM

 Nicci Snyder-Freitas

Thank you Sandra. He was every bit my dad and I will miss him the rest of my days.

Nicci Snyder-Freitas - May 06, 2015 at 07:51 PM

MR

“*Jack, we have known you a long time, our dear friend. Mark will always remember your smooth, effortless, and artistic golf swing, your poker games, and meeting up for cocktails. I will never forget when our ski trip. Mark was busy and asked you to take me along with you. You took me down and the 'black diamond slope' which was way beyond my abilities, and then joked how you thought if I made it down the hill it would be 'a piece of cake' for the rest of the group, GRRRR...you rascal! We loved it when you used to bring your grandson while he was growing up to our place in AZ to pick oranges. We were grateful to you when we you took Mark, Shawn, and Sonya into your home when we were all moving back to CO. We are so happy that you brought your beloved Bonnie (BJ) into our lives. Like BJ and all your many family and friends, we are going to miss you! You were a light in our lives...Mark and Mary Ruhlman*

Mary Ruhlman - February 27, 2015 at 02:57 PM

SM

Hi!

I never knew that Jack was such a good skier! Thanks for sharing this. I always knew he was a rascal, though!

I don't have a very good memory, so have forgotten a lot, plus Jack was 11 years older than me. Thanks for sharing your memories with me.

His sister,

Sandra

Sandra Blake Meichsner - March 11, 2015 at 01:01 PM

TH

“ *I miss my dad so much. We had so many great times. I got to take care of him the last 10 months while he stayed with me in Arizona. We shared so much. We visited so many places, Jerome , Bisbee, Prescott Memorial for the 19 Firefighters hotshots, Tombstone and got VIP tickets to a Arizona Diamondbacks vs Colorado Rockies and then fireorks. He will always be in my heart Love you Dearly Dad. Your daughter Tammy. Xoxo*

Tammy Holland - February 26, 2015 at 10:59 AM

SM

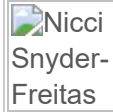
Tam Tam Tam! Yes I know how much you loved him. And he you, and all your dear family. I AM SO GLAD YOU HAD ALL THAT TIME AND WENT TO LOTS OF FUN PLACES TOGETHER! can you post some pics on Facebook so I can see them please? I miss him so very much too... Sandra

Sandra Blake Meichsner - March 11, 2015 at 01:13 PM

LD

“ *I thank God for Jack. Many of his memories will bring us joy for years to come, He had a child-like spirit and a generous heart. He wanted the best for his loved ones, and he will be missed!*

Laura Dill - February 25, 2015 at 02:54 PM



He loved you and the kids!!

Nicci Snyder-Freitas - March 09, 2015 at 02:01 PM

GS

“ *I wish all of Jack's family and friends comfort from God with Jack's passing. I worked with Jack 27+ years on many projects in the City of Fort Collins and had occasion to have some social times as well. I always felt like Jack was a friend as well as a business associate. He was definitely a great engineer and was always so cooperative in working out issues. Jack and I attended more funerals together than either one of us wanted. We never did get to go fishing together which we were going to do once I retired, When you do decide to have a memorial please let me know about it. My email address is gschlueter@ymail.com or call 218-2349.*

Glen Schlueter

Glen Schlueter - February 23, 2015 at 05:00 PM

SM

*Glen,
Thank you for sharing memories of Jack from his business. I like knowing what he was like at work, and that he was "a great engineer". Makes me happy and proud of him.
I am glad he was a friend, too. Go fishing sometime, and I am sure he will be watching you happily in spirit. Catch some nice trout, and enjoy the beautiful river and mountain scenery that God created. He would like you to experience this great love of his, I am sure.*

*Sincerely,
Sandra - Jack's sister*

Sandra Blake Meichsner - March 11, 2015 at 01:31 PM

BB

“ My Deepest Sympathies to all the Blake Family. Though I didn't know Jack that well, only when I rang to speak to BJ from Australia, but always found him Happy, friendly and always interested in what you had to say. May the happy Memories Of Jack help ease the Pain of his Loss. Brenda Barrow (Geelong, Australia)

Brenda Barrow - February 22, 2015 at 06:11 PM

BH

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Jack's family. He will be dearly missed.
Bob & Ini Herron, Victoria BC

Bob & Ini Herron - February 22, 2015 at 02:34 PM

JH

“ Our condolences to the Blake family. So sorry for your loss.
Bud and Janice Hollinshead

Janice Hollinshead - February 22, 2015 at 11:57 AM

CC

“ Was good to get to know Jack even for just a brief time. My condolences to the family. He did love life that's for sure. And his Grandkids. Remember meeting him in Bedford. Peae and comfort to you all. Chris and Dan Chapman

Christine Chapman - February 22, 2015 at 05:50 AM

JS

“ My fondest memory of Jack was when their business was next to ours on Howes Street in Fort Collins. He would saunter over just to say hello, get a cup of coffee and always checked out the "candy drawer." He always seemed to be in a happy go lucky mood and after solving the worlds problems, and a joke or two, out the door he would go and we wouldn't see him for another 3 or 4 days. It truly was an honor to know Jack, and know he left his loving family and friends with some wonderful memories Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Jerry and Donna Schott

Jerry Schott - February 21, 2015 at 11:30 AM

JR

“ You'll be missed Jack - thanks for all your professional help. The fishing trips will never be the same - I'll be thinking of you down here in Yuma, AZ - so glad you came to visit, we had some great times - Thanks for the memories and big fish! Jerry Russell (Fort Collins, CO)

Jerry Russell - February 21, 2015 at 11:10 AM

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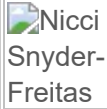


Ed Freitas - February 20, 2015 at 05:43 PM

EF

Faith and Hope waiting with Grandma and Grandpa for the New Bedford harbor tour.

Ed Freitas - February 20, 2015 at 05:51 PM

 Nicci Snyder-Freitas

He was the best dad and grandpa. I'll miss him.

Nicci Snyder-Freitas - March 09, 2015 at 01:59 PM

SM

Thaks for posting this picture. Nice to see who Faith and Hope are. I am glad they enjoyed Grandpa Jack. Jack certainly had some nice, and non-Colorado experiences where you live!

*Sincerely,
Sandra Blake Meichsner*

Sandra Blake Meichsner - March 11, 2015 at 01:58 PM

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Ed Freitas - February 20, 2015 at 05:28 PM

EF

“ I'll always remember the times that we "taste tested" all those Twinkies for Faith and Hope to make sure none of them were stale or spoiled. We were only looking out for them. Never thinking of ourselves.

I'll also never forget all the breakfast plates you got for me over the years before Nicci and I arrived to the Mariott when you and Mom visited here.

I'll miss you VERY much. Along with all the important lessons you taught me, you were my partner in crime during all those times we made the girls look at us in disbelief at the stupid things we did and said. Some of your words are used by me almost daily around here. They will be as long as I live.

I'll ALWAYS remember you Jack. You'll live forever in my heart and mind.

Ed Freitas - February 20, 2015 at 05:17 PM

SM

Ed,
Thanks for this nice picture. Could you please share what Jack said that you say now. I'd be interested to know. (or email me at sandra4health@ymail.com) Sounds like you had good times together! I'm glad.

Sincerely,
Sandra Blake Meichsner

Sandra Blake Meichsner - March 11, 2015 at 02:05 PM

RS

“ BJ ~ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rosa Sutton

Rosa Sutton - February 19, 2015 at 10:10 AM