



Jack W. Harkins

February 12, 1943 - April 14, 2016

Mr. Jack W. Harkins passed away Thursday afternoon at Big Sky Senior Living following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Butte, February 12, 1943, the only child to Jack and Edna (Beard) Harkins. He attended local schools, graduated from Butte High School and earned degrees in accounting, finance and marketing at Brigham Young University. He returned to Butte where he served with the Montana Army National Guard and assumed operations of Harkins Wholesale and Distributing until his retirement.

Jack was a devoted son and following the death of his father in 1997, cared for his mother until her passing on February 17, 2008. He was a friend to everyone and loved children and animals, especially horses.

Jack is survived by two cousins, Jenny Davis and her family of Dillon and Wilene Grimm and her family of Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Cemetery Details

Mount Moriah Cemetery

2415 S. Montana Street
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Service

APR 22. 10:00 AM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home
1800 Florence Ave
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 723-3221
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

Tribute Wall

TK

“ I MET JACK AT BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY IN DECEMBER 1965. WE LIVED ON THE SAME FLOOR OF A HIGH RISE DORM. JACK WAS WORKING ON A MASTERS DEGREE. HE WAS A NON-MORMON ATTENDING A MORMON UNIVERSITY. HE OWNED A 1963 SPLIT WINDOW SILVER CORVETTE 327CI/340HP- IT WAS VERY FAST! WE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS AND WE WERE ROOMMATES THE FOLLOWING YEAR OFF CAMPUS WHEN JACK OWNED A 1968 SILVER CORVETTE WITH 427 ENGINE. HE WAS ALSO IN THE UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AT THE TIME. HE WAS A GREAT GUY! JACK CAME TO ST GEORGE UT A COUPLE TIMES TO VISIT IN THE 1980'S AND STAYED AT OUR HOME. MY WIFE AND I VISITED JACK IN BUTTE MT WHEN HE WAS TAKING CARE OF HIS MOTHER WITH LOVE AND PATIENCE. I REALLY LIKED JACK AND ENJOYED HIS FRIENDSHIP OVER THE YEARS. HE WAS A GREAT GUY, AND I AM VERY SADDENED TO LEARN OF HIS PASSING. REST IN PEACE JACK- YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

TERRY KESSOCK - February 13, 2017 at 01:05 AM

RO

“ So sad to hear of Jackie's passing. Such a great guy with the best laugh ever! Always will think of him with great respect for the way he cared for his sweet mother, Edna. Love to the Harkins family
Robin Briggs Olsen

Robin Briggs Olsen - April 20, 2016 at 12:24 AM

FG

“ J W and Freda Harkins built the Harkins Wholesale Company in Butte distributing soda, tobacco, candy and a more than a few punch boards from a one man push cart business in the early 1900's. Sons Bill and Jack spent 1923-1940 touring nearby counties playing hot dance music featuring Bill's wife, Irene on the piano. J W and Freda, being very strong willed, brought Jack and wife, Edna and Bill and wife, Irene into the same family house in the late 1930's. Bill and Irene had two daughters, Virginia and Wilene and Jack and Edna had their son, Jackie. The three children grew up as brother and sisters. It was not always harmonious but there was plenty of love. In 1940, with the arrival of cousin Wilene, piano playing Irene had her hands full, and the two brothers, Jack and Bill moved on from the Harkins Jazzadores to full time work of growing the wholesale business. Jack became the soda pop bottler and Bill handled the tobacco and candy sales. Jackie and Wilene were the closest cousins in age in school but Ginny lived just over the hill from Butte in Dillon. Jackie came into the business after college. We all treasure the years we had with Jackie, with our visits to Butte, but more often with phone calls to see how everyone was doing. While away at college at BYU, Jack became good friends with Scott Briggs of the Dell, Montana Briggs family. Wilene and Ginny deeply appreciate the care and compassion that Scott Briggs and his wife have shown towards Jackie in the last few years as his health declined.

*We hope that heaven for Jackie is a place with horses and fast sports cars. Lovingly,
Fred and Wilene (Harkins) Grimm Family*

Fred M Grimm - April 18, 2016 at 11:46 PM

PC

“ I knew him as Jackie. When we were teenagers we had to show each other our Dads new car. Jack Sr's new Imperial and my dad's new Buick.

I have many fond memories of Jackie and will miss him

God bless you my friend.

Patrick Connole

Patrick Connole - April 18, 2016 at 05:45 PM

DF

“ Jack will not only be known as a cousin to my mom, Ginny Davis and her sister Willie Grimm but also as their brother. There was always a special bond between them as they grew up in the same household as part of the Harkins Dynasty. He is known for his dedication to all things family and for his work ethic in helping run the family business; Harkins Wholesale. I have many fond memories of Jack especially ones of getting the opportunity to ride in one of his cars. A lover of automobiles, he had several Corvettes over the years as well as a Porsche. He will always be known for calm demeanor and a dry sense of humor. Although he will be missed by all, we are comforted knowing that his is now with his mom and dad. Rest in peace Jack.

Davis Family - April 17, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JW

“ My husband Ralph Ward was a very good friend of Jacks. When Jack was able to get out and about they went to McDonalds every day for the last four or five years! It became quite a habit for the two of them. Our grandchildren thought a lot of him. When he was a door greeter at Wally World our oldest granddaughter Amanda worked in Subway and Jack would drop in on his break and visit with her. She just loved him! We know that he has crossed the Rainbow Bridge and is at peace now. Janice Ward and all of the Ward family.

Janice Ward - April 16, 2016 at 08:05 PM