



Jack Justus

October 29, 1931 - July 31, 2011

Jack G. Justus, after 79 years, moved on to be with his Lord on July 31, 2011. He was a loving husband, committed father, endearing grandfather, doting great-grandfather, insightful elder of the Church, motivating Bible teacher, accomplished speaker, friend to farmers and faithful servant of the Lord.

Born to Charles and Nancy Justus in Boone County, AR, he was educated at Arkansas Tech University and the University of Arkansas with graduate study at North Carolina State and Colorado State Universities.

He worked for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service before joining Arkansas Farm Bureau, serving as both legislative director and eventually Executive Vice-President. In 1998, to honor his 37 years of service to Farm Bureau, the Jack G. Justus Endowment for Teaching Excellence was established at the University of Arkansas to encourage faculty development and innovative research.

Progressive Farmer honored him as its "1996 Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture", and in 1997, he was named the Outstanding Alumnus of the UA Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture.

His commitment to the lives of young people was underscored by serving as General Manager of the Arkansas 4-H Foundation and as an advocate for improvements to Camp Couchdale.

He was a 1997 inductee to the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame and was a member of the inaugural class of the Lead Hill School Foundation Hall of Fame in 2009.

For years he served as Chairman of the Arkansas State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities, and he was a member of the Board of Directors for Crowley's Ridge College, Blue Cross Blue Shield, First Commercial Bank, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and numerous other civic and agricultural organizations.

Married for 61 years, he is survived by his wife, Sue Justus of Searcy, AR; two sons, Mike Justus (Elaine) of Searcy, AR and Tom Justus (Leah) of Malvern, AR.

His five grandchildren include Andy Justus (Meagan) of Kingsport, TN; Allison Justus of Searcy; Anna Ingle (Andrew) of Rosebud, AR; Sarah Saunders (Scott) and Mary Helen Cox (James) of Jonesboro, AR.

Three great-grandchildren include Zachary Saunders, Bonnie Justus and Jack Ingle.

Of seven siblings, he is survived by one brother, Robert Justus of Fort Collins, CO.

The family will host a memorial celebration Saturday morning, August 6, 2011, at 10:30 at College Church of Christ in Searcy, AR.

Visitation with the family will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Jack G. Justus Endowment for Teaching Excellence c/o Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, E108 AFLS Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701 or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Even though many years have passed by, I will always remember the kindness shown to our family when Jack & Sue provided a place in their home for us to stay during my brother's open-heart surgery in Little Rock. Good deeds are never forgotten. May God comfort and bless you all.

Sherry Wilmoth Tomlinson - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

HC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jack was a wonderful man and an inspiration to others.
Love to All,

*Harold & Billie Sloan
Melissa Sloan Casper*

Harold & Billie Sloan, Melissa Sloan Casper - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

ZM

“ May God bless you at this time, Mrs. Justus, Mike and Elaine and family, and Tom and Leah and family! What a wonderful legacy he has left for all of us! May your hearts be filled with all of the wonderful memories of this godly man!

Zac & Connie Muncy - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

LB

“ Just wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless!

LOU & SANDY BUTTERFIELD - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

TJ

“ Mike and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the death of your father. My Dad, Gerald Morgan, thought so much of you and your family. May God bless each of you.

In Him,
Terry Morgan Johnson

Terry Morgan Johnson - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

KS

“ I have many wonderful memories of Jack from my childhood in Lead Hill. He had a horse named Rowdy and he used to talk my sister and brother and myself into running through the barnyard and he would chase us and rope us. Terrifying and so much fun! Also at other times he would play the guitar and sing "Ole Shep". My sister and I would cry every time. My heart and prayers are with you all at this time. He used his time here on earth as a well-loved servant.

Kay and Tom Saul - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

DC

“ It was a distinct honor to be associated with Jack in his public service to the people of Arkansas. He was always an example of integrity; seeking the best in others; and, a great role model for young and old alike. Special thanks to his family for sharing him. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate his life and home-going.

Dr. Jim Caldwell - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

VJ

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. A ONE IN A MILLION PERSON THAT WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

VON & LORETTA FORESEE & ARGIE JACKSON - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

DG

“ Sue, my deepest sympathy to you and the family at this time. May you find peace in the loving memories of Jack. The college has benefited greatly from his commitment to the teaching program. We will proudly remember him and the positive influence he had in the lives of many.

Donna Graham - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM

GB

“ *Jack Justus*

Giles and Carol Ann Brown - March 29, 2013 at 02:11 PM