



Jack A. Heern

February 7, 1938 - June 9, 2019

Jack A. Heern, 81, of Murphysboro, passed away at 8:22 a.m. Sunday, June 9, 2019, at the Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Jack was born on February 7, 1938, in Makanda, Illinois, to Finis Heern and Vera (Gher) Heern.

He had operated a gas station, had been a jeweler, was an electrician and plumber, and fire fighter. However, he was probably more well known as the co owner of Tippey's Restaurant from 1979 to 2015 in Murphysboro.

He played the steel, bass and regular guitar and dobro. He also taught guitar lessons. He also played regularly on Tuesday nights at the nursing home. He was a "jack of all trades", and he could fix anything. He created "pac-a-seats" under the brand name of Jack-Pac. He had a contract with the Grand Olde Opera that one of his seats had to be on the stage during the show. Jack could also be a prankster.

Mr. Heern had attended Murdale Baptist Church in Carbondale. He was also a Mason.

Jack married Virginia Sanders on January 2, 1979, in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include two daughters April (Nick) Twenhafel and their children Ella and Hudson, all of Fountain Valley, CA and Kim (Steve) Tarr and their children Logan, Olivia and Jenna-Beth, all of Anna, TX;

a daughter in law Janet Heern of Murphysboro;

two other grandchildren Phillip Heern and his son Treyton, and Zach (Theresa) Heern and their children Leah and Zeke;

and one sister Jean (James Allen) Nichols of Kansas City, KS.

He was preceded in death by one son Ron Heern and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 13, 2019, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Daniels officiating and burial at Murdale Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday until 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or to the American Cancer Society. for more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Crain Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack A. Heern*



Crain Funeral Home - June 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jack A. Heern*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Jack. We have fond memories of Tippey's, Bob and he had a mutual interest in steel guitars, and my father was a friend of Jack's for many years.*

Cathy Hines-Boulton and Bob Boulton.

Cathy Hines-Boulton - June 15, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ *Kim, April and families. So sorry about Jack. Saw him most Sunday mornings at church. Just wanted to be there for your mom. Praying for you all. 🙏🙏 May God provide wisdom , direction and comfort as only He can. Love to you guys. Rhonda 💕💕*

Rhonda and Jim Bodkin - June 13, 2019 at 08:58 AM

BM

“ Virginia, Kim, April and family. We are saddened to hear about Jack's passing. We remember our many meals at Tippys fondly. One of my favorite memories of Jack was watching him play steel guitar. He was so gifted. He will be greatly missed. May God comfort you during this time.
Beth (Stearns) Miller & Heather (Stearns) Gold

Beth Miller - June 13, 2019 at 12:08 AM

BB

“ Virginia and Family,
So sorry for your loss. My Dad grew up with Jack. He was a very kind person.
Your 're all remembered in prayer, now and in the days to follow. If there's anything I can do please feel free to contact me. Love to all.
God Bless

Berta Brown - June 12, 2019 at 11:51 PM

MW

“ I'm sure everyone has a "Tippy's" story. I used to love eating breakfast there on many, many mornings. Sympathy and love to all his family and friends. We will meet again on the other side, safe in the Presence of Jesus!

Michael Williams - June 11, 2019 at 10:27 PM

LH

“ So sorry to hear this Jack was a wonderful man, we lost a good soul. Love and prayers for his family.

Lori Harper - June 11, 2019 at 06:26 PM

CH

“ *Kim, April, Family:
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God hold you in his arms and rest his hand lightly upon your hearts.*

Craig, Anita Harris - June 11, 2019 at 11:01 AM

KM

“ *Sending my condolences to the Heern extended family. Jack, Don and She lived in my neighbourhood in the 60's. Great people and was sad when they moved. Was glad to find Jack and Ron still in the area. Went to their businesses often with their extended families working together. Will miss them all dearly. Praying for all of you now dealing with this loss of a fantastic soul. Hugs.*

Karen McMinn - June 11, 2019 at 06:15 AM

CN

“ *Virginia, Kim, April
Sorry to hear of Jack's passing, Jack and Virginia always made us feel welcome when we were together.
Cathy Needham and Family*

Cathy Needham - June 10, 2019 at 11:42 PM

LB

“ *Our sympathies to Jack's family. May he Rest In Peace.
Leonard & Joyce Basler*

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KS

“ Love to your family, Jack. We will try to care for Virginia as you would. Her hair and nails will be done regularly. I will do miss your face walking the halls of Manor Court carrying your guitar to church every Tuesday night.

Kayce Stucker - June 10, 2019 at 08:58 PM

SN

“ Jack was truly one of a kind. A genuine good guy. My condolences to his family, Virginia, April, Kim, and their families. His grandchildren and sister. He was loved by many, he will be missed by all. RIP my dear friend, will miss our lunches at Midland.

Suzie Naegele - June 10, 2019 at 07:30 PM

KL

“ My condolences to the entire Heern family. Jack was a very dear & close friend going back from his high school days. My dad, Kenneth Cannon (Cannon's Jewelry) loved teaching Jack jewelry repair & playing guitars with Jack at home & the fire station. He was truly a dear friend I will never forget. Love & prayers. Kathi

Kathi Lee-Fentriss - June 10, 2019 at 06:57 PM