



Willis "Happy Jack" Ball

November 16, 1944 - February 10, 2021

Willis Ray (a.k.a. Happy Jack) Ball, 76, passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin. Jack was born November 16, 1944 in Eagle Rock, MO to Edward and Lorena Margaret (Carter) Ball. He was a lifetime resident of Carthage and employed by Carthage Marble for 33 years; he retired in 2000. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Carthage.

Jack was united in marriage to Betty Seward on December 2, 1967 in Monett; she survives.

Jack is also survived by two sons, Willis Ray Ball, Jr. (Brandy) of Choctaw, OK and Kenneth Edward Ball (Holly) of Joplin; one daughter, Pam Teed (Roy) of Carthage; 12 grandchildren, Chelsea Ball, Jared Ball, Justin Ball (Quinn), Alex Hokit, Camden Hokit, Kimberly Teed, Garren Teed, Cassie Teed, Mason Ball, Mackenzie Ball, Jackson Dodson and Tucker Dodson; one brother, Eugene Ball of Eagle Rock, MO; two sisters, Georgia Hart (Buddie) of Eagle Rock and Rosie Lee Ennis of Seligman, MO.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Johnny Ray Ball (October 2, 1968); three brothers, Lloyd A. Ball, Ellery Ball and Ellis Ball; two sisters, Annabelle in infancy and Ettaree Louise Warren.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 12, 2021 at

Ulmer Funeral Home. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Monett, MO.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

Monett, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836
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Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Lowell Hartley and family. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Willis "Happy Jack" Ball.



Lowell Hartley and family. - February 24, 2021 at 01:10 PM

ME

“ I just saw this on face book this evening. We didn't know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort all of you.

Marvin and Mary Ellis - February 13, 2021 at 05:44 PM

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Lowell Hartley and family. - February 12, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ 162 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ulmer Funeral Home - February 12, 2021 at 02:50 PM

DB

“ Will and family, we are very sorry for your loss. Please know our hearts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. -Dennis and your friends at USAA.

Dennis Bills - February 12, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JN

“ A CHRISTIAN BROTHER WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY AND SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! FOREVER AT PEACE AND COMFORT!

Jerry Neil - February 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM

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“ I will be thinking of all of you during this time. I sure miss coming to Carthage and playing pinball in the basement. Every time I vacuum my car, I think what a smart thing it was to have everyone wipe their shoes off before they got in the car. I wish I did that. I miss summers with the all the kids. Love all of you.

Lori Reid (Raucstadt) - February 11, 2021 at 03:01 PM

HR

I remember that as well never enter uncle happys car without wiping ur shoes and him teaching me how to swim

Holly Rivera - February 12, 2021 at 12:50 PM