



Jack Howard

January 11, 1942 - February 27, 2024

Jack Howard, age 82, of Purcell passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 27, 2024. Jackie Ray Howard was born on January 11, 1942 in Geary, Oklahoma, the oldest of 8 children born to Gus Lee Howard and Gladys Arizona (Reeves) Howard. He started school in Geary and later attended high school in El Reno. He served in the United States Air Force before being honorably discharged. Jack married his best friend and soul mate, Carolyn June Elston on May 22, 1964. They made their home in Watonga where together they raised their children, sons, Brad and Bobby and daughter Amy. Jack drove a truck for several years. He was an entrepreneur who owned and operated J & C Oil Field Company, Howard's Phillips 66 and Jack Howard Wrecker Service for many years. Later in life, after the oil bust in the 80's, Jack began working campus maintenance for Watonga Public Schools, and he loved the day-to-day interaction with all of the kids. Jack served on the School Board for a while, and was very proud of the new Elementary School and the Media Center completed during his time of service. He dedicated years of his life researching his family history, studying genealogy and going on road trips visiting cemeteries all over the country. He was never prouder than the day he became "Papa Jack". He was onery, a silly soul, and he nicknamed all of his grandchildren. Every year around the holidays, he masterfully prepared his homemade beef jerky, and then gifted all of his kids and grandkids a bread sack full. He has seen every episode of Gunsmoke, Bonanza and every John Wayne movie a hundred times, and he

looked forward to a good card game of pitch. Jack was a man's man, who lived his life on his terms, and he lived by a strong faith. He cherished Carolyn, his family and especially his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by: his parents, Gus and Gladys Howard; brother, Tom Howard; and son, Brad Howard.

Jack is survived by: his loving wife, Carolyn June Howard of the home; daughter, Amy Howard Tolle and husband Mike of Purcell; son, Bobby Howard and wife Amy of Benton, Arkansas; sisters, Pat Brewer of Watonga, Peggy Franks of Watonga, Connie Blackerby and husband Roger of Kingfisher, and Tiny Hamilton of Tulsa; brothers, Jerry Dale Howard and wife Ethel of Hitchcock and Mike Howard of Watonga; 11 grandchildren, Kylie Hayes and husband Dylan, Madisyn Tolle, Karlee Grace Tolle, Maci Howard and husband Devin, Wyatt Howard and fiancé Mallorie, Colby Howard, Grady Howard, William Hartfield and wife Aarti, Bridget Blood and husband James, Mika Pounds and husband Brandon, Bailey McDoulett and husband Rowdy; 8 great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Friday, March 1, 2024 at Watonga Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow at 2:00 PM at West Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Madi Tolle lit a candle in memory of Jack Howard*



Madi Tolle - March 03 at 04:29 PM

MH

“ *Our Hugs & prayers to Jacks family. He was one of the Best!*



Mike & Kathy House - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *So sorry. He will be missed!!*

Julia Smith - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Bobby and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for you during this time.*

Joe & Donna McKnight - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *Great-uncle Jack will be dearly missed!*



Tiffany (Brewer) Kizer - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My sincere condolences to Carolyn and the entire family* 🌸

Brenda Curry - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Dianna and I want all of you to know we will be praying for you during this time of loss. We have great memories of all of you when we served as pastor there.*

Ronnie Gilbert - February 28, 2024 at 12:00 AM