



Mr. Jack Arnold Merlin Sr.

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Jack Arnold Merlin, Sr, age 86, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at his home. Jack was born on January 1, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Benson Smerlinski and Florence Ruth Bilicki.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Ruth Smerlinski; father Benson Smerlinski; sisters Grace Jefferies, Joan Deveraux, Geri Rech and Jeanie Andrews; granddaughter Rebecca Merlin.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Kathy Merlin; children Daniel (Sandy) Merlin, Debra King, David (Tressa) Merlin, DixieLee (David) Maxwell, and Jack (Brooke) Merlin, Jr; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jack left Wisconsin in 1961, where he worked as a mechanic with Evinrude Motors. Along with his wife and children he moved to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue a music career. While living in Nashville, Jack worked as a mechanic to assist in reaching his dream of becoming a musician. Jack had many occupations in the music industry including working as a recording artist, a song writer, and a record producer. He also owned his own record label, COR Records, during which he was featured on several other record labels. In 1964 Jack began his career in law enforcement where he became a Sergeant with Metro Police Department, Nashville. While working with Metro, Jack formed a police rock band - The "Bluelites." The "Bluelites" visited schools and community events in the 1960s and 1970s and continued to perform together for 18 years. In 1990 Jack retired from Metro Police Department after serving for 26 years. He was a member at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Madison, Tennessee. Jack studied theology and was also a firm believer in his Savior, Jesus Christ. His family is at peace knowing he is resting in our Savior's arms.

Visitation will take place on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 1 PM until 4 PM at Spring Hill Funeral Home in Nashville. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will follow at 4 PM officiated by Dr. Richard Schriver and Pastor Willie Acevedo. Burial will take place on Monday, August 5 at 9 AM at the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jack Merlin, Jr, Brian Merlin, Micah Brewer,



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Sr, Micah Brewer Jr, Ronnie Savage, David Maxwell, Sr, David Maxwell, Jr, and Daniel Merlin, Jr.
Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Bilicki, Charlie Mosley, and Joe Casey.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Jack's name to the charity of one's choosing.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home & Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.






Events

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Visitation

-  **Sunday**, August 4, 2019
-  1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






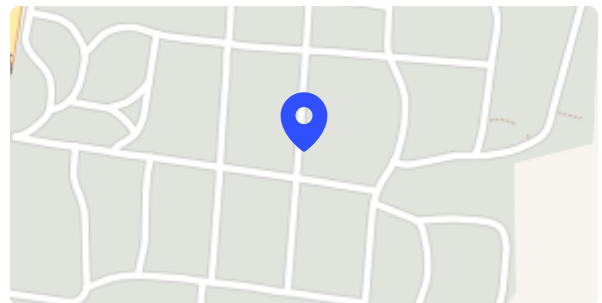
Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

-  **Sunday**, August 4, 2019
-  4:00 PM - 5:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
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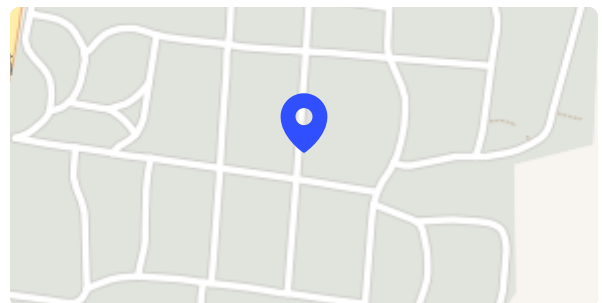
Burial

-  **Monday**, August 5, 2019
-  9:00 AM - 9:30 AM CT
-  **Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



Cemetery Details

-  **Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216
-  **615-866-1419**





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Melissa Wallace posted:

My condolences to the family of Jack Merlin Sr. on his passing. My favorite memory of Jack is the day I met him. My Dad was the photographer at the Nashville Speedway and he asked me to assist him. I walked race car to race car selling Dad's photos. I was just 16 years old and I was kind of scared being down in the Pits for the first time. Suddenly, as I was walking along, a nice policeman I did not know standing there in full uniform said, "You okay kid?" I told him I was okay, just kinda scared being in this new environment. Jack assured me that he would keep an eye on me and told me that if I had any problems just run to him. Then, he commented how hot and thirsty I looked and bought me a lemonade at Concessions. I felt better after that. Jack did for me what the best of Police do for the us that day. He made me feel safer by his presence and kindness. That is how I met Jack. My heartfelt prayers for his 3 boys and the rest of his family.

August 3 at 12:15 PM



Janine Harris posted:

I'm so very sad about his passing. My Uncle Jack and godfather will and has been in my memories since I last saw him in 1972 in Tennessee. Uncle Jack listened to my singing and guitar playing, set me up on a blind date and took Debbie and I for a boat ride. When I was a little girl visiting our Nanny and Pa in Wisconsin, my Uncle Jack was playing the boogie man in the garage window. He scared me to death and I ran onto my grandma Nanny's lap and spilled her hot coffee. Needless to say Jack was in deep trouble. He was always up to some shenanigans but I so love him. May he rest in the arms of Jesus now and be in eternal peace. Sympathy and Love to his wife and family. Jan Harris

August 2 at 10:55 AM



Danny Merlin August 4 at 2:32 AM

Thank You for thoughts, and kind words.



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Merlin family.

August 2 at 10:17 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Merlin family.

August 2 at 9:27 AM





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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Merlin family.



August 2 at 5:54 AM



Adrian Turner posted:

I love you and will miss you Uncle Jack! Aunt Kathy, I am praying for you and the rest of the family. We love you!

August 2 at 2:59 AM



Susan Merlin Davis August 2 at 9:43 AM

Love you Granddad, thank you for all the good memories we had. Love Tootie as you called me.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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