



Jack Dempsey Townley

August 4, 1924 - June 5, 2021

Jack Dempsey Townley, 96, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2021.

Jack was born on August 4, 1924 to Richard Harrison and Fannie Dunham Townley in Blanchard, Texas. He grew up during the depression, and joined the US Army in March of 1943. He proudly served his Country during World War 2 in the Central European Theater, serving as an infantryman. He was awarded 3 Bronze Stars, the Silver Star, and several other medals.

He returned to Polk County after the war, where he met the love of his life, Georgia Estelle Kelley. They married on April 22, 1947 and had three beautiful children- Jackie, Sandra, and Richard.

Jack had many local business interests. He owned and operated the barbershop in the Loman Student Center at Sam Houston State University for over 30 years. Many young men got their first haircut or first military haircut in that barbershop. Many employees and friends came through those doors over the years.

Jack was a 65+ year Master Mason at the Grand Lodge of Texas, Forest Lodge #19, as well as a Knights Templar. He never met a stranger- he would figure out who your family was, and there was always conversation to follow. As a member of the "Greatest Generation" Jack was a man of honor, integrity, and had a deep and abiding faith in God. His handshake was his word and bond. He put his faith into action daily. The measure of a life well lived is measured in love, and Jack had so much love to go around. Above all else, he was a cherished husband, Dad and PawPaw. We know there is a celebration

going on in Heaven that has left a hole in our hearts.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Georgia, their daughter Sandra, daughter and son in law Jackie and Billy Woods, his brother Bay and sister Ida Mae Munson and special friend, Louise Fondren.

Left to treasure his memory are his son and wife, Jack Richard and Debbie Townley, granddaughters Kelly King and husband Wade, Stacie Woods, Christie Woods and Colin Guinn, grandsons Greg Townley and Steven Townley and Jennifer Adams. Great grandchildren, Brittanie and Jordan Dugas, Alex Vader and Vince Pale, Ross Vader, Lesley and Jace Zeller, Achillies and Cruz Guinn, Grayson Townley and Great-Great grandchildren Jack and Beaux Dugas, Joey Zeller, and Lorelei Pale, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, where Jack was a founding member.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 8th from 5 to 7 pm at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be at 2 pm on Wednesday, June 9th at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery

700 Martin Luther King Blvd
Huntsville, TX

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wesley Memorial United Methodist
700 SH 30
Huntsville, TX 77320

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wesley Memorial United Methodist
700 SH 30
Huntsville, TX 77320

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Dempsey Townley*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *A man like no other. He was there for me many times. Thank you Jack. May you rest in peace.*

Bob Koenig - June 10, 2021 at 10:15 PM



“ *Keeping the Townley family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Thomas, Jennie and Caren Hayman*



Cathy Warren - June 09, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *My Deepest condolences to the Family . MR. Jack was a fine man gave me my first straight razor shave. I will never forget that. Again I am sorry for y'all's loss but he is home with Ms. Georgia ,Sandra,and Jackie. Waiting on all who knew him. He will be missed by all*

Doug Harvey - June 09, 2021 at 07:47 AM



Our deepest condolences at the passing of this great man! My daughter is a student at SHSU & through social media became aware of his great services for our country at Normandy & through the Battle of the Bulge! What an honor it must've been to be in his presence, talk to him & simply to receive a haircut from him!! We did not know him & do not know anyone in his family but please know he will not be forgotten.

Respectfully, the Garlington family (Aledo, Tx)

Susan Garlington - June 09, 2021 at 03:13 PM

BH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of your Dad. He will be missed.*

Bobbie Hilliard

Bobbie Hilliard - June 09, 2021 at 02:03 AM

CW

“ *We enjoyed visiting with Mr. Townley. He will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family.*

*Joyce McLaughlin
Cheryl Washington*



Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - June 08, 2021 at 09:13 PM

DB

“ *Jack and Family Mr Jack was a great man who always had a kind word for those around him. Definitely have a new Angel watching over us* ❤️

Donna Bell Baker - June 08, 2021 at 07:30 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Hayman Warren lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley*



Cathy Hayman Warren - June 08, 2021 at 02:45 PM

CH

“ *Ginny Townley - Hackney and the Hackney Family are sending our love and healing energy for your father's passing to Jack Richard, his family and the extended Huntsville family of friends and masons that will miss this great man. Blessing....*

CLINTON R HACKNEY - June 08, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JM

“ *Janet McGehee lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley*

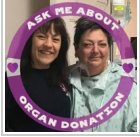


Janet McGehee - June 08, 2021 at 10:26 AM

JM

What a remarkable person Mr. Jack was..heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. .

Janet McGehee - June 08, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr Townley will truly be missed. I had not seen him in many years, it was always a special treat when I did! I know the joy he must be feeling at being reunited with his beloved sweet wife. Sending heartfelt condolences to Jack (Richard, as Mike got me to calling you!), Debbie and family. You are in my heart's and prayers. Hugs and much love God Bless*
Jamie Sue & Don Brinegar



Jamie Sue Brinegar - June 08, 2021 at 09:14 AM

WS

“ *Mr. Townley was such a sweet person and will be so missed. Sadly, our Fish Hatchery families are getting smaller. Mother (Nell Skains) and I send our love to you all.*

Wendy Skains-McLeod

Wendy Skains-McLeod - June 07, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Dempsey Townley.*



June 07, 2021 at 10:13 PM

SM

“ *Son Of Cecil McKee lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley*



Son of Cecil McKee - June 07, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MH

“ *Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley*



Marvin Hyvl - June 07, 2021 at 05:54 PM

BM

“ *Bob and Susan McKinney purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jack Dempsey Townley.*



Bob and Susan McKinney - June 07, 2021 at 05:32 PM

DP

“ *Praying for the family. Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers, Donna and Walter Paschall and Mary and Nathan Roe.*



Donna Paschall - June 07, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Dempsey Townley.*



June 07, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Richard & Mary Ann Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley*



Richard & Mary Ann Faulkner - June 07, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Carolyn Baker lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley*



Carolyn Baker - June 07, 2021 at 11:21 AM



Prayers to the family

Carolyn Baker - June 07, 2021 at 11:23 AM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Townley was a fine man!



Steve & Dianna Holbrook - June 07, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MO

“ Mary & Bubba Oliver lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley



Mary & Bubba Oliver - June 07, 2021 at 09:20 AM

MW

“ I'm sorry for your loss.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - June 07, 2021 at 07:55 AM

SS

“ Sue Sprott lit a candle in memory of Jack Dempsey Townley



Sue Sprott - June 06, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Dempsey Townley.*



June 06, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Such a sweet man,praying for the family.We love y'all he will truly be missed our thoughts and prayers our with you all
Love
Dawn & Odell Rachal*



Dawn Rachal - June 06, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Dempsey Townley.*



June 06, 2021 at 06:26 PM