



## Jack Tatum

May 24, 1936 - February 12, 2014

Jack Tatum, resident of Corsicana, passed away on Wednesday evening February 12, 2014 at Navarro Regional Hospital at the age of 77. He was born on Sunday, May 24, 1936 to Henry and Bess Tatum in Gainesville, Texas. He was a member of North Beaton Church of Christ where he served any way he could with prayer and a glad heart.

Jack loved people and to see people smile and he always had a joke for whoever