



Dr. Jack Wilfred Stouten

September 4, 1940 - January 24, 2024

Jack Wilfred Stouten (83) of New Brighton, MN, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. Jack was born to Wilfred and Leona (Sickler) Stouten on September 4, 1940 in Minneapolis. Most of his childhood was spent in St. Paul. He married Linda Donnay on June 1, 1963 and they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Jack earned his BS and MA in Education (St. Cloud State University), Education Specialist (St. Thomas University), and Doctorate in Education Administration (Walden University). He enjoyed his work as a teacher, principal, superintendent, university professor, and as the magician 'Magic Jack'. Under Jack's leadership, Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary School earned the National School of Excellence Award in 1987-88.

He served as Sertoma Governor (Southern MN), president of MN Elementary School Principal's Assn. and was an active member in numerous community service projects including Madhatters theater playing the lead in "The King and I." Jack and Linda loved traveling worldwide.

He is survived by his wife, four children, Rebecca Stouten, William Stouten (Viviana), Jacqueline Van Cleef and Cynthia Bassett Hartwig, grandchildren Eric, Kelly, and Matthew Tappe, Sienna Jark (Collin), Lucas Stouten, Steven Ruiz, Sabastian Van Cleef, Charles and Donovan Bassett (Tingting Huo), and

great grandchild, Liam Jark. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ron and niece Sherri Colegrove.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at 2:00 p.m. at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN. Visitation is at 1:00 p.m. and refreshments will follow the service.

Cards appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Nativity Lutheran Church
3312 Silver Lake Road
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Church Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *In Loving Memory of Dr. Jack Stouten*

Dear Linda and Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences on the passing of Jack. This is not only a profound loss for your family, but also a personal one for those of us who had the privilege of working under his leadership.

I am forever grateful for the opportunity Jack provided me when he hired me for my first administration job. His vision, guidance, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence left an impactful mark on my professional journey. The lessons I learned under his leadership have been invaluable, shaping not only my career but also my approach to leadership.

Jack was not just a leader but a mentor who believed in nurturing talent and fostering a positive, collaborative work environment. His passion for education and dedication to the well-being of both staff and students set a standard of excellence that continues to inspire me.

During this time, may we come together to celebrate the legacy of Jack and the positive impact he had on our lives. May his memory be a source of strength.

Please accept my deepest sympathies

Sincerely,

Becky Gerdes

Becky Jo Gerdes - January 27, 2024 at 09:50 PM

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“ *The last time Tom and I visited with Jack and Linda was at their current home and it was their wedding anniversary! It was a day filled with fun and family. talking, singing, dancing in the livingroom, good food and yes, Magic from Jack! The "magic" he did was facinating to watch! We also got to hear about some of the travels and see some of the artifacts and pictures as he explained them. We were honored to know him and be family. Sending our Love to you, Linda, and your family and keeping all of you in my prayers. May God Bless you.*

Teresa - January 27, 2024 at 11:24 AM