



Joe Franklin Pack

January 10, 1932 - January 21, 2012

Joe Franklin Pack was born January 10, 1932 to Clifford H. and Mildred R. Pack in a small cabin house nestled against a wooded stream less than a mile from where he will be laid to rest. Joe recently passed away after complications from a sudden coronary event

Joe was raised on the farm and attended the landmark Klondike grade school later graduating from Pauls Valley High School . In 1965 he moved to Ardmore, OK where he found his true calling with Southern Oklahoma Ambulance service. Working as a medic became his passion and earned him near legendary status among many, and he was often called “hero” by others. Joe never claimed any credit, saying he could only do what God allowed and helped him to do. As a result of this occupation, he spent 33 years with the service serving as an EMT, an instructor, a supervisor, a leader and a friend. From the CEOs to the janitorial, Joe served them all with compassion and respect. Throughout all his work, Joe left upon others his touch of the gifts God had bestowed upon him.

Joe loved gardening. His time was spent nurturing his tomato plants, onions, and his okra, and as they produced, he would share with anyone who would take them.

Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents, his parents, one sister, and one brother. He is survived by 2 sons: Ricklin Joe Pack and his wife Susan, and Gregory O’Brian Pack and his wife Laura; 3 grandsons: Dr. Jason Pack and his wife Andrea, Dr. Wesley Pack, and Caleb Pack; 2 Great-

Granddaughters: Amelia and Taylor; 2 brothers: Jerry H. Pack and family and Jack W. Pack and family; his uncle: Earl F. Cole; and many cousins and a myriad of friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Beaty Baptist Church 2 miles west of I-35 and Pauls Valley on Airline Road with Elder Jack Pack officiating. Interment will be in Klondike Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Pauls Valley)
1601 South Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Visitation

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Beaty Baptist Church
32090 Airline Rd.
Pauls Valley, Ok

Service

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Joe Franklin Pack

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ I think Wes has summed up Joe perfectly. So much of his character reminds me of many of the same traits I remember in my Papa (Clifton Cole)...it tears at your heart to lose him, but with the faith I believe he had it's at he same time peaceful. Looking forward to the second coming!!###imported-begin##Art, Ericka and Anna Quesad###imported-end##

January 25, 2012 at 10:17 AM



“ so sorry for the loss of joe i worked around him in the medical for years while he was in ARDMORE EMT service he was a very kind and caring man may god bless###imported-begin##ALICE HARTMAN###imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 08:44 PM



“ joe was a good friend and a great theacher my prayers and thoughts are with yall###imported-begin##damon walters###imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 08:01 PM



“ Joe was a good friend for 72 years since we were classmates at Klondike. He, his parents, and brothers were great neighbors to my family. For several years, he has kept me up with Klondike news via e-mail. I'll miss him, but Heaven is a richer place with him there. My condolences to all his family. You were blessed to have him.##imported-begin##Dr. Kathryn Thompson Presley##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 07:47 PM



“ You will be missed by so many who thought so highly of you. I'm so glad I have many good memories of working with you in years past. Rest in Peace my friend.##imported-begin##Charlie Tanner##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 04:34 PM



“ Joe was there always when you needed him. We will miss him but our memories will always be there, may God Bless.##imported-begin##Dennis Adams##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 04:21 PM



“ Praying for you and the rest of your family in this difficult time. All my love and let me know if you need anything ~hugs~##imported-begin##Katrina Armstrong##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 03:15 PM



“ Rick so sorry for your loss your Dad was a very nice man I have many CPR class for him.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Carrell##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 02:35 PM



“ I work at Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in 1969 as a nurse aide, when I meet Joe. When my grandmother was ill and had to be rush to the hospital. Joe was there to take her. I only work at the hospital for ten months. After 43 years, I still remember Joe. Joe is a type of person, when you meet them, you never would forget them.##imported-begin##Nancy McKinney Smith Gulley##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 11:30 AM



“ I'd like to give thanks today for the opportunity to sit in classes taught by Joe as well as working by his side on the streets of Ardmore at SOAS. What a great co-worker Joe was. He would inspire you to be that great co-worker and team player. Two very distinct things to never be forgotten about Joe are his never ending smile and his HAIR. Rest now my friend, you earned this rest! Prayers of peace and comfort offered to the family.##imported-begin##Terry Walker##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 09:55 AM



“ So sorry for the family for their loss of a great man.##imported-begin##Pam Wallace Schumacher##imported-end##

