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Jack Gene Whiteside, 83, of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Jack was born January 10, 1931 in Niantic, the son of Morris and Thelma (Patterson) Whiteside. An Army veteran of the Korean War, Jack worked in the tool crib at Caterpillar until retiring in 1992. Jack was an auctioneer and avid horseman. He raised and raced harness horses, was a member of the U.S.T.A., past president of the Big 10 Trotting Association, and former speed superintendent of the Macon County Fair Grounds. Jack and his wife Shirley loved going to Bob Evans for breakfast and Gabby's for dinner on a daily basis. He also loved to drink coffee and solve the world's problems in the mornings with his friends at Harold's House of Donuts and McDonalds. Jack married Shirley Koshinski on Oct. 21, 1966 in Decatur.

He is survived by his daughters: Bridget (Jeff) McIntyre and Jackie (Jeff) Childress of Oakley; grandchildren: Ryan McIntyre of Chicago and Collin Childress of Oakley. He is also survived by an uncle, Bob Patterson of Decatur and aunt, Hazel Patterson of Niantic; cousin, Ronnie Patterson of Decatur, along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers: Darrell "Hot Shot" and Bill Whiteside.

Services to celebrate his life will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, January 20, 2014 in the funeral home. Burial with military honors conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Point Pleasant Cemetery, Long Creek. Memorials may be directed to American Heart Association.

Special thanks to: Tina and Sandy from DMH Hospice, Dr.'s Rademacher and Lam, and their special friends and neighbors for all your help in these last days and years. The Whiteside family is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home,



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2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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JO

Jodi posted:

Jack will be missed greatly by so many! Jack and Shirley are together again and so happy. Love, Jodi & Nate

January 20 at 7:35 AM

GE

Gary Edwards posted:

Hello Bridget, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your parents. So very sad. I have very fond memories of training horses with your father at the fairgrounds. He loved the trotters, not so much the pacers. He was such a kind man and a great horseman. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gary Edwards

January 19 at 2:32 PM

SW

Steve Whiteside posted:

uncle jack does not have to worry about cholesterol anymore. with that being said anyone who knew him knew he liked fried chicken. He had a couple brothers hotshot and weedy that did to. I was going to say look out KFC but where they have all gathered now in heaven they even have their head cook grandma Thelma get the grease hot if you have not already. thanks for the memories. love to all the family, Steve Whiteside

January 19 at 11:25 AM

SR

Sue Ridgley posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathies. The Hawk family – Rod, Addalein, Connie, The Ridgleys – Dyke and Sue and the Schechters – Pat and Bob.

January 19 at 4:03 AM

TB

Teresa Bunning posted:

Blue and Yellow...Jack's racing colors.

January 18 at 9:41 AM



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TB

Teresa Bunning posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Jack Gene Whiteside

January 18 at 9:40 AM

TB

Teresa Bunning posted:

My parents moved next door to Jack & Shirley in 1973, and over all those years, Jack wasn't just a good neighbor, he was a great friend to all of us. He was always there to help out with anything you needed. I remember when there was a blizzard, and I was afraid to drive to work, Jack took me. Visibility was 0, and Jack had to follow the power lines just to figure out where the road was. He didn't seem scared at all. I was so grateful for that! My favorite memories were going to all the fairs and watching him race his harness horses. Jackie & I would get our racing programs and predict our winners. Of course we picked Jack for the winner of his races, and we cheered the loudest of everyone. I loved hanging out in the little camper that was on the back of his truck. Jackie & I had so much fun playing in it. One time he put us on the harness bike and pulled us around the pasture. He gave us old horse shoes for us to paint and hang (open side up for good luck.) He and my Dad were good friends who went out for their coffee every afternoon. When they each started having health problems, the coffee breaks came to an end, and I know my Dad really missed seeing Jack every day. We will all miss Jack. He was truly a wonderful man who loved his wife and girls more than anything. RIP with your Shirley Ann, Jack.

January 18 at 9:39 AM

GC

Grace Bible Church, Casner posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. The family is in our thoughts and prayers.

January 18 at 7:21 AM

GC

Greg Hayes-Grace Bible Church, Casner posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 18 at 7:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jack by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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