



## Jack J. Wheat

September 3, 1938 - June 9, 2016

Jack J. Wheat, 77 of Salem, IL, passed away June 9, 2016, peacefully at home with his loving family by his side. Jack was a longtime resident of Salem. Born September 3, 1938, he was the son of Lionel Wheat and Fonda (Burns) Wheat Patterson, and the grandson of Herman and Lillian Wheat. Jack married Dimples Irene Dixon on August 1, 1969 in Mt. Vernon, IL. Jack is survived by his devoted wife of 46 years, and their two sons Steven Wheat and Michael Wheat both of Centralia, IL., mother-in-law Anna Garren, sister-in-law Linda Stuber and husband Jerry, and a half sister Patricia Patterson of Centralia. Jack was a graduate from Salem High School, a veteran of the United States Navy, and was a UPS Delivery Driver for 33 years. In the 60's and 70's Jack enjoyed racing motorcycles and loved driving his stock cars. Later he found great pride in sharing the love of racing with his sons. He and Dimples Irene enjoyed farming their land together for over 40 years. Jack also loved riding his 883 Sportster, and being with his German Shepherds throughout the years. He had a bigger than life personality and a gift for telling colorful stories and tall tales. Jack loved his family and enjoyed spending time with friends. Per his wishes, Jack will be cremated and there will be no public services with a private family burial at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com).



# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I was in the Navy with Jack all the way from boot camp until we were discharged from Ream Field in San Diego, 1959. I just happened to think of him today and looked his name up on google and found that he'd passed. We were both born in 1938..me in November.He used to help me work on my old ragged 1949 Ford when we were on shore duty there in San Diego.I talked to him on the phone maybe 20 years ago, but we just somehow never kept in touch.I hope his family is well.Douglas BushAtlanta Georgia

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**Douglas Drolet Bush** - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dimples, Mike and Steve. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Rose Ella & George McGarvey** - June 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dimples, I was so sad to hear of Jack's passing. He and I were great friends all through high school and had great times riding motorcycles together. We joined the Navy together and after we served our tour of duty, we hitch hiked from California back to Salem. What a great friend and inspiration he was and will greatly be missed. May the peace of God be with you and your family through these coming days and my deepest sympathy to you and your family.....Bill Halfacre

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**Bill Halfacre** - June 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Uncle was a character straight out of novel. He was a man who believed in the American dream. Freedom to do as you please, own property, raise a family and live your life on your terms. And that he did. For this I am grateful. As a family we will walk forward but life will never be the same without him. Uncle is and will forever be loved. I will miss his big blue eyes, mischievous smile, and his "stop you in your tracks" baritone voice. Dan, my husband always said he sounded like Jimmy Stewart. And I have to agree. Even though he is no longer with us I know he'll be watching over us from above.  
Love from New York

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**Cheryl Crane** - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Although we have lost a very dear family member he will not soon be forgotten. I have many fond memories of holiday dinners and trips to the Wilderness near Alton, Missouri also the canoe trip with Dimples, Jerry and myself down the Spring river at Mammoth Springs, Arkansas and going to a Willie Nelson show at the Du Quoin State Fair on one of the hottest days in August, just to name a few. You will be loved and missed forever.

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**Linda Stuber** - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Although we lost a dear family member on June 9 he will not soon be forgotten. I have a lot of fond memories of Jack. All the holiday dinners the trips to the Wilderness near Alton, Missouri; the canoe trip Jack, Dimples, Jerry and myself took down the Spring river at Mammoth Springs, Arkansas and the Willie Nelson show at the Du Quoin State Fair on one of the hottest days in August. You will be loved and missed forever.

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**Linda Stuber** - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jack always had a way of making things more interesting. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dimples, Mike, and Steve. Tracey & Rick Starr*

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**Tracey Starr** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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*Jerry Long,*

*centralia, Illinois*

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**Jerry Long** - June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *RIP, Jack..Ed Roddy*

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June 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *In loving memory of a wonderful person he will be missed , may God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow, Don and Jane Daugherty*

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June 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM