



## Jack Lee Guthrie Jr.

January 18, 1947 - December 9, 2021

Jack Lee Guthrie Jr., 74, of Grand Prairie, Texas, passed away peacefully Thursday, December 9th, 2021, with his family by his side.

He was born on January 18, 1947, in Waxahachie, Texas, to the late Jack Lee Guthrie Sr. and the late Dorothy Abbott.

In 1966 after graduation, Jack would enlist in the United States Airforce where he was deployed to Vietnam as an Air Traffic Controller. Upon returning home from the service Jack decided to go into law enforcement and enrolled in the police academy. He would start his career with the Italy Police department where he would work his way up to Chief. A short time later Jack decided to start a construction company and become a general contractor. He had a craft for working with wood and loved to complete the detailed finish-out projects. People say that Jack's skills were so great that most of his business was word of mouth and repeat customers.

After 25 years of being self-employed, Jack decided to return to law enforcement where he would serve on the Dallas County Community College Police Force, for more than 16 years. In 1975 Jack became an ordained minister. He loved to witness to people and share the word of God every chance he got. In fact, one of his favorite things to do on Sundays, was preach the gospel at the Salvation Army and help those in need.

Jack was a humbled giver, and servant. He loved to serve others, he loved to serve the community, and he loved his family. During his spare time, Jack would tinker with different things, but more especially, he loved taking his boys and grandchildren to the gun range and practice shooting. Jack made many friends along the way in life, but in 1974 he would marry his ultimate best friend. Jack shared 32 years with the love of his life, Cathy Conner.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son, Rodney Guthrie, and wife Zina; daughter, Kellie Guthrie; son, Aaron Guthrie, and wife Vangie; grandchildren, Justin, Jacqueline, Kayleigh, Aaron Jr. (AJ); great grandchildren, Emerson, Jett; Life Friend, Cathy Conner, and a whole host of family and friends.

Jack's body will lie in state at the funeral home, Tuesday, December 21, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at City Chapel Church, 4015 I-20 Frontage Rd, Arlington, Texas 76017. The Funeral Service will follow at 6 p.m. Burial will take place Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, Texas 75211.

Arrangements entrusted to Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home under the direction of Aaron King, Funeral Director.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home  
500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
(972) 263-5570

## Visitation

DEC 21. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

City Church  
4015 I-20 Frontage Rd  
Arlington, TX 76017

## Funeral Service

DEC 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

City Church  
4015 I-20 Frontage Rd  
Arlington, TX 76017

## Burial

DEC 22. 11:15 AM (CT)

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery  
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Jack was always a gentle man. We shared a laugh or two about how that struck fear into so many. We had a connection soon as we met in the tool room at west campus. I soon figured out our connection was his love for tools and I happened to be standing in their presence. We worked a lot of Saturdays. It was no surprise to me because it was a cabinet making class and he was right at home. Through many conversations I came to know Jack's tool and building knowlege. He always watched the students and I knew he wanted to say something and never did of out of respect for me. I told Jack if he saw something he could help with I had no problem if he wanted to help the students. The look on his face was priceless. He loved helping and made such a mess I had to bring out the air nozzel. He was so dusty in his police uniform we had to get all the dust off him. Paul Kelemen, our Dean, adored him and would always ask, "Is Jack on duty Saturday". If he was going to be there, Paul would make his famous breakfast, and he knew exactly what Jack liked.

*I am a Native American and Jack was as interested in hearing my stories about the Native American Church as I was about his religious knowledge. I had the pleasure of spending some time with him on the Monday before he passed. Although he couldn't speak, I asked him if I could pray over him. I put a sacred stone from my grandmother in his hand as I held it, and showed him the Medicine Bag and eagle feathers we had talked about on many occasion. He watched me with his eyes looking back and forth as I explained what I was doing. As I looked at him, tears rolled down his face. I told him "I love you brother. Thank you for being Jack."*

*Ray Sanchez*

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Ray Sanchez - December 21, 2021 at 04:56 PM

CM

*Ray,*

*Thank you for coming to pray for Jack. I was there that Monday but had left for just a little while while you visited.*

*Jack loved being a finish carpenter, police officer but he loved being a minister the most!*

*Thank you for praying over him. I believe God called him home and said well done thy good & faithful servant!*

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**Cathy Guthrie MacKenzie** - January 01, 2022 at 10:31 PM

RJ

“ *You were the best of us Jack. Thank you for your service. Thank you for being our friend!*



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**Rebecca Jones** - December 21, 2021 at 03:23 PM

LV

“ *To the Guthrie Family*

*We were so sorry to hear of Jack but what a celebration he is having in heaven.*

*Brittany and I go to Bible Believers First Assembly and just a few weeks ago we had the privilege of hearing Jack preach. What a wonderful sermon.*

