



Mr. John Howard "Jack" Finlayson

October 19, 2021

Mr. John Howard "Jack" Finlayson age 88, a resident of Coosada, AL., passed away on October 19, 2021, at his home. A celebration of life service will be held at Lanark Alabama Wildlife Federation, 3050 Lanark Rd. Millbrook, AL. on Sunday, October 31st at 2 PM. Mr. Finlayson served in the 82nd Airborne before completing his master's in Physical Education from Auburn University. Upon completing his degree, he taught at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Florida, and later worked in the aerospace industry for several years. Jack was the owner of the Fantail and the Catfish House restaurants in Millbrook, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents Carol Pratt Finlayson and Marguerite Folsom Finlayson, sons Michael & Hal Finlayson, brother Pratt Finlayson, sister Shirley McKinney. He is survived by his wife Rita Finlayson, son David Finlayson (Becca), daughter Wendy Smith (Mark), grandchildren River Finlayson, Laney & Avery Smith, nieces Blakely Lindsey, Haley Huckabaa, Jenna Eagerton and other nieces and nephews. Instead of flowers, memorials may be made to Elmore County Humane Society, 255 Old Central Plank Rd., Wetumpka, AL 36092 in his memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lanark
3050 Lanark Road
Millbrook, AL 36054

Tribute Wall



“ Jack was the best friend ever...many, many friends he had. Fly high jack!

tyler - February 05, 2024 at 11:31 PM



“ Mr. John Howard "Jack" Finlayson

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ Mr. John Howard "Jack" Finlayson

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Jack was a great guy. He was a longtime member of our lunch bunch basketball group at the Prattville YMCA. I'd tell him all the time he was my hero because he was in his 70s still out there competing. He never big timed anyone. Even though his life accomplishments would have allowed him to do so.He will be missed and I'll never forget his good spirited nature. Bob Hurd

Bob Hurd - January 16, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ Jack was a rock to his family and friends, always ready to offer a helping hand or sage advice. Not much he has not seen or accomplished in his life. The area will not be the same without you here. My deepest condolences to Rita, David and the family.

Bill Gunter

Bill Gunter - November 02, 2021 at 09:26 AM

TN

“ Rita, David and Family, I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences for your loss. As you know, I knew Mr. Jack since I was a boy growing up in Goshen and Luverne. I remember eating at one of his first restaurants “Annie’s” in Luverne atleast twice a week when I was in high school. He was ALWAYS there, working in the kitchen or running the register; but, he always made time to get around to every table to say hello to us regulars or to greet those traveling Hwy 331 headed to or from the beach. Not much had changed when I ran into him at Fantail twenty years later. He had one of the best work ethics of anyone I’ve ever known. In addition to his commitment to hard work, he believed in living life to the fullest. He was competitive in everything he involved himself with. It was a nice surprise when I moved to Prattville and reconnected with him after so many years had passed. The patriarch of a wonderful family, he will be missed by the friends and communities he touched during his life. May God Bless you and your family. We’ve lost an “old school” great American; and it was a privilege to have known him.
-Trey Norman



Trey Norman - October 22, 2021 at 02:56 AM

TN

“ Rita, David and Family, I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences for your loss. As you know, I knew Mr. Jack since I was a boy growing up in Goshen and Luverne. I remember eating at one of his first restaurants “Annie’s” in Luverne atleast twice a week when I was in high school. He was ALWAYS there, working in the kitchen or running the register; but, he always made time to get around to every table to say hello to us regulars or to greet those traveling Hwy 331 headed to or from the beach. Not much had changed when I ran into him at Fantail twenty years later. He had one of the best work ethics of anyone I’ve ever known. In addition to his commitment to hard work, he believed in living life to the fullest. He was competitive in everything he involved himself with. It was a nice surprise when I moved to Prattville and reconnected with him after so many years had passed. The patriarch of a wonderful family, he will be missed by the friends and communities he touched during his life. May God Bless you and your family. We’ve lost an “old school” great American; and it was a privilege to have known him.
-Trey Norman



Trey Norman - October 22, 2021 at 02:55 AM

BH

Wow MR. Jack Finlayson was such a very sweet and strong Will minded man who not only touched a small part of my past ; one he was planning on being my future father in law at one time and then he was also who signed my paychecks as a employee for the CATFISH house ,fantail on the weekends !!!! Jack will be greatly missed and respected as a hard working thoughtful and sweet handsome man with his little smile he carried miss Rita (RERE Finlayson) heart with him and miss Rita I am so very sorry but I think Jack at least knew how much you loved him with your whole heart and soul babe but I love you all and I'm sorry to hear this sweetie and If I can do anything at all for you please let me know

Brittnie horn - October 24, 2021 at 07:49 AM