



## Jack Dennis

July 16, 2012

Jack Wayne Dennis, 78, of Saint Charles, MO (formerly of Peoria, IL and Cadiz, KY), died Monday, July 16, 2012 at St. Joseph Health Center in Saint Charles, MO. He was born August 17, 1933 in Cape Girardeau, MO to the late Clyde Wayne and Geraldine Elizabeth (Crosnoe) Dennis. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Joanna Louise (Caskey) Dennis of Saint Charles, MO; his son, Clyde Reid Dennis (Christine) of Dunlap, IL; his daughter, Susan Elizabeth Dennis (Scott Turpin) of St. Peters, MO; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Karen Nell Flowers of Leoma, TN. Jack was a 1951 graduate of Central High and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. In June of 1954 he entered the reserves and began studying engineering at SEMO and finished the program in 1956. He went on to earn a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1959 where he was a member of Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor fraternities. Jack earned an MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He worked for 32 years at Caterpillar Inc.'s Technical Center in Mossville, IL, primarily in diesel engine research and development holding various supervisory and management positions. He was active in Boy Scouts, serving as Neighborhood Commissioner, a Cub Pack Leader, Scoutmaster, a District Training Chairman and a Council Training Chairman. Jack received the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and was a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. He served on various training staffs and was course director for Junior Leader Training and Wood Badge courses. In 1995 he

retired from Caterpillar and moved with his wife to Cadiz, KY where he was active in volunteer organizations; was a Big Brother, did Tax Counseling for the Elderly under the VITA/TCE program and was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, having served as a Coxswain, a Vessel Examiner and a Flotilla Commander. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 19, 2012 from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with the funeral service following at 2:00 P.M. Burial will follow at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Womens Care Center Peoria of Peoria, IL.

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Clyde and Family I was sorry to learn of your father's passing. It was always a pleasant experience running into him. The last time was at Silver Dollar City two or three years ago. My condolences.

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**Gary Bragg** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My sympathy to all of Jack's family. May the good Lord keep you in his LOving Care. I lived next door to Jack and Karen in the forties and we used to explore our neighborhood together around the old courthouse. One of our favorite games was "knock the tin can". I lost track of Jack after high school.

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**Don Popp** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Our sympathy to all Jack's family. We also worked at the Caterpillar Tech Center and knew Jack as a very nice person (never heard him say a bad word about anyone). We'll always remember him also for the delicious Pineapple Upside Down Cakes he loved to bake. He would always be willing to contribute one for a retirement party, service pin award, birthday, etc.

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**Shirley and Mel Eide** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I first met Jack and Joanna in 1978, when I started college with their son Clyde. They welcomed me with open arms. Clyde and I would grow to become lifelong friends. I know Jack will be missed, but he live a full life, raised a wonderful family, and instilled values into his children that will be passed down to their children. Jack has left a wonderful legacy.

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**Phil Scandura** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Joanna, I am so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. I fondly remember having Jack as my supervisor during my first years at Caterpillar and how his support helped shape me into the engineer I am today. He will be missed by many. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**James Dunn** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Clyde & Susan, I was so sorry to learn of your father's death. We often spoke to one another when we both worked in TC-L. May the Lord comfort you both along with your mom.

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**John E.Wagner** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Clyde and Susan, I am sorry to learn of your father's death. I will continue to pray for you and your mom that God will bring His peace and comfort to you.

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**Ellen (Hooker) Henderson** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Clyde, my prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. I met your dad many years before I worked for him at CAT. He was a great guy to work for, if only for a short period of time.

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**Bill Dwyer** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Jack Dennis

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**Bill Dwyer** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ We will pray for you and your family, our most heartfelt condolences for your loss.

Anthony Dennis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ You will me missed, old friend!

Henry Sinclair - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear Joanna and family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Jack. He and you were among our favorites at the library. We have missed you both since you moved. We had not hear Mr. Jack was sick. Please know you and your family will be in our hearts and prayers. Pam, Kim, Betsy, Charlotte, Cheryl, LouAnn and Katie (The Library Girls)

The Library Girls - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Jo, and family. We are so sorry to hear about Jack. We were looking forward to your next visit to the Peoria area. Our world is a little dimmer with the bright spot that was Jack gone from our lives. Jerry & Mary

Jerry Turley - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Thinking of Jack and all the good memories. It was a joy to watch him interact with his granddaughters and listen to his stories. Rest in peace Jack and may God's light shine upon you.

catherine hansen - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Joanna, We were so sorry to read of Jack's death. We had many good years at Caterpillar together. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Rick & Linda Campen** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jo, Clyde, & Susie, We were really surprised and saddened to hear of Jack's passing. I know you'll miss him. He was a great guy. I enjoyed working for him and with him during my tenure at Cat. You and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Bill & Cathy Strawbridge

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**Bill Strawbridge** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Clyde - My thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you during this difficult time. Take care of yourself and your family, James

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**James Asquith** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Karen, I'm so sorry you lost your brother. I remember how caring of you he was at our CHS reunions and also sitting together at Centenary's 100th celebration. I also remember our mothers were friends thru Sunday School and Club. Seems like I always knew who Geraldine Dennis was and her children thru Sunday School. Again, my sympathy to you and Jack's family.

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**Anita Allen Klasing** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jo, Sue, Clyde, and family My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. As I told Amanda, her Pawpaw is in heaven sitting next to God and playing his banjo. I have many fond memories of Jack. All of my fondest memories surround around Amanda. He adored her from the moment she was born. Amanda equally adored her Pawpaw. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you. Mary Jo (Wolf) Harkenrider

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**Mary Jo Harkenrider** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Susan, I am so sorry to hear about your dad & my heart breaks for you. I feel like I know him from all the conversations we had about your family. I wish I was there to hold you & be with you right now. You & your family are in my prayers...Denise

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**Denise Rees** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Clyde: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your strong faith in God will help you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Mike and Holly Bour** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Clyde My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time, take care of yourself and your family. Millie

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**Millie Sodowski-Meyer** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I have many fond childhood memories of Jack from when I'd stay weekends at their Chillicothe homes. He was always kind and welcoming to me. He was also a great Scout leader.

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**Joseph (Gusman) Albright** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Susan: So sorry to hear about losing your Dad. I know that he had to be very proud of you. My sympathy to your family. Dick Arnold

Dick Arnold - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Clyde and family, our prayers are with you.

Kendall and Lisa Fuller - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Clyde - Hold tight to the loving memories of your father. My deepest sympathy extend to you and your family. - Lesa

Lesa Hohulin - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Joanna and Family, My heart and prayers go out to you and your family as you go through this difficult time. Jack was a wonderful person and I truly enjoyed our conversations over the past few years. May our heavenly Father bring you peace, holding you close and bring you comfort.

Sheryl Pullium, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are praying for the entire Dennis Family at this sad time. May God lift each of you up during your time of need. Peace, The DeSalvio Family

The DeSalvio Family - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Jo, Clyde and Susan, My heart goes out to all of you and your family's. Jack was one of those people that you are so very lucky to have as a part of your life. He was loving, caring, funny, smart and kind. I feel so lucky to have known him and will miss him very much!*  
*Love, Claudia Heming*

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**Claudia heming** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM