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Jacob Graybill Obituary

Visitation for Jacob Graybill will be held at Bixby Funeral Service on Thursday, April 23rd from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. A private service will be held for immediate family, while plans for a celebration of Jacob's life will be made in the near future.

On March 25, 1927, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Jacob Henry Graybill was born to Henry and Magdalena (Martin) Graybill. Through the years, Jacob would also tolerate being called “Jake” or “Jay” - his one stipulation, not to be called late for dinner!

Raised on a farm, Jacob learned the value and meaning of hard work from an early age. He attended a one-room schoolhouse, through the eighth grade, until circumstances brought him to work full-time on the family farm until he joined the United States Army in June 1945 during World War II stationed in Passau, Germany. Jacob returned to Lancaster in January of 1947, where he performed a variety of jobs and began a family. Those jobs included: farming, truck driving, carpentry, and even serving as the milkman. In 1965 Jacob made a move to Oklahoma – residing in the Tulsa area ever since.

While in Tulsa, Jacob began working for Superior Supply, where he picked up the idea of starting a weather-stripping company. Shortly thereafter, it was the beginning of Sooner Weatherstrip. Through the years, Jacob was mistaken for that of an OU fan because of the name of his company. He replied to those questions saying, “I’ve done so many things in my life. I just decided I’d sooner be weatherstripping.” This was a successful endeavor. One that would grow by word of mouth and eventually be bought by Jacob’s son, Scott.

In September of 1968, Jacob married the love of his life Janet Spyres. Altogether, this couple had a part in parenting seven children. Family and faith were extremely important aspects of Jacob’s life and was a proud supporter of Janet’s radio ministry, “Message of Love and Victory.”



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The victory was Jacob's, in 1980, when he bought 30 acres in Bixby and built a home, barn, and began hobby farming. Among raising animals, Jacob planted a large garden where he was sure to have a bumper crop annually. Other hobbies that Jacob enjoyed included: playing cards, bowling (setting a world record with 501 consecutive games), watching major league baseball (especially his Washington Nationals and San Francisco Giants), and RV'ing cross country. He was also passionate about eating and could be found at Savoy's, Jenks Restaurant, Seigi's, and the Cheesecake Factory.

Described as social, loyal, determined, ornery, and a man of few words, Jacob loved his family dearly and lived his life to the fullest. Jacob was known for "re-engineering" things to make them better and creative, as demonstrated by his unique Birthday cards and gift wrappings. His presence will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Jacob passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2020, in Tulsa. He was 93.

Those he leaves to carry on his legacy include children: Scott Graybill (Kathy) of Tulsa; Christy Graybill- Rohrer (Rick) of Bixby; Randy Graybill of Tulsa; Larry Graybill (Linda) of Philadelphia; three sisters: Orpha Harnish, Eunice Enck, and Marie Hoover. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet (Spyres) Graybill and children: Lisa Graybill, Dennis Weidman, and Carrie Graybill.

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April 22 at 7:43 AM



Deanne Spyres Barreto posted:

So sorry to just hear about Jay's passing. I am Janet's 2nd cousin... Kay spyres daughter. Sorry for his loss nbut now I am sure he is with Janet watching nover their family

May 18 at 12:43 PM



Eric Hinkefent posted:

Forty plus years ago, Jacob and Scott took a chance on a 15 year old who didn't know which end of the hammer to use to drive those one inch weather strip nails they filled their mouths with. The lessons learned at their side had value beyond those gained in future college years: forgiveness, family love, honor, pride in a job well done. With gratefulness and sympathy.Eric Hinkefent

April 27 at 8:24 AM



Carole posted:

Rest in Peace, Jacob. I so enjoyed playing bridge with you; i always appreciated you as a partner. My heart is heavy, and I will miss you and your smile. P&L

April 24 at 12:07 PM



Carole posted:

Jacob, rest in peace. we will miss you at Jenks. I so enjoyed taking my turn at being your partner. my heart is heavy for you and your family. i will miss you. carole

April 24 at 11:45 AM



Shirley And Frank Levin posted:

We became acquainted with Jacob playing bridge at the Jenks Senior Center. He was a dear man and we will certainly miss him.

April 22 at 2:29 PM



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JE

Jeana posted:

We lived down the street from Jay and his wife. Jay stopped by one day to see if my boys wanted to work for him. Justin and Robby would come home with some funny, great stories of Jay. Some times, I think he paid them to come play. LolHe and Jan were so good to my boys through the years. It was a blessing to know him!

April 22 at 12:00 PM

JB

Joann Blohm posted:

How fortunate I was to know this delightful, sweet man over a deck of cards at the Senior Center in Jenks. We will miss him.

April 22 at 9:01 AM

BR

Bill Rodgers posted:

I have only been able share Jacob's warm personality this past couple of year over through Jenks Senior Citizens. Jacob's witty humor, the warm tickle in his eyes, and natural way of having fun and sharing will be deeply missed by all. He as man that immediately communicated respect thru his wonderful personalty and enjoyment of life. I will always feel privileged in being able to create fun memories with him as a friend.

April 22 at 5:17 AM

JM

Justin Malone posted:

Jay was always like another grandpa to my brother and me. He would come by our place and pick us up to work or play. We never knew what we would be doing for the day but we knew it would be fun either way. When hay season came around we stayed busy all summer long with the help of one of his daughters. She could out work all of us. Jay was a awesome person to be around and a great example of a Christian man! He and Jan will always hold a special place in my heart. They were special no doubt.

April 22 at 3:59 AM



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RM

Robby Malone posted:

Jay made a great impact in my life. I had the pleasure of working on that 30 acres and at sooner weather stripping and it was always a blast. Still to this day I remember that fast food was never on the list of things to eat and pizza was always a Saturday special. You can't describe the love that Jay had for his family and especially Jan. You will be missed greatly. He was always Grandpa Jay!

April 22 at 3:33 AM

DH

Don /Donna Hass posted:

I'm reading all the comments posted tonight for Jacob from my Senior Center Friends Jacob just came into most of of lives in the very last few years....But I want to say that he brought so many smiles to all of us. A most precious...beautiful person...everything that has been said from all of us is so ..so trueJacob...you will be missedBut..thank you for finding your way to us...for such a short time

April 21 at 3:46 PM

CL

Carol And Marc Lewi posted:

My husband and I only got to know Jacob for these last few years while he played bridge with all of us at the Senior Center in Jenks. I loved having Jacob at our table. He enjoyed life, loved to make wry jokes and. Was always winking at some comment that was made. We especially enjoyed sitting with him at the 1st Annual Senior Dance and Social that Jenks had for Valentines Day . We got to talk to him and learned a lot about his life. We will miss him so much as I am sure the family will too! Treasure your memories of Jacob!❤️

April 21 at 12:25 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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