

Larry L. Jacobsen (Jake), 77

Oct. 21, 1939 - April 10, 2017

THE WOODLANDS, TX – Larry L. Jacobsen (Jake) was born on October 21, 1939 in Harlan, to Lester and Dorothy (Errett) Jacobsen, the second of eight children. He was not fond of the name Larry and preferred to be called Jake. If you called him Larry, you were immediately corrected in the only way that dad did...We can't print what he said, but his son Brian can do a perfect imitation of him.



While in high school Jake had many adventures...all which were legal back then, but not now. He participated in student council, basketball, football, track, and yearbook staff. He was Senior Class President and captain of the football team his Junior year. Jake graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1958.

After graduation Jake worked for Swanson Grocery Store where he met his future wife, Marilyn Brooker. They were married in Cherokee on January 22, 1961.

Jake enlisted in the Army on November 24, 1961 and was stationed at Fort Hamilton, NY as a Medical Lab Specialist. He was honorably discharged on November 23, 1964.

They moved back to Iowa where Jake ran for Mayor of Estherville and was elected to office in 1970.

Jake was hired by Rohlin Construction in 1971 as the Blackhawk County representative and transferred to Cedar Falls. Jake was then employed by Weaver Ready Mix as the General Superintendent and moved to Webster City in 1975.

In 1983 Jake moved his family to The Woodlands, TX where he started selling turf equipment, retiring in 2006 from Houston Turf Equipment.

Jake's health had been declining since 2009, which was his last visit to Iowa. Good times were had by all in "Dows America" during this visit.

Jake had a heart bigger than Texas and would give you the shirt off his back, no matter what the cost to him. He was well known for sitting in his driveway socializing with neighbors and all the vendors that went by including the postman, UPS driver, recycle and trash personnel. We fully expected him to be in the picture on Google Earth.....

Jake passed away at 22:35 on April 10, 2017 at Park Manor Skilled Nursing facility in The Woodlands, TX.

Jake is survived by his wife, Marilyn of The Woodlands TX; children Christine (Mike) Oliver of Dows; Brian (Lori) of Bryan, TX; grandson Travis (Miranda) Gatewood, Des Moines, and great granddaughter Kinzley also of Des Moines; sister, Joyce (Norman) Kenkel, Earling; brothers Terry (Darlene) of Council Bluffs; Roger (Linda) and David (Diane) both of Harlan; brother-in-law Herb (Arla) Kintigh, Spencer; and sister-in-law Joyce (Bo) Chesney; many nieces and nephews; and his grand dogs Brady, Kali, Huey, Hooch, and Belle.

Jake was preceded in death by his parents, sister Karen in 1958, brother Ron in 1968 and his many beloved fur babies.

Jake will be buried in the Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Van Meter on Friday, May 19 at 12:30 p.m.

A celebration of life will continue afterwards in Des Moines. Time and place yet to be determined.