



Jack Harmer

October 6, 1943 - February 19, 2021

Jack Harmer
Jefferson, Iowa

Jack Harmer died February 19, 2021 at the age of 77 years. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm Monday, March 1, 2021 at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home, Jefferson. Face masks are required. Memorials in honor of Jack may be sent to the V.F.W. post of your choice, or to PAWS of Greene County.

Live streaming will begin a few minutes prior to the start of the service. You do not need a pass word. Click the link below to connect to the Slininger-Schroeder Face Book page.

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Interment and military rites will take place at the Jefferson Cemetery.

Jackie Merritt Harmer was born October 6, 1943, in Council Bluffs, to Virginia (Pine) and Barton Merritt Harmer of Glenwood, IA.

The family moved to Jefferson in 1951 and resided on South Cedar Street. Younger brother Judd was born in 1952. As a boy, Jack liked playing “cowboys” and “war” with his neighborhood friends.

In 1962, he graduated from Jefferson High School where he played football and basketball. He attended Northwest Missouri State and graduated from American Institute of Business in Des Moines. He worked part time at Safeway Stores while attending college.

Jack and Chris Henning met in 1964 and were married in 1966 in Jefferson. Daughter Angela was born in 1967 in El Paso. Son Scott was born on his father’s birthday in Jefferson in 1968.

Jack was drafted into the Army in 1967 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX. Orders sent him to Vietnam in 1968 where he served as Personnel Specialist at Cam Ranh Bay. At the conclusion of his duty, he was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant in December 1968.

Jack, Chris and the kids made their home in Des Moines in 1969. He resumed working for Safeway where he became Store Manager til 1975. The couple later divorced but remained friends, supporting children and one another over the years.

Jack worked as Area Manager for Richman Gordman from 1975 to 1989.

He married Nancy Fryett in 1982. They later divorced.

In 1990, Jack moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, with his companion Wanda Benvenuti who preceded him in death in 2003.

He very much enjoyed living in Las Vegas; warm weather, rodeos, NASCAR and his casino hangout, The Gold Coast.

He worked at Sheplers Western Wear. Jack loved that job! The boots, the hats and the people he met. He retired as Assistant Manager in December 2007.

Jack returned to Jefferson in mid-2008 to care for his elderly parents and be near family.

An admirer of Corvettes, he bought himself one in 2009 and later upgraded to a 2014 C-7 Night-Race Blue Vette for his 70th birthday. He named it "The Magnificent Seven." He travelled to many Corvette events. In 2016 he drove the "Tail of the Dragon," an 11-mile road with 318 curves in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. He also drove his car on the Talladega Super Speedway and Indianapolis Speedway.

Jack enjoyed golfing at Lakeside, reunions with Army buddies and gathering with friends and family from the many facets of his life. A great meal, and of course, dessert, was never declined.

Many will remember him as a listener and man of few words who when he did speak, was worth listening to. He will be truly missed.

Jack Harmer is survived by his daughter Angela (John Elliott) of Des Moines; his son Scott of Jefferson; and his first wife Chris Henning of Cooper.

He was preceded in death by his mother Virginia in 2008; his father Merritt in 2009 and his brother Judd in 2006.

Cemetery

Jefferson Cemetery
1019 East Lincoln Way
Jefferson, IA,

Events

MAR	Memorial Service	01:00PM
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	Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home	
	119 West Lincolnway, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129	

Comments



“ Will miss having cocktails with Jack at Jack and Denise's and going for dinner. Jack always liked to drive us which we appreciated since he didn't drink.

Jerilynn Denman & Pete Barrett - March 01 at 01:35 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Buckley - February 27 at 01:08 PM



“ Jack was a daily visitor to Jack Lewis's and Denise Van's home. They were the three Amigos and enjoyed fishing together. Most of all they loved each other's friendship and company. I know Denise and Jack are very sad. Harmer gave them such joy. God bless.

kristin van - March 01 at 01:28 PM



“ Hi Jack, Your friends at HHD 73rd Signal Battalion, Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam have the best memories of you going back to 1968. You were always one of those "no nonsense" guys who got the job done during critical times in that year. We shared many a memory with you regarding our home life, family and fun times. You always approached things in a quiet and determined way and the respect for you by all your friends was ever apparent. Even when it was difficult for you to maneuver in later years, it was great that you could attend our reunions in Branson and Chicago. We enjoyed that round of golf at Murder Rock with you and the times we met and talked with each other after the day was done. We loved being with you and will miss you, old friend.

Your buddies at HHD 73rd Signal Battalion

Gary Umlauf - February 27 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack Harmer.



February 26 at 03:43 PM



“ Rest peacefully Cowboy Jack. We hope you are golfing, gambling, driving around in fancy corvettes and eating lots of chocolate in heaven above. We love you forever!!!
Mike Denise Austin and Morgan



Denise Johnson - February 26 at 10:19 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Harmer.



February 26 at 05:16 AM



“ RIP, our best pal, from Jack Lewis & Denise O'Brien Van

Denise Van - February 24 at 12:20 AM