



John "Jack" Joseph Whitlock

January 7, 1935 - June 20, 2021

Dr. John J. "Jack" Whitlock of Carbondale passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 20 in the DuQuoin Hospital surrounded by loving family.

Jack was born January 7, 1935 in South Bend, Indiana. He enjoyed 65 years of marriage to his loving wife, Sue Ann (Kirkman) Whitlock. Their life was filled with laughter and many happy memories.

Jack proudly worked at the Studebaker company and at J.C. Penney as a window dresser as a young man in South Bend.

He served as a Seaman Apprentice in the US Navy from 1953-56 and as a Corporal in the US Marine Corps Reserve from 1956-61.

He received his Bachelor's degree in Art from Ball State University, Master's and Doctorate degrees in art from Indiana University.

Dr. Whitlock taught art at Hanover College in Madison, IN; directed the Burpee Museum in Rockford, IL; directed the Brooks Gallery in Memphis, TN; and was the museum director/professor at SIU in Carbondale.

Jack had memberships at the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite in both Indiana and Illinois and was an active member of the Marine Corps League &

Rotary Club.

He enjoyed participating in Civil War reenacting and living history from a variety of military historic time periods. Jack and his son, Mark were involved with the filming of several motion pictures and mini-series including; "North and South," "Alamo, the Price of Freedom," "Son of the Morning Star," "Rambo III," "Glory," "Far and Away," and "Ride With the Devil."

Jack is survived by his wife, Sue Whitlock of Carbondale; daughter, Michele Whitlock of Carbondale; son, Mark (wife, Katherine) Whitlock of Springfield; daughter-in-law, Julie Horecker of Murphysboro; three grandchildren, Kristopher Horecker-Whitlock (wife Stephanie) of Carterville, Benjamin and Jack Whitlock of Springfield; great-grandchildren, Logan & Amelia Horecker-Whitlock; other relatives and a host of friends.

He was predeceased in death by his beloved daughter, Kelly Ann Whitlock on December 9, 2015.

A Masonic Service will be at 2:00 pm followed by the Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, 214 W. Main St., Carbondale on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Visitation will be from 1:00 pm until the hour of service. Inurnment with military honors will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum. A reception will follow at the First United Methodist Church.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and will be accepted at the Memorial Service.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
214 W Main St
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-2416

Memorial Service

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Joseph Whitlock*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *With love, Carol Costello purchased the Garden Accent - "Those we love don't go away..." for the family of John "Jack" Joseph Whitlock.*



With love, Carol Costello - September 02, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Mark*
In honor of your father, Dr. John J. "Jack" Whitlock; 50 memorial trees will be planted to help preserve his legacy.
With deepest sympathies, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Andy & Julie Crum Family

Andy & Julie Crum Family - July 18, 2021 at 06:00 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Joseph Whitlock.*



July 15, 2021 at 11:37 AM

BS

“ Sue and Family,

The Shepherds join many hearts that are grieving with you during this difficult time. Jack was a genuine advocate for youth and Tiger and Shelly were direct benefactors of his generosity via their experiences at the WORLD of OZ during the late 70s. Tiger's age elevated him to be a sort of aide to Sue, the Director, and it is probable that some of this influence carried over to his stellar managerial skills in his endeavors today.

Ben held Jack in highest esteem for his dedicated service as Director of University Museum. Jack was a staunch advocate of the Museum and worked hard to position the Museum in the academic mainstream. The launching of the Museum Studies tract in the curriculum was largely a result of Jack's vision and hard work. It should comfort you to know how much Jack meant to us and so many more by being such a kind and caring person. We pray that the words and acts of family and friends during this difficult time will sustain you as you adapt to life without him. Please accept our sincere sympathy and friendship. Ben and Ann Marie Shepherd

Ben & Ann Marie Shepherd - July 11, 2021 at 10:21 PM

KH

“ Michele and Family,

I did not personally know your dad, but your wonderful Facebook posts brought him to life for me. He certainly raised a terrific family, and it seems he was enjoying life right up to the end. May he rest in peace, and may your beautiful memories make this a bit easier for you, your mom and brother. Love, Kathleen

Kathleen Hamilton - June 24, 2021 at 10:28 PM

MB

“ Michele, Sue, Mark, Katharine...I am sorry for the loss of Jack, he was certainly well-loved and contributed a lot to so many people. It was a pleasure to get to know him a bit back when I was a grad student at UIS. Wishing you all peace and love.

Mari Hein Beegle

Mari H. Beegle - June 24, 2021 at 01:04 PM

SZ

“ Michele and Sue, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Jack's love for his family, talent as an artist, and skill at dancing with Sue. He appeared to love and live life to the fullest.

Susie Zuller - June 23, 2021 at 05:19 PM

RO

“ Sue, my condolences to you and your family. I know Jack has been ill for a long time and I think that he is now no longer suffering.

Rosalie Huebener

rosalie - June 23, 2021 at 11:34 AM