



L. Jack Whitney

December 26, 1927 - September 20, 2015

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Jack Whitney, 87, died Sept. 20, 2015, with his loved ones by his side.

He was born in Adel, Iowa, the son of Carolyn and Glenn Whitney. When he was 9 years old the family moved to the San Francisco Bay area. He graduated from the University of California in Berkeley, served two years in the U.S. Army, attended Stanford University, Oregon State University, San Diego State and Western Oregon University,

He met Marion Swanson on the tennis court in the hills of Oakland, California, in August 1952. They were married on Dec. 20, 1952. Three sons were born, David in 1956, Paul, 1959 and Daniel, 1961. The family moved to Newport in 1965 where Jack began his teaching career and did research in marine biology at the Mark Hatfield Marine Science Center. In 1969 the family moved to Corvallis where Jack was instrumental in the planning and opening of Crescent Valley High School in 1971. He retired from teaching high school in 1985 and taught part-time at Linn-Benton Community College.

He was an avid reader and writer. He wrote articles that were published in scientific magazines. He wrote A Field Guide to Seashore Life on Rocky Beaches of the Central Oregon Coast, published in 1968, one of the first of its

kind.

He was an artist and sculptor with a passion for exotic hardwoods, creating beautiful works of art which he gave lovingly to friends and family. He loved great literature and art of all kinds.

His son, Dan, was born with hemophilia. With the help of Dr. David Kliewer and Jack, Dan was able to control his bleeds by infusing himself at home. In 1975 Jack testified before the Senate Human Resources Committee to obtain financial aid for hemophiliacs once they turned 21.

Albert Schweitzer was a hero of Jack's. In 1960, Jack's own words, "Schweitzer realized the first fact of consciousness is — for each of us — the 'will to live' and that we live among other creatures, each having a 'will to live.' Reverence for Life, then, is the most fundamental spiritual value that exists: reverence for one's own life, the lives of others, and of plants and animals."

Jack was preceded in death by his son, Daniel; and nephew Eric Wundermann.

He is survived by his wife, Marion; sons Paul and David, and David's wife Jeni; Dan's partner, Evelyn, and her children Miro and Wilhelmina; sister Shirley and husband Charlie Wundermann; and nephew Karl and wife Lisette and their children, Erik and Zoe Wundermann.

A private celebration of Jack's life will be held in the family home.

Memorial contributions can be made to OHSU Foundation for the Daniel Whitney Memorial Foundation, 1121 S.W. Salmon, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ To Jack Whitney, a great teacher that instilled in me the power of words, may you rest in peace. You will be missed by so many.

To Marion, my 6th grade teacher! My deepest condolences to you and you family. You and Jack were such great influences in my education and life. I have such fond memories of you both!

Richard Ash

CVHS class of '83

Highland View Middle School class of (long time ago!) :)

Richard Ash - September 30, 2015 at 03:26 PM

WR

“ Marion and Family: From Jean James' daughter Wendy and Terry Rude, we send you prayers for your comfort and rejoice that we were able to visit briefly with Jack when we brought Mom down to Corvallis for the wonderful luncheon at your home in June. Bless you for your continued close care of Jack and rejoice that your struggle is over. Having died within 12 days of each other, perhaps Jean and Jack are rejoicing together on the other side. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th when you arrive in St. Helens or the 10th at the 11 a.m. service. Incidentally, also on the same obituary page (sent to us from Mom's 31st-street neighbor Lucia Durand) was description of a 25-year-old young lady "Nicole Leeper;" I don't see Ruth listed as a grandparent, but if her deceased husband's name was Jean, then indeed she was a granddaughter. We did receive a condolence card from Ruth on the 19th with no mention of this concern, so this may have been no relation to Ruth, but if so, we grieve for her.--Love, Wendy.

Wendy and Terry Rude - September 28, 2015 at 08:46 PM

AG

“ Marion with family,

My and Siv sincerest condolences to all of you.

I am thinking of the days mid-summer in 1985 when you visited us in Lund, Sweden...

I remember very precise the moment when you and Jack step off the bus in downtown Lund

We made excursions to your relatives in Borrby, and I remember Jack as an warm, "cool" guy with lot sense of humour.

(We also made a flight in an small aeroplane over Borrby; remember?)

You borrowed our bikes and made your own excursions downtown Lund, and Jack asked a policeman if was allowed to collect a paving-stone (very old) from a pile of stones (there was repair work of the street going on)

We also remember Jack´s nice wooden sculptures! When I visited you in Corvallis, Jack gave me a masterpiece of work: A Bull, and that one is brilliant made!! We loveit very much!

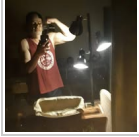
Anders

Anders Gunée - September 27, 2015 at 03:55 AM

MW

Thank you, Anders, I do, indeed, remember our time with you , Siv and two little boys that Jack adored. Sweet memories. Oh, the cobblestone is on a shelf in the living room. Marion

Marion J. Whitney - September 27, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *Jack was my favorite teacher at Crescent Valley. A fine man and a powerful intellect. My sincerest condolences, and those of my family, to all of Mr. Whitney's loved ones.*



Paul Daghlian - September 24, 2015 at 01:17 PM