



## Jack Phillip Trexler, Jr.

October 25, 1968 - July 13, 2025

Jack Phillip Trexler, Jr., age 56, of Cobden, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born on October 25, 1968 to Jack Phillip Sr. and Virginia Joyce (Wills) Trexler in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Jack was a 1986 graduate of Cobden High School and received his Master's in Social Work from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He was a proud Veteran of the US Air Force. Jack was currently employed by the City of Carbondale as a Social Work Coordinator working as an advocate for the homeless. Jack loved Old Country Music and cooking for family and friends. He was known for his intelligence, quick wit, and sarcastic sense of humor. He only teased the ones he truly cared for. You knew you were loved by Jack if you were on the receiving end of his barbs.

Survivors include two brothers, Mike (Jenny) Trexler and Mark Trexler; sister-in-law, Vicki Coats; aunts, Donna Coats (Jack) Martin, Diane Wills, and Elaine Wills; uncles, Edgar (Berta) Trexler and Ron Wills, nieces, Mikaela Beth Trexler-Marshall (Jeremy), Tasha Nichole Trexler, and Lorie Trexler; nephews, David (Megan) Coats and Daniel Coats; along with many cousins, extended family, and friends who have become family.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his step-father, Jerry Harrington; grandparents, Gilbert and Clarice Wills, Ida and Preach Trexler; brother, Bobby Coats; sister, Susan Coats; uncles, Harry Wills, Jim Wills, Howell Wills, Johnny Trexler, and Ralph Draper; aunts, Margie Trexler, Dorothy Trexler-Draper, and Evelyn Trexler.

A Celebration of "Jack" will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025 starting at 4pm at the Anna Moose Lodge, 327 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois. Public is welcome.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude, memorial contributions be made to the Carbondale Warming Center. Memorial donations will be accepted at the celebration of "Jack".

The cremation of Jack Phillip Trexler, Jr. will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Rhonda Crosby lit a candle in memory of Jack Trexler



Rhonda Crosby - August 20, 2025 at 12:51 PM

ET

“ Oh, my, what a terrible loss to so many of the needy in Carbondale area who came to Carbondale Public Library for his social services. He often had several in line waiting to see him as their life line. He went beyond his job description to help so very many, often using his personal vehicle to obtain needed items for someone or to take another to an interview or where JAX transit nor Rides Plus didn't take them. He will be extremely difficult to replace & died too young when he had another couple decades to give. He surely has a place in heaven. Eileen Troutt-Ervin, Sparrow Coalition

Eileen Troutt-Ervin - July 27, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DN

“ Jack Phillip has been a friend for many years. His empathy for those in need made social work the perfect profession for him. His sense of humor got many of us through hard times. He was one of the “helpers” in this world and we can't afford to lose gems like him... Miss you already, ole buddy. Rest easy..💔

Deb Nash - July 23, 2025 at 02:13 PM

BK

“ Jack was a Godsend for many, many people. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

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**BK** - July 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM

CG

“ I worked with Jack at the library where he was our first full-time social worker. He helped so many people, so many. And he was always, always cheerful, never a negative word, despite what he had to deal with on a day to day basis. He will be missed here, not just for what he did and how many he helped, but because of who he was. He was a wonderful man.

*Chanda Green, circulation clerk and friend*

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**Chanda Green** - July 21, 2025 at 08:09 PM

MK

“ To the Trexler family,  
I haven't seen my cousins since my Mom's (Evelyn Trexler Knox) service in 2011..life gets in the way and then life slips away. Please know that even though its been years, you are still blood and part of my family and I send Prayers, hugs and Love...it sounds like he made Uncle Jack, Aunt Joyce and Grandma Trexler very proud to all he had accomplished in his life!!

*With sympathy & love,  
Your cousin, Marcia Kay Knox  
Springfield IL*

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**Marcia K Knox** - July 21, 2025 at 01:22 AM

HA

“ Heather Austin lit a candle in memory of Jack Trexler



Heather Austin - July 18, 2025 at 04:31 PM

CK

“ Donna, so sorry for the loss of your nephew Jack Phillip. I know you were very close and will miss him. God promises we will all be together again so that is a Blessing. God Bless to all the family...

Cindy, your friend in Cajun country 🙏

Cynthia Kovacs - July 18, 2025 at 02:57 PM

JK

“ We mad over our mutual love of country music and we hit it off right away! I haven't seen him for years but I was blessed to know him! My condolences go out to all this family God bless you all and may God be with you in this trying time amen.

Jena G Knight - July 17, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ Jack was the best! It was never a time I was around him that I wasn't laughing and smiling. He is one of a kind and will be missed by so many! He touched many generations of Cobden Apple knockers and was doing a great job working at the Carbondale library. I'm so sad about his passing and I already miss him!

Teri Campbell - July 17, 2025 at 09:34 PM

CB

“ Good 'ol Jack.... so sorry to see this. I so enjoyed working with you at Cobden School.... we had so much fun! You really did leave there to do something better, and boy, did you do it. You will be missed by those you loved to tease.

Chris Tucker-Higgins (formerly Brumleve) - July 17, 2025 at 09:07 PM

SK

“ To the entire family, on behalf of my mom Eveyn Knos Trexler, I leave you all my heart felt condolence. Rest assure he is Resting in Peace. A life gone too soon. Much love to all.  
Suella Knox (Evelyn's daughter)



Suella Knox - July 17, 2025 at 08:53 PM

HA

“ The loss of Jack and his service to our community will be immense. He provided vital support and case management to the residents of Carbondale and beyond. Whomever takes his position has big shoes to fill!  
My condolences to his family

Heather Austin - July 17, 2025 at 08:38 PM