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Jack Waldo Leifson (75), passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at Lake View Elderly Care in Pleasant Grove, Utah. Jack was born in Spanish Fork, Utah, on December 13, 1934, to J. Victor and Mary Bradford Leifson. Jack married Marilyn Thacker in the Manti Temple on September 14, 1957, (53 years). They resided in Spanish Fork, UT, for 40 years and spent the last 10 years in Provo, UT. Jack is survived by his wife Marilyn and eight children: Bret (Lauren), South Jordan, UT; Ronald (Cheryl), San Jose, CA; Kirk (Darlene), Plano, TX; Robert (Lynne), Woodruff, UT; Paulette (Doug) Brown, Douglasville, GA; Jolene (Chad), Harris, Idaho Falls, ID; Lori (Andy) Marshall, Springville, UT; Julie (Jared) Harrison, Avon, IN; and 24 grandchildren. Jack is also survived by brothers and sisters Freda McKell, Luene Ludlow, Thor (Loyce), Allen (Mary Lou), Afton Rosenbaum, June, Elaine (Dee) Pullman, and Mark (Freda Kay). Jack was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, Glen, and an older brother Ted. Jack graduated from Spanish Fork High School in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956 in Germany. He received his B.S. degree in History and Sociology from B.Y.U. and his M.A. degree in education from Utah State University. He was a well-respected icon at Spanish Fork High School for 35 years, teaching Marketing, Economics and History. He was recognized as the Utah Teacher of the Year in 1970. Jack served his community for 16 years as a Spanish Fork city councilman. He had a strong testimony of the gospel and was a lifelong active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various capacities including Bishop of the Spanish Fork 3rd Ward, counselor, and faithful home teacher. A student in every sense of the word, Jack was an avid reader all of his life. He enjoyed writing, including 7 years under the pen name of "Don Quixote," for the Spanish Fork Press. He spent his life in the service of his family, church, community, and God. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Perpetual Education Fund. A special thanks to the care givers at



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Lakeview Elderly Care: Sharon, Justin and Brittany. Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 4th, at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Lakeside 10th Ward, located at 2225 West 620 North in Provo. Family and friends may also pay their respects on Sunday, October 3rd , from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Spanish Fork City Cemetery.



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PC

Pat Andrus Christianson posted:

Marilyn and Family, What a great man and teacher Jack was. He was one of my favorite high school teachers, I had him for several classes and remember him as always caring and interested in his students. And he was a patriotic civil servant---he looked for ways to improve life in Spanish Fork and was successful at it. I hope your family finds peace and comfort at this time. Jack has. Pat Andrus Christianson

October 8 at 5:51 PM

JC

Jennifer Pearson Cloward posted:

Bishop Leifson had a tremendous influence for good in my life and the life of my husband, Barry. He will always be remembered with appreciation.

October 7 at 3:51 AM

DW

Diane Boyack Welch posted:

I have fond memories of Mr. Leifson as a teacher at Sp. Fork High School. Mr. Leifson always had a smile on his face and seemed to find humor in much that happened in class. He always had time to talk to anyone that needed a listening ear. I appreciate all that I learned from him as a teacher including the great example he was. I hope the memories will help you through this time. My thoughts are with you and your family. Love, Diane Boyack Welch

October 6 at 6:04 PM

RJ

Randy Jensen posted:

Teacher, friend, mentor, example, Jack was all of these to me. He first taught and inspired me to better myself, and follow a dream. Mentored me when life gave me challenges. He was an example of service, always serving others. Friend was someone I could count on to tell me straight and be honest. I have missed him, but know he is with a loving Heavenly Father. Our love Randy and Sherri Jensen

October 6 at 8:41 AM

AB

Anita Bohman posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Wish I could have been there for the services.

October 6 at 7:32 AM



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GS

Gordon And Roberta Smith posted:

Dear Marilyn and Family, We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to you in Jack's passing. We value the association with you and Jack in years gone by. Those years, while Gordon was working at Spanish Fork High School, are so valuable to us. So many great friends and memories. Jack enriched myriads of lives in his kind, gentle ways. He was a great example to all. It is difficult to watch those we love as they prepare for their next step in the "Great Plan". He fought a great battle and has earned his place. May your choice memories and the Lord's spirit help to bless and comfort each of you now and in the time to come. Again, our sincere sympathy in the passing of a very special friend, father, husband, grandfather, and servant of the Lord. Gordon and Roberta Smith

October 4 at 4:34 PM

DA

Diana Bradford-Applegate posted:

Mr. Leifson was one of my favorite teachers at Spanish Fork High School. He was not only a wonderful teacher, but a great man. He will be missed by many!

October 4 at 7:21 AM

JC

Jona Nusink Curry posted:

I'm so sorry to see the passing of Mr. Leifson. He shaped my life. Because of him, I learned to think critically and independently of what was happening in the world around me. He would never accept the praise but he has changed the world. My deepest condolences to the family. Kirk - bless you!
Jona

October 3 at 5:35 PM

VS

Vee Sanford posted:

Jack is a friend that had a great influence on my life. He was always positive. You can't be too positive. Jack taught me that truth. My father loved Jack and would talk about how they fished at Strawberry. All i can say is my heart is filled with gratitude for his help.

October 3 at 5:08 AM



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Susan [Snow] & Scott Beckstrom And Girls posted:

Leifson Family - our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time. May the memories you share bring you much comfort. We will always treasure our association with Jack and each of you. What a wonderful example he was.

October 2 at 1:29 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jack by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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