



Jack Davis

January 22, 1938 - June 24, 2022

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Jackie "Jack" Joe Davis of Olive Branch, MS passed away Friday, June 24, 2022 at his home. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home in Olive Branch (6815 Parkview Blvd. Olive Branch, MS 38654). A memorial service will follow at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Sam Jones will officiate.

Jack was born on January 22, 1938 in Jackson, CA. He graduated from Drew High School in Drew, MS. Jack went on to graduate from Virginia Tech with a Chemistry degree. He was President and CEO of Ventura Foods in California. Jack and the love of his life, Ann, moved back to Mississippi four years ago. He was a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach and Los Compadres, a men's organization that gives scholarships to youth.

Jack was larger than life. He was generous, loyal, wise, intellectual, and sincere. Jack even had Thanksgiving dinner with Elvis. Jack was known as a wine connoisseur and enjoyed traveling, cooking, and watching the birds at the feeder in his backyard. He had a love for his family and adored his grandchildren, even his friend's children. Jack was well-known for his warmth as a friend, counselor and a dad to many. He was loved and will be truly missed.

Jack is survived by his wife of 58 years, Catherine Ann Davis of Olive Branch; daughters, Elizabeth "Beth" Jane Kruger (Mitchel) of Olive Branch and Jennifer Rainey (Frank) of Olive Branch; grandson, Michael Garcia (Mallory) of Austin, TX; granddaughters, Samantha Kruger of Memphis, TN and Katherine Kruger of Laguna Beach, CA; great-grandson, Oliver Garcia of Austin, TX; and one soon-to-be great-granddaughter, Blakely Scott.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Gertrude Davis, and one brother, Gary Ray Davis.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorials can be made in honor of Jackie Joe Davis to Heartland Hands Food Pantry in Horn Lake, MS (www.heartlandhands.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Davis



Coleman Funeral Home - June 28, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JR

“ I miss you so much daddy! Our hearts hurt so bad! You are the best dad and our love for you will never stop. I know you want to see us smile and laugh at the memories we shared, but right now we only want you.

Jennifer Rainey - July 03, 2022 at 12:28 AM

BB

Sorry, he was a great man & a saint

BB - July 20, 2025 at 02:20 PM

ES

“ I am so deeply saddened to learn of the loss of my old high school friend, Jackie Joe. I have so many wonderful memories of our time together in Drew High School. Later, as we both started our careers I lost track of him, only to reconnect with him and Ann as we both neared retirement. Over the last years I have many fond memories of times we spent together in California and then back in Mississippi.

It's a cliché to say someone lived his life to the fullest, but Jack's life gave definition to the term. He was so full of life, ready for the next new experience, but always generous in sharing his success in business. I will miss him.

Joan and I want to express our deepest condolence to Ann, to his daughters, and their families. We hope you all find peace in the coming days as you grieve the loss of a good friend, a husband, a father, and grandfather. God bless!

Ernie Stokely - June 29, 2022 at 03:56 PM

KK

“ Karl Kernell purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jack Davis.



Karl Kernell - June 29, 2022 at 03:15 PM

KK

“ Dear Ann, Beth, and Jennifer,
I was so sorry to hear about Jack’s passing. To me he was the person who cared for all the employees he had.
When my father died, I had just started at Wilsey Foods. I had no vacation time, but Jack allowed me to fly home to Sweden to bury my father and console my mother. When my Mom died, he again let me fly back for her burial.
Jack had great empathy for everybody at Ventura Foods and was always fair to every employee.
He trusted me to make his daughters’ wedding cakes. He invited me to most of his celebrations. And included me to the luncheon after we retired, which I appreciated very much. A greater person I have never known. And it breaks my heart that I will never see him again in this life.
My deepest sympathy goes to all of you. I am devastated and I miss Jack very, very, very much.
Love,
Karl Kernell

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My deepest sympathy goes to you Ann and your daughters. I will dearly miss him very, very, very much.
Love,
Karl Kernell

Karl Kernell - June 29, 2022 at 03:00 PM

MC

“ Mitsui & Co. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jack Davis.



Mitsui & Co. - June 28, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 28, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home - June 28, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 28, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.* ”



June 28, 2022 at 06:22 AM

CS

“ *What We Remember*

*It's his smile,
always his smile,
those twinkling eyes,
that hint of mischief,
his love of the moment
that we can never forget.*

*He forever had a plan,
a new idea, a different way.
So much to learn and say.
So much that might be done.
Even a bit of devilment temptation.
A venturesome journey, a victory won.*

*Whether our recollections
stem from a few days ago
or from the age of five,
they bring a mixture of feelings,
a concoction pleasurable,
unforgettable, impressive, enduring.*

*Lift a glass. Salute. Say a prayer.
Sing a favorite song. Cry.
Laugh about the crazy times.
Tell and retell of lasting memories,
special tales of this special man,
his joyful, accomplished life span.*

*Carol M. Siskovic (June 26, 2022)
Dedicated to Jackie Joe Davis*

Carol Siskovic - June 27, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 27, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working under the leadership of Jack at Wilsey Foods when I started in 1979. His style was the thing legends are made of. I'm sure so many people could tell you their personal stories of encounters with him that will never be forgotten. I am so grateful for the opportunities I was given during those years and proud to still be working for the company he helped shape. My thoughts are with your family.*

*Tess Williams
Ventura Foods - Salem*

Tess Williams - June 27, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 27, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 27, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 27, 2022 at 05:33 AM



“ *The Alexanders and Picketts purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Davis.*



The Alexanders and Picketts - June 26, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 26, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DL

“ Dear Ann, Beth and Jennifer,
Mary and I send our prayers, thoughts and condolences to you and your family on Jack's passing. I worked for/with Jack at Wilsey/Ventura from 1981 until 1997. My work with Jack was always an adventure. I learned more, did more and had more fun doing it. Some of my fondest memories are of my years with Jack at Wilsey/Ventura. Remember the gin tournaments or the Cat and the Custard Cup?

Thanks, Jack, for the memories and thank you Ann, Beth and Jennifer for sharing Jack with the rest of us.

With Love,

Doug and Mary Lee
Placentia, CAj

Doug Lee - June 25, 2022 at 08:15 PM

BF

“ So sorry. Jack was a great leader of a great company. I had the pleasure to work at Ventura from 79-97 with Jack and other great people. RiP Jack.

Ben Foss

Ben Foss - June 25, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.



June 25, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 25, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.

June 25, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Mr Davis you will surely be missed! You left the world in peace but left the rest of us mourning your loss. You loved your family and friends like no other. You were one of the kindest men I knew, the stories you shared were always interesting, your smile so bright and a generosity like no other. I will forever remember the dinners shares, the laughs and great company. It was a privilege to know you. Rest in peace sweet Jack.*

Stacy Montanez - June 24, 2022 at 11:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Davis.*



June 24, 2022 at 11:18 PM