January 24, 2012 at 05:35 AM



“ Uncle Joe,
I love you and will miss you terribly. You have touched many lives, and many people have been blessed to know you. My heart aches, but I know you will be waiting when I get to Heaven.
Neva Faye Pack-Breaux###imported-begin###Neva Pack
Breaux###imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 09:50 PM



“ *Your life on this earth may be finished, but your new one has just began. It was a blessing to have worked with you. Go rest high on that mountain, you have earn your spot with only the best of the very best, to walk the golden streets in heaven!!!!*###imported-begin###Frank Schaaf###imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 09:40 PM



“ *The Tigert's send their Love.*

Gary, Susan, & Lisa Tigert###imported-begin###Susan Dowling
Tigert###imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 09:34 PM



“ God worked everything out in the best possible way and exactly the way it should have been... But there's no doubt that the world just lost an incredible man. His love for people was beyond measure and I am very blessed to have had him as my grandfather.. My only prayer is that God will work through me to carry on his life of service, kindness, simplicity, quick wit, faithfulness, and genuine love to others.. Like he always told me, I told him the day before he left this world -- "I love you good buddy". My grandpa touched so many lives and gave us all memories that will last a lifetime. There are people that I don't even know that have been reaching out to me.. Such a testament to the kind of man he was and how his generosity extended to all people without prejudice. Everyone he met experienced the same firm handshake, hearty smile, and feeling that they were welcome. I have no doubts that my grandpa was completely ready for this and that everything happened exactly the way he would have wanted it to. We just celebrated his 80th birthday party this past weekend. How many people get to have that one last big family dinner, that special memory of shooting guns together, that time sitting together around the fire recounting funny stories of times past, and that one last prayer with the whole family kneeling down in his living room? He lived every day of his life to the fullest and when it was time for the Lord to lay Him to rest, my grandpa embraced it with confidence and without question. He was so strong through all of this and when it was just me and him that first night, he made references to how Jesus didn't have all of this medical care when he walked the earth and when I asked him if he was in pain, he said it depended on your definition of pain and made references to the kind of pain our Savior endured on our behalf. Although my grandpa lost most of his heart to this massive heart attack, he never lost heart. His spirit was strong until the very end and it will continue on in all of the lives he touched. When all was stripped away and all he could do was lay there, his life and character spoke for him. I would like to think that the physical heart simply could not contain the spiritual heart, causing the rupture that physicians could not repair. Joe was bigger than his body and one day soon he will have a body to match that big heart. I simply

cannot express how deeply I will miss my grandpa, mentor, and best friend. Nobody can fully understand the character of that generation unless they grew up in the time that he did, experienced all of those years of hard work, and found happiness in the simplest things of life. He was a friend to all and never met a stranger. He always saw the good in everybody and grew up in a time where everyone else came first. He's the kind of man that hand-tilled his own garden because he didn't want to put somebody out by asking to borrow their tiller. And after all that hard work, kept just enough for himself and gave the rest away. I remember one summer, the Lord blessed him so much with the garden that he couldn't even give it all away. I am beyond thankful for the time spent with my grandpa and I hope to live my life in the simple, honest, and loving way he did so that I can join him in heaven someday.##imported-begin##Wes Pack##imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 09:18 PM



“ *When i was a new EMT, and new to Oklahoma in 1975, I used to help out around the ambulance service, and would help Joe take patients from Ardmore Veteran's Home to OKC-VA Hospital. He told me some great stories and gave me a great introduction to what would become my first career. Joe has a true servant's heart, and it showed to everyone he had contact with. Condolences to all his family, friends and co-workers.*

Hans Erdman

Isanti, MN##imported-begin##Hans Erdman##imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 09:15 PM



“ I worked with joe from 1992 until he retired and spoke with hime several times after that. I always remember him as a very good medic, friend and co-worker. He always had a smile on and a smile to share with his patients that he served. I remember that Joe used challenge us "youngsters" to jumprope contests using a broomstick. I never could make it back over that broomstick, but Joe did everytime. I always considered myself better for having known, worked with and most of all being taught to respect every patient by Joe. I am sorry for your loss, and thanks for sharing your dad with all of us in EMS for so many years.##imported-begin##John Farley##imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 05:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Joe was always full of life and smiled all the time. I worked with m]him as a medic and he was one of the best. RIP my good friend.##imported-begin##Doug Williams##imported-end##

January 23, 2012 at 03:07 PM