*We have known him for approximately 50 years.*

*He hugged and hugged us and was so happy to see us.*

*I know Jesus will be your comfort today and in the months to come.*

*We Love All Of You,*

*Louise and Brittany Vaughan*

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**Louise Vaughan** - December 21, 2021 at 09:37 AM

RG

“ Jack,  
*I miss you. I miss your stories, your wisdom. I even miss getting griped out. Your unwavering faith always has been and always will be an inspiration and source of strength. You will live forever in my heart and memories. Thank you for all that you have done and for the honor of being my friend.*

God's Peace



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**Rex Gaston** - December 21, 2021 at 08:39 AM

AR

“ *I went to school with Jackie for 12 years. He was my best friend. We both loved cars. He was my support my senior year in high school. He was there when I needed someone. At our 50th class reunion Jackie myself and Alvin Riddle went back to the school building. On the way to the bldg we decided to relive our childhood and skip to the bldg. People in the parking lot saw us holding hands and skipping out in the middle of the parking lot and started laughing. Also when my husband passed away Jackie was the first individual at the visitation that I saw also when we arrived he was the first person I saw when I got out of the car. Jackie was like a brother to me that I did not have. He was truly a love in my life.*

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**Adrian Windham Robinson** - December 20, 2021 at 11:49 AM

TF

“ *The Meier Family and The Guthrie Family and Rusek Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..*



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**The Meier Family and The Guthrie Family and Rusek Family -**  
December 18, 2021 at 06:07 PM

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“ *-Overflow Church purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..*



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**-Overflow Church -** December 15, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..*



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December 14, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..*



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December 14, 2021 at 06:37 PM

CH

“ We have a lot of memories of Jack. He was our neighbor for many years. Always their to help anyone in need. We are going to miss him so much. He will be forever in our hearts. Heaven gained a ❤️ beautiful angel!



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**Cathie Hoover** - December 14, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..



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December 14, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ I first met Jack at Evangel Temple. Our Sunday school class had a couple of get togethers and one of them was at their house. He and Cathie were wonderful hosts. I was one of the lucky ones to receive his expertise on projects. Jack worked on our 100 year old house gutting and remodeling the kitchen and utility room, He didn't cut corners and was very honest and fair. Met him a few moare times when he was in law enforcement. Sad to hear the news. Rest in peace Jack and prayers for family and friends.

*Rhonda Savage Herdman and Charley Herdman*

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**Rhonda Cook Savage** - December 14, 2021 at 01:10 PM

ND

“ I am sorry to hear of Jackie’s death. We went to school together In Italy through 1965. He was one of good ones. My prayers are with your family.

Nyla Brown Denbow - December 14, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..



December 14, 2021 at 08:33 AM

SG

“ I remember when I was 9 years old Uncle Jack and Jack Jr. Took me out to shoot a shotgun for the first time. We went outside of Italy to a farm Uncle Jack new the owner. We crawled through a barbed wire fence where we stopped and Jack Jr gave me the loaded shotgun. Uncle Jack told me to aim at a stick in the ground about 20 ft away. I barely could hold the gun up much less aim it. I did the best I could because I didn’t want to embarrass myself and show my ignorance. I aimed as best I could but then the problem of reaching the trigger was upon me. My short arms couldn’t quite reach it without adjusting the gun more center of my chest. I finally pulled the trigger and ended up about 5 ft from where I was against a barbed wire fence with a shotgun on the ground in front of me. Uncle Jack and Jack Jr we’re trying to keep from falling down laughing. Needless to say after we grew older when Jack Jr and I got together for dinner at various times we always had a laugh about that time. He never admitted if he and Uncle Jack knew what was going to happen but I have my own ideal about that. I loved him like a brother and will miss him terribly.

Stephen Guthrie - December 14, 2021 at 01:00 AM

CM

*Love this story! Jack Jr & his daddy always had a bond and love of going & practice shooting outside of town. They took both of our boys when they were old enough to hold a gun as well practice shooting. Jack Jr even took our granddaughter recently practice shooting & she has an unbelievable aim. I guess it's those Guthrie genes! Thank y'all for always including him in your holiday festivities! He loved you like a brother as well! Love you Steve!*

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**Cathy Guthrie MacKenzie** - December 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MF

*Jack and I worked together . I have never met such a nice man. he was well loved here at Northlake College. Taken away too soon but will never be forgotten.*

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**Mike Fry** - December 14, 2021 at 03:30 PM

RH

*I was shocked and saddened by the death of Jackie. Jackie and I went to Italy school together and became good friends. We went through lots of things in school together. The times and memories were some good ones. I will miss him greatly*

*II Timothy 4:7-8 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.'*

*Ronald Lee Hartis*

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**Ronald L Hartis** - December 21, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Lee Guthrie Jr..*



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December 13, 2021 at 11:45 PM