



Jack Joseph Little

June 10, 1934 - August 3, 2018

Jack Joseph Little, age 84 of Van Zandt, WA passed away on Friday, August 3, 2018.

Jack was born June 10, 1934 in Anacortes, WA to Grant & Margaret (Fekety) Little. At a young age he lost his mother due to a brain tumor. A couple years later his dad Grant remarried Minnie. He grew up in the Van Zandt area where he attended Acme Elementary and Mount Baker High School.

In school Jack enjoyed auditioning for school plays where he later met Darlene during a school competition. Darlene was drawn to his passion for music and ask him on their first date to a school dance. Jack graduated from Mount Baker High School as “The Class of 1953”.

During Jack’s free time he would enjoy going roller skating up at the Acme rolling rink. He also had a passion for writing songs and singing. Jack and his friends started a small band called “Ridge Runners” where they would play small gigs at local places and at school where he captured the heart of Darlene.

Jack married his beloved wife Darlene Hamilton on January 7, 1955. Together they embraced the passion to raise three children on a country farm just in Van Zandt, WA. He worked for The Laborers’ Union 276 for many years along

with having multiple other side jobs.

Jack always keep busy whether it was working at The Laborers' Union 276, logging, splitting fire wood, putting hay up for winter, raising horses & cows, or just sitting back playing his flat top Gibson guitar. Jack was well known for always bringing smiles and laughter to all who knew him. He had many incredible and humorous stories and enjoyed singing at many family, friends' & relatives' events.

Jack was always passionate about life and cared deeply for his family and friends. His two sons, daughter, and his nine grandchildren all acquired his talents, humor, and all his life lessons throughout the years and will continue to be passed down to their children.

Come With Me

The Lord saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put his arms around you and whispered, "Come with me" With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer And saw you fade away, Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, A beautiful smile at rest, God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best. It's lonesome here without you We miss you so each day, Our lives aren't the same Since you went away. When days are sad and lonely, And everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on." Each time we see your picture, You seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping, We'll meet again someday."

~Author unknown~

Jack was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years Darlene "Peachie" (Hamilton) Little; Sister: Lorraine McCauley;

Sons: John (Ina) Little; Jim (Lisa) Little; Daughter: Laurie Lewis;
Grandchildren: Angie (Tom) Clough; Jacob (Natasha) Little; Jenny (Brian)
Little; Chris (Aaron) Rozeboom; Josh (Christina) Little; Jeffrey (Jessica) Little;
Callie Lewis; Emma Little; Megan Little; Great Grandchildren: Talan Clough;
Sophie Clough; Wyatt Clough; Elijah Little; Jaklyn Little; Averie Rozeboom;
Hank Rozeboom; Jaxston Little; Jaimen Little; Judson Little & Jaelynn Little.

Gone But Not Forgotten

" My dad always enjoyed going for a rid in my jeep whether it was going up on the mountains, a trip to town for a Mickey Dee cheeseburger, or just down to the local store for his morning coffee."

~Son John~

"I remember Grandpa always saving burlap bag for us grandkids to have sack race relays"

~Granddaughter Jenny~

"My Dad and I enjoyed going out hunting, riding horses and playing the steel guitar together."

~Son Jim~

"A memory I have of Grandpa is he made these 2x4 stilts he always like to challenge people to try and walk around on"

~Grandson Jacob~

“Some of Dad’s favorite saying were: Tighter than a bull’s butt in fly season!
Holy Balls! Well all be darn!”

~Daughter Laurie~

The Little Family would like to thank you all for your prayers and support through this difficult time. We would also like to thank the staff at North Cascades Health & Rehabilitation, the Whatcom Hospice Services and Moles Farewell Tributes for their compassionate care, and for being there for the Little family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Cedar Gulch, 6062 Mount Baker Hwy in Deming on Friday August 17th at 1 PM.

Tribute Wall

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“ To the Little family, you had a great man in uncle Jack. There was nothing little about his heart or his smile. I will miss here hearing playing his guitar and telling stories down at Diane Russell’s house every time there was get together. Uncle Jack will me be missed.

Russell Donaho - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle Jack we will miss you so much. Thank you for the funny stories and all the smiles you shared with everyone. May you find the peace now in Heaven with all our family there. Sing a song, for all of us in Heaven.
My heart reaches out to all the kids, grandkids, great grandkids and of course Aunt Peachy. We love you all.

Debbie - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I think if dad/Grampa could have read that Jenny, he’d have given you a big hug to say thank you for remembering me and good job!. “Memory” was the challenge that became the end as brutal Dementia took over. I think dad would also say if he could “We don’t know what words will be our last, or how our minds will hold, so, make little moments count, use your words to be kind. Helpful. Then, if they ever go away, somewhere in you, you will know you left goodness behind.”You were an awesome teacher, dad. I love you. Thank you.
~Love, Laurie aka little Lol.

Laurie - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Was out to visit not long ago and jack said , just let me drive my truck to the woods to cut my firewood. I only remember good times , barn jams and lots of singing, Jack & Darlene the two of them singing and jack strumming on his guitar or playing his steel . These are the moments that are flashing in my mind. Good times live on in all our hearts . I can picture jack standing on the stairway to heaven and telling everyone I ‘ll see you when you get here.and I see Laurie “yee hawing” yepper DAD I’ll see ya when I get there. “Jack has officially joined the , ANGEL HILLBILLY. BAND, can you even imagine that ? Love and deepest sympathy to all of you as GOD just took another angel home.
KerryAnn Edin (Feenstra) (DOOLEY)

KerryAnn Edin - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM