



Jack Leo Slagle

December 24, 1927 - January 31, 2014

Mr. Jack Leo Slagle of South Boston, Virginia died Friday, January 31, 2014 at Halifax Regional Hospital. He was born December 24, 1927 in Virgilina, Virginia and was 86 years of age. Mr. Slagle was the son of the late William Robert (Willie) and Annie Vera Puryear Slagle of Virgilina and grandson of the late Langdon "Lank" and Rose Davis Slagle.

Mr. Slagle was of Baptist faith and attended True Light Baptist Church.

Mr. Slagle is survived by his wife, Hallie Anthony Slagle of Commonwealth Assisted Living Facility in South Boston, VA; his five sons and their wives: Virgil and Joyce of Columbia, SC, John and Gail of South Boston, VA.; Barry and Connie of Halifax, VA.; Garry and Jennifer of South Boston, VA.; and Scott and Lisa of South Boston, VA., eight grandchildren; John, Jr., Alex, Joseph, Bryan, Bruce, Lindsey, Joshua and Dora; sister and brother-in-law, Robert and Esther Slagle Fulghum of Greenville, NC. He was predeceased in death by his parents, his sister, Laraine, his brother, William R. (Bill) Slagle, Jr., and sister-in-law, Thelma Murray Slagle.

Mr. Slagle was the manager of Slagle's Store in Virgilina, VA from the early 1950's to 1963. During this time he also served as Virgilina's Vice Major and a town councilman. He also founded Slagle's Fire Equipment Company of South Boston, VA and Columbia, SC, an established business of over 50 years that

he shared with his five sons. He was an instrumental founding member, the first fire chief and a Lifetime Member of the Virgilina Volunteer Fire Department. Jack was also affiliated with many other civic and community organizations which include: Past President of the Virgilina Ruritan Club, Member of the South Boston Shrine Club, Richmond Shrine Club, Virginia Masonic Lodge #248, Scottish Rite Temple of Danville, VA, Honorary Member of the South Boston Volunteer Fire Company, and long standing Member of the I.D.A in South Boston, VA.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Open viewing will be from noon till 1:00, service at 1:00 with Rev. Greg Thomas and Rev. Jack Stewart officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery, South Boston, VA. All friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life and Visitation immediately following the burial at the South Boston Fire Company Support Building in South Boston, VA.

Those wishing to give memorials should consider Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals., 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

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Online condolences may be made at www.powellfunerals.com. Arrangements are by Powell Funeral Home, South Boston.

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ Jack and I have been friends since shortly after we (Roxboro FD) carried "Old Betsy" to Virgilina, ca. 1950-51, to fight a fire. We have met and talked many times over the years. Most recently, we enjoyed seeing and talking to Jack at the Cluster Springs café where he ate before attending Wednesday night. church services. We will sincerely miss him. Ruffin and Lib.

Ruffin Woody - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ Sorry to hear about Jack and that we could not attend the funeral. Was looking forward to seeing Virgil, Scott and Barry. Please have Virgil get in touch with us. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the family.

Helen & Carson Turner - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ What a tremendous loss to the Fire Service and community. I was absolutely blessed to know this fine gentleman and his wonderful family. May he rest in peace and his legacy continue to touch others for years.

Rodney Ferguson - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ The Marion Fire Department extends its deepest sympathies to the Slagle family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marion Fire Dept., Marion, NC - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ To Virgil, John, Barry, Gary, Scott and families.
Sorry to hear about your dad. He was a legend in the fire service with countless friends. I will miss seeing him at the Conference. Our thoughts have been with you all.

Ron and Eva Garber - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Slagle. He is fondly remembered by fire departments over three states for his keen business knowledge, compassion, and sense of humor. He was a legend in the industry and fire service. He will be greatly missed.

Tapp'k-Essex Vol. Fire Department - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Jack was a special person and will be missed. When we saw him, he never failed to ask about our "boys". We have enjoyed hearing his stories and jokes over the years. He was one of a kind. May God grant you peace. Cherish your memories.

Richard and Wanda Elliott - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Virgil and Family. I have many fond memories of Mr Jack at the SC Fire conventions so many years ago. My prayers go out to your family.

Jerry Rucker - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ *Sincerest Condolences from Everyone here at Holmatro USA. So sorry to hear of your loss.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."
Matt 5:4*

Tony Barboza & Everyone at Holmatro, Inc. - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family of Jack Slagle. A great man to have known through the years.*

Atkinson Fire Department - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *With sympathy to the family*

Ronnie & Rhonda Waller - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Prayers to the Family*

Penny Hudson - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Jack was one of the most wonderful people to cross my path in my 23 years as Executive Director of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. From the first time I met him to the last time I saw him his smile and exubrance brought joy to me. He always asked about my wife and daughter, and I knew he was truly interested in knowing about them. I was always happy to see him and wanted to have some time to talk with him. He blessed the lives of many people with his charm and warmth. Jack exemplified the true southern gentleman. There are not many people around like Jack. We will miss him but never forget him. Jack loved his fellowman and he loved his family. God bless you Jack. We love you.

Paul Miller - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Our deepest condolences*

Mtount Hermon Vol. Fire & Rescue - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jack was a great friend of the fire service. May he Rest In Peace.*

Mat The Peace of the Lord be with the Slagle family.

Dick Whittington (or as Jack always called me "Chicken Man")

Dick Whittington - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ On behalf of the Clover Volunteer Fire Department please accept our condolences in the loss of Jack. Jack was one of a kind and the strongest supporter of the the fire service around. He will be missed by many!

Clover Volunteer Fire Department - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ The membership of the Warrenton Rural Vol. Fire Department expresses our deepest sympathy to the Slagle family at the loss of Jack. He was a dear friend to our department and its members, current and retired. He was such an important fixture in the fire service, that his presence will certainly be missed.

Chief Walter Gardner - WRFD - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GY

“ *Barry and Connie*

My deepest sympathy... you are in our thoughts and prayers

Gary Yew - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Virgil, John, Barry, Garry, Scott and all the family of "Mr. Jack", we are so saddened to hear of his passing. He was truly a Southern Gentleman and an icon in the Fire Service! We never saw him on a fire show floor or elsewhere that he did not take the time to speak to us and say kind words. We will miss that forever! Unfortunately we are unable to attend the memorial but if I were there I would certainly try to speak about his positive influence on our life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in piece Mr. Jack!*

Tom & Joy Fox - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Barry,
We are thinking of you and your family. Your Dad always stop by to see me when in town. We will truly be missed by many*

*Ronnie and Carleen
Brian's Steak House*

ronnie and carleen - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to the family on behalf of Elkhart Brass. It was a true pleasure to spend time with Mr. Slagle at the South Boston facility and have a guided tour of his fire museum. He was an inspiration in the industry and will be truly missed.*

Jim Melrose - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *All of us from Holly Grove Vol. Fire Dept. work with Jack many times he will be missed*

Chief martin c. Hart - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ *I am glad I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Jack. He was a kind gentleman and always welcoming whenever we had the occasion to see each other over the years. I know that he was very proud of his sons and their families and always had a smile whenever he spoke about them and his grandchildren. My sincere condolences to his family. He was a true friend of the fire service and will be greatly missed by all of usc.*

Georgia Ellis- Dare Co. FM's Office - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *A great Southern Gentleman has been summoned by God to his heavenly home . My sympathy goes out to all the boys I worked with for years.*

Dick Hastings - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ *Very sorry to learn of Mr. Slagel's death. You are all in my prayers.*

W.C. King - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *My heart-felt prayers are with all of you in this time.*

Bob Brown - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Condolences to the entire Slagle Family on your loss.*

Andrew Kaza - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“As Mitch Albom has said, “As long as we can love each other, and remember the feeling of love we had, we can die without really going away. All the love Jack created is still there. All the memories are still there. You live on – in the hearts of everyone you touched and nurtured while you were here.”
“Death ends a life, not a relationship.”

Jack was a wonderful brother. He had a generous and open heart and always welcomed Bob and me when we were visiting him. Jack and Esther shared birthdays (One day apart) December 23 and 24th.) There was a special bond between us as sister and brother.

May Jack rest in peace.

Our deepest condolences to the family.

Esther Slagle and Bob Fulghum - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“To the Slagle Family,
Our deepest condolences for the loss of Jack. Each of you will remain in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

Frank Thomason, Chief

Rowan County Emergency Services - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BK

“My prayers and condolences to the Slagle Family. I am so sorry for your loss. I will forever remember the friendly gentleman, Jack Slagle.

Bobby Kellam - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Mr. Slagle, you will be missed by all. You only meet so many "True Gentlemen" in your lifetime, and you were certainly one in mine. My prayers go out to your family.*

Brian

Brian W. Horrocks - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Dear Virgil and Barry,
I would like to send my sympathy to you and your family of your father passing. Jack was a true innovator and his service to the Fire Industry will be remember forever.*

Sincerely,

John Seehof

John Seehof - Hansen International - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *To The Slagle Family,*

Our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

South Carolina Fire Academy - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *RIP Jack*

Cotton Fire Department - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the Entire Slagle Family:
Please accept my heartfelt condolence on the passing of your husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I am just learning that he and I share the Christmas Eve birthday. I know how much you will miss him. His contributions to Halifax County and South Boston will never be forgotten.

Steve Frazier - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Air Care inc is so sorry the hear of the loss of Jack. He set the standards in fire equipment that we all try to follow today.

*Brook & Chris Thomas
Air Care inc*

Brook & Chris Thomas - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CY

“ Thank you for all your help with finding the history of my Antique

Christopher Young - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ From our family to yours, our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Mr. Jack's family. May God Bless.

Kingstree Fire Department - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ i worked for Jack at slagles store at Virgilina when back in the 1950s.i will never forget him. he was a good man. rest in peace my friend
i will always remember you.

ROY HUFF - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Jack will be missed, he was always a joy to be around. The members of Wilson VFC will keep you all the family in our prayers

Walter Robertson - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Jack and I shared some special times and I will miss him dearly.

C. Moore - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To the Slagle Family

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Jack was a special person who never met a person without making them a friend.

Jeff Blalock - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Jack was a great friend to the fire service and will be truly missed. I know I will surely miss his friendly smile no matter where you saw him. All the Slagle family is in my thoughts and prayers. Bahama Fire Department has many fond memories with Jack!

Chief Len Needham - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Jack will be missed by all in the fire service, it was an honor to know him and call him a friend, God has a great man now at his side.

Chief Donald R. Robinson - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *A wonderful friend,he will be missed by all.*

Lynette Hite - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Thinking of your family.Mr Jack was an icon and will be missed.*

John and Laura Coning - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Chip Pottage*

Chip Pottage - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Jack was a wonderful person. He was always bigger than life. He will be missed by all that knew him. I am praying for you all at this sad time. I am glad that I got a chance to know him.*

Dianna Tiller - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Sorry to hear of mr.slag's death.our prayers are with you.*
Sonny mercer
Denmark fire dept(ret)

Sonny mercer - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Connie and Barry, we are so sorry about your loss.*

Danese & Phillip & Phil Riddle - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jack was a great man and will be missed.

Carolyn & Tom Wade - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My deepest sympathy to the Slagle family. Jack was a great gentleman and one of the strongest supporters of the fire service in Virginia and North Carolina. He was a fixture at the conventions and he always appeared glad to see you. I loved the free tickets that he use to give away that were good for nothing but they were free. The last time I saw him waS at the Halifax Regional Hospital and we talked along time. He shall always remain in my memory as one of my real friends. May Gomfort each of you in your sorrow and bring you peace that your daddy was loved by many people.

Richard W. "Dicky" Harris - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ To Jack's Family,
We are sorry to read of Jack's passing and pray God will give comfort and peace to each of you. As has been said, Jack never met a stranger and was very complimentary of me as a friend. Rest in Peace Jack, Shirley

Shirley and Earl Powell - February 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ My thoughts go out to the family. Jack never mer a stranger and was always so kind to me at Oliver's as his waitress and the many years after when i would return home for visits. May time heal your sorrow and loss.

Denise elliott - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I’m writing this on behalf of my father, Ranger Wilkerson, and myself. My father and Jack struck up a special friendship over 50 years ago when Mr. Slagle rolled up in front of the Henderson Fire Dept. and was selling fire products out of the trunk of his car. It was from that point on that my father said his life changed for the better. “Jack really made me a better man. Not only did he provide our dept. with the best fire products but it was his friendship that I cherished the most. I’d never been away from home much when he started inviting me to the various fire conventions held all over the country. He taught me so much about life and how to interact with others. He was a joy to be around and a true friend. If I needed him at three in the morning he would have helped me. That was Jack.” As for myself, I met Mr. Slagle during these last 15 years when he and my father would get together at least once a year for lunch in South Boston. Mr. Slagle would always give us a tour of the town and feed our bellies with great food. In the short time I knew Mr. Slagle he definitely left an impression on my life. For those of us that knew Mr. Slagle we realize now how lucky we were to have known such a wonderful and generous man. Rest in peace, Jack Slagle.

Gray Wilkerson - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. With much love and sympathy.

Karen & Paul Smith - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Jack. I always had the upmost respect and admiration of Jack and the fire service has grown so much from his support and knowledge. He will be greatly missed.

Jimmy Ussery - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Mr. Slagle was a great man. I enjoyed my time working for him and his family..I will never forget how good he was to me and lots of other people....I will truly miss him.*

Jo Francis - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Dear Slagle family, we are very sad to hear of the passing of our dear friend Jack. Our prayers are with each of you at this time. We are very sorry that we are unable to attend due to illness. Mr Jack will live on in the hearts of many and within the community for decades to come. God bless!*

David & Sylvia Tooley - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Dear Family,
I am grateful for memories of Jack. Our friendship goes back many, many years. I will cherish this relationship and am grateful that God allowed our paths to cross. All of you have been in my prayers and will continue.
Carter Jones*

Carter Jones - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Heart and prayers go out for family and friends.*

Robin Clark Guthrie - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *Deepest Sympathy!*

RICEVILLE-JAVA VFD - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family in the loss of Jack.*

Julia Forlines Weikle - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My prayers and most sincere condolences to all of you.*

Chuck Hatcher - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your dad, Garry. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Give our love to all.yy*

Thomas and RoseMarie Paulette - February 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM