



Jack L.R. Cudaback

June 6, 1929 - April 1, 2018

Jack L.R. Cudaback, 88, of Kearney, died Sunday, April 1, 2018 at the Kearney Regional Medical Center.

There will be no services and the body was cremated. Memorials may be sent to the Rowe Sanctuary, 44450 Elm Island Road, Gibbon, NE 68840. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Jack was born June 9, 1929 in Kearney to Maurice and Lena (Johnston) Cudaback. He grew up in Riverdale and graduated from Riverdale High School in 1945. He then attended Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln and graduated with a B.A. Degree. He later received several Master Degree's including Electrical Engineer. He also received his Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Michigan.

He enlisted in the United States Air force and enrolled in Officer Candidate School and graduated as a Second Lieutenant. Jack spent 10 years in the Air Force and worked in the first space program called the x20 Dyna-Soar project.

In 1951 he married Edith Koeppel and to this union were born 3 children; Anita, Janell and Zane. Jack later moved to Ann Arbor Michigan and married Janice Halstead. They lived in Michigan until retiring to Riverdale.

Jack loved teaching and taught in many areas. He had many interests including flying his own airplanes and had a great passion for learning. Music was a big part of his life and loved visiting with people. You knew when "Jack was in the room."

Surviving relatives include his sister, Jane Rumbeck of Amherst, NE; brothers, Jim Cudaback and Bob Cudaback and wife Karen both of Riverdale, NE, Elmer 'LaVern' Cudaback and wife Edie of Scottsbluff, NE; children, Anita Olson, Janell Pope, Zane Crockett and special friend Cindy Boehler of Alma, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ron Cudaback and sister-in-law Becky and brother-in-law Jerry Rumbeck

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack L.R. Cudaback*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *We were all so sad to hear of Jack's passing. We so much enjoyed talking with him. I met Jack at various music events around Kearney and we often sat together comparing notes and stories. We found that we had ballroom dancing and sailing in common.*

Jack and I sailed together several times at Harlan Lake.

Jack then donated 4 large boxes of sailing novels and textbooks that he had to the Harlan Lake Yacht Club and they have and are being used by area sailors. What a brilliant and fascinating fellow! Jack you will be missed!

Jay Sawyer DDS - April 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *Jack was my mom Patty Cudaback Klinkacek's cousin, although the whole family called him Cousin Jack. When we lived in Indiana he would sometimes fly his plane down from Michigan and visit us.*

Jack was the family's uber nerd, just endlessly curious and full of knowledge and eager to engage. I loved talking to him. I loved hearing about the Cudaback family history from him. He really lived his life. He will be sorely missed.

Victoria Herd - April 05, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. You are in ours prayers.*

Travis Lindsay and family (Wanda's grandson) and Suzanne Lindsay (Travis' mother)

Suzanne Lindsay - April 04, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *Yes, you always knew when Jack was in the room. Always enjoyed talking to him about music. He would usually ask me to tell the story of how my last name was pronounced differently by my southern relatives. Then he would just laugh. He will be missed...*

Terry Sinnard - April 04, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Loved conversing with him and sharing in his passion for all things astronomical.
Bob Runyan

Bob Runyan - April 03, 2018 at 06:33 PM



So sorry you're gone Uncle Jack. You will be truly missed. Always loved, never forgotten!
Carolyn Cudaback Carlyle

Carolyn Cudaback-Carlyle - April 05, 2018 at 07:26 PM