



John G. "Jack" Clawson

February 19, 1928 - May 31, 2018

John G. "Jack" Clawson, 90, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 31, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Jack was preceded in death by his dear wife, Cherie. Jack was born on February 19, 1928, in Seattle, Washington, son to the late James and Leora (Gibbs) Clawson. After retiring as President and CEO of Hill-Rom in Batesville, Indiana, Jack and Cherie settled in Bonita Springs in 1992.

Jack was always a hard worker, starting at a young age working at his grandfather Gibb's farm in Arimo, Idaho and working at a shipyard in Seattle during his high school years. He served in the Army from 1945-1947 in Japan. He served as a volunteer church missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Copenhagen for three years ending in 1950. Shortly after, Jack graduated from Brigham Young University in 1953, then received an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1955.

During his career, Jack held various President and CEO positions, including President of Thonet Manufacturing Corporation (1968) and DeSoto Furniture (1973). In 1976, he moved to Batesville, Indiana taking the position of COO then quickly became President of Hill-Rom Company, a division of Hillenbrand Industries. He helped lead Hill-Rom to significant growth to become a global leader in hospital beds and a true leader in health care, transforming the way patients and care were connected. He also led a culture that engaged

customers and associates in a manner rarely seen. He retired in 1993.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he was an active, devoted follower of Jesus Christ. He spent much of his time and resources to help and serve others. He served as a Missionary, Branch President, Bishop, Stake President, High Priest Group Leader, and numerous other callings. He was a significant leader in helping build the congregation in Southeast Indiana (Batesville).

Jack loved poetry and could recite many poems by memory. He loved sports, particularly tennis, back yard basketball games, and "Home Run" – his own made up softball game.

Most importantly in his life, Jack was devoted to his wife and family. Jack married his sweetheart, Cherie, on June 11, 1953 in the Logan, Utah temple. More than anything else, he was a dedicated husband and father, cherishing and supporting his wonderful wife in all her travel, his and her service to others, and other endeavors. He was an amazing and always supportive father and grandfather. Jack and Cherie were a positive influence and example to many others that they touched. They raised 7 wonderful children, who are remarkably successful in their families, careers, and service to others.

Jack is survived by his loving children, Carla Clawson Hoffman (Buzz) of Manteca, California, Martha Clawson Abell (Dixon) of Monroe, Louisiana, John D. Clawson (Betty) of Lawrence, Kansas, Curtis J. Clawson of Bonita Springs, Florida, Craig S. Clawson (Amy) of Tarpon Springs, Florida, Scott G. Clawson (Gayla) of Libertyville, Illinois, and Caroline C. Clawson of Libertyville, Illinois; brother, Charlie Clawson of Palo Alto, California; 21 cherished grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, Jack was preceded in death by his brother, Darcy Clawson of

New Canaan, Connecticut.

The family will receive friends and loved ones on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 20601 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, Florida 33928. A public viewing will be held from 12:30pm – 2:30pm, followed by a funeral service at 3:00pm. John “Jack” Gibbs Clawson will be laid to rest alongside Cherie, his eternal companion, with family members at Memorial Gardens in Naples, Florida.

Flowers may be sent to Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home in Bonita Springs, Florida or in lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to Loggerhead Turtle conservation, which Jack and Cherie loved Here (<http://turtletime.org>) or Hope Hospice Here (<https://www.hopehospice.org/donate>)

Online condolence may be offered at www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Naples Memorial Gardens

525 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
20601 Three Oaks Parkway
Esteros, FL 33928

Visitation

JUN 9. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ John G. "Jack" Clawson

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Caroline,

Not sure if you will remember me. My name is Vickie (Weisenbach) Heil. We went to Batesville Middle School together. We ran track together.

I saw that your father passed away and in reading the obituary, I saw that your mother passed away a while ago.

I just wanted to tell you that I have so many fond memories of your mother. She was so sweet to our track team. She would always ride the bus and bring us orange slices. She was always smiling and encouraging us to be awesome. She always made me feel special and I loved that fact that she dedicated herself to being a good person and a good mom.

I came back to Batesville after attending college. I have taught 2nd grade for 28 years. I am also the Middle School boys and girls head track coach. Because of your mother, I try very hard to be more than just a coach. We do character-building activities and every practice I recognize 3 athletes that have done something special that day. I try to make them feel special and loved just like your mom did for all of us.

I would love to hear from you and get caught up on your life. It is always fun to reunite with old friends.

You can friend me on Facebook if you are interested.

Again, please know that I am praying for your family during this very difficult time.

Warm regards,

Vickie Heil

Vickie Heil - June 23, 2018 at 08:21 AM

DS

“ To Curt and Family, When one is blessed with good parents that inspire their kids to pass along the blessings they provided, there can be no better testimonial to the glory of their life. They know their good will carry on as they laid solid cornerstones and built on them each day of your lives.

Knowing you Curt, I believe each member of your family has the necessary foundation to go forward and continue to make a difference in everything they do and everyone they meet.

If there is anything we can do for your family or you we are always here. Our prayers are with you all.

Loving Regards,

DeWayne Talley and Pat Scott

DeWayne Talley & Pat Scott - June 09, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.



June 09, 2018 at 08:21 AM

CC

“ *Culligan by WaterCo...Don Fuller & John Capone purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



Culligan by WaterCo...Don Fuller & John Capone - June 08, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



June 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



June 07, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



June 07, 2018 at 04:39 PM

GM

“ *Mr. Clawson was a rare combination of talent, kindness, and humility. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word.*

Ace Moorman

Gary Moorman - June 07, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



June 07, 2018 at 03:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



June 06, 2018 at 02:05 PM

RS

“ *Jack's concern for the welfare of others will be missed.*

Robert Selle - June 05, 2018 at 11:02 AM

BJ

“ We enjoyed our years at Hill-Rom with Jack and Cherie. With his leadership, it was the best years of my career.

Bill and Joanne

Bill & Joanne Janzaruk - June 05, 2018 at 10:24 AM

CW

“ Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.
Caissen Water

Caissen Water - June 05, 2018 at 08:44 AM

DS

“ Dear Clawson Family, I am so sorry to hear that Jack passed on. He was such a dear soul. I loved the twinkle in his eyes when i saw him. I asked Curt about Jack at a recent FGCU Basketball game. Your mom Cherie & your dad Jack were so proud & supportive of you all. Your love for them was shown in the care you gave them , especially when Curt left the Washington political scene to care for them both. Cherie & Jack are holding hands & walking along a sunny beach in heaven.



My prayers go out to you all.

Sincerely,

Donna M. Stone

Donna Stone - June 04, 2018 at 10:43 AM

TF

“ *The Crawford, Smith & Swenson Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



The Crawford, Smith & Swenson Families - June 03, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Curt Clawson. No wonder you took off from political life, to be with him and your mother. I did the same thing too, and never regretted it. It is time with loved ones that can never be replaced.*

*Sincerely,
Carol and Bryan Crane
St. James City, FL*

Carol Justice Crane - June 03, 2018 at 09:42 AM



“ *All our love and appreciation to Jack and Cherie's posterity. Cherie was my babysitter in San Bernardino, and Jack is a powerful role model. May the peace that passes understanding and the bright hope of the Holy Spirit full each of you. Brent Anderson and family*

Brent Anderson - June 03, 2018 at 09:20 AM

JA

“ *Dear Clawson Family,*

We knew your Dad (& Mom) many years ago in Batesville, IN. Such lovely people ...now reunited. Our love and prayers to you all. God Bless! Jamie & George Ballou

Jamie - June 03, 2018 at 07:44 AM

CR

“ *Scott and family....Culligan Kansas City sends our deepest condolences in the loss of your father.*

connie rishworth - June 02, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JF

“ *Mr. Clawson left a everlasting footprint I'm my heart and my families.
His down to earth approach and candid nature taught me how to be a better person.
Everyone loved Mr. Clawson and he will be greatly missed but never forgotten.*

Jay & Linda Fullenkamp & family

Jay Fullenkamp - June 02, 2018 at 08:09 AM

JM

“ *Scott and Family-*

Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you!

God bless!

Jeffrey Manwarren - June 02, 2018 at 08:07 AM

MF

“ *Scott and family,*

I want to extend our condolences and send you our deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. May the Love of family and friends comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead. Having lost my father about a year ago, I know the feeling very well. It's tough, but we move on, being grateful as the beneficiary of their tremendous influence on our lives forever.

All the best, and God Bless,

*Mark Felton
Culligan Sacramento*

Mark Felton - June 01, 2018 at 05:39 PM

SB

i feel as if i knew Jack Clawson by way of the strength, caring, sense of family and spirit he engendered in his son Scott. Stephen Baum, friend

stephen h baum - June 02, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John G. "Jack" Clawson.*



June 01, 2018 at 05:01 PM

JS

“ *Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Clawson family from the Culligan Family in Plainview Texas.*

Jason Stehlik - June 01, 2018 at 01:47 PM

CR

“ 2 files added to the album Jack



Crissy - June 01, 2018 at 09:00 AM

CR

“ *Jack Clawson is one of the kindest, most generous men I know. Even in his final days, he would find ways to make me smile. Jack, you will be very missed by many, but I know how anxious you were to see your beloved Cherie again. All my love and condolences to the family at this time.*

Crissy - June 01, 2018 at 07:33 AM