



Dr. Jack Walter Kerr

January 14, 1930 - April 24, 2010

Dr. Jack Walter Kerr Dr. Jack Walter Kerr died April 19, 2010. He was born in Nuevo Laredo, Texas on January 14, 1930, the son of Walter and Doris Kerr. Jack is survived by his wife Yvonne Durocher Kerr, his brother Joe N. Kerr and wife Ursula, twelve nieces and nephews, and countless friends who knew and loved him. He was predeceased by his parents and beloved brother Al C. Kerr. Jack graduated with an M. A. from the University of Windsor and received his Ph. D. from the University of Texas in Austin in 1972. He was a well-respected Shakespearean scholar and professor of English at Sam Houston State University for thirty-five years. Jack's devotion to the protection and welfare of animals was a key element in his life, and he was one of the co-founders of the Rita B. Huff Humane Society in Huntsville, Texas. Those who have know Jack over the years, knew a man of grace and wit with an immense array of interests and talents, from basketball coach to mystery writer. Jack was immensely proud of having authored and published two novels. The family wishes to express thanks and gratitude for the care and attention given to Jack by Dr. T.C. Cole, Dennis and Lynn Longmire, and Rena Murray. A Memorial Requiem Mass will be held at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville, Texas at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 24, 2010. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society, 530 Bearkat Boulevard, Huntsville, Texas 77340, or Little Woman Home for Animals, 66 Evelyn Lane, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Jack Walter Kerr*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Yvonne, Jim Stalling called me from Houston over the weekend (5/15) and told me of Jack's death. We are all so very sorry for your loss. He was a delightful man and sweet soul. You and Jack were wonderful friends to Uncle Don and mother, and we all loved you so! I am especially sorry we were not there for his memorial.*

I'm sorry we have not been in touch for so long...but you are certainly in our thoughts and prayers, as is Jack. I hope he is now surrounded by all the animals he has loved and helped through the years!

*Much love,
Ellie Robinson King*

Ellie King - May 20, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ *To all of the members of the Jack Kerr family. I recently learned of the death of Dr Kerr. I had the honor of being a student of his in the 1980s and I want to let you know that I was touched by his warmth and charm.*

James Davidson - April 24, 2010 at 03:18 PM

MH

“ Yvonne, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. When Jack and I talked, he would always thank me for helping at Little Woman Home for Animals. I will miss his kind words. If you need anything, please let me know. Martha

Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson - April 23, 2010 at 06:55 PM

HO

“ Dwar Yvonne,
We are sorry to hear of Jack's death. Jack was a true friend, he was such a joy to talk to when ever I saw him. Please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Hattye Owens - April 22, 2010 at 12:01 PM

JH

“ Yvonne, Joe and I were so sad to learn of Jack's death. He was a friend whom we admired greatly. We will be in Dallas on Saturday and not able to attend the memorial. Please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you then and in the weeks ahead. We hope you will let us know if there is anything either of us can do for you. Many good wishes, Jane and Joe Henderson

Joe and Jane Henderson - April 21, 2010 at 08:51 PM

CB

“ I'm very sorry to learn of the death of Jack. I knew him as a fellow board member of Little Woman Home For Animals. His interest and concern for the animals there was greatly appreciated and he very much contributed to the organization's success. I did not know Jack well but well enough to know he was a generous and kind man.

Charles Bowers - April 21, 2010 at 08:11 PM

PD

“ Dear Yvonne:
Words cannot express how sorry I was to learn about Jack. I have a lot of wonderful memories of you and Jack after John met Jack at the University of Windsor. Good friends are with you always. Love Pat.

Pat Dodson - April 21, 2010 at 07:21 PM

AA

“ I was a student of Dr.Kerr at SHSU and he was one of my favorite professors, not only did we share a love of Shakespeare but a love of animals as well. Years later we met again while I was a waitress at Elkins Lake, he remembered me from his class and told me if I was interested in going back to school that he would do everything he could to help, while I didn't take him up on his offer the I did appreciate it and I never forgot his kindness. Dr. Kerr is an angel who has gone home, and while it's sad he is no longer here on earth with us I know he will always be looking over us protecting both man and animal. My sympathy go out to his friends and family, God bless and comfort you in your grief

Andrea Alexander - April 21, 2010 at 05:56 PM

AM

“ Jack was a wonderful person and will forever be remembered. I first met him while he was a professor at Sam and I was a secretary within his department. As years went by, he asked me to help him with the typing of poems and his written manuscripts for the mystery books that he published. There were nights that I would be typing and I would totally lose track of time. I would get so wrapped up in his story and what was hard was having to wait for him to give me the next chapters. I will always cherish those signed copies of the books that he gave me. Jack had such a big heart as well. I am a mother of three and he was always so kind to me and my children. He would come in my office at times and ask about them and he would insist on sending them money for ice cream. He was also a strong supporter of CDYL which was the dixie league they played baseball for. I couldn't tell you the number of times he donated to their season teams and all-star tournaments. You will always have a place in our hearts Jack! My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

Angie Moore - April 21, 2010 at 11:01 AM

NJ

“ What a delight Dr. Jack was to all who knew him. I was honored not only to have know him as a student, but later when I was the SHSU Alumni Director. Dr. Jack touched many lives. He was so very smart and such an honorable man. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady.

Norma Dell Jones - April 20, 2010 at 01:10 PM

EC

“ Jack and you have been such great friends to our family. Mother loved you both and of course your friendship with Lee is constant. We had great times at the football games.

Evelyn Clements - April 20, 2010 at 11:09 AM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Love,
Dub and Charlyne

Dub and Charlyne - April 19, 2010 at 02:35 PM

TT

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JACK OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU LOVE YA BETTY

THE TACKETTS - April 19, 2010 at 02:10 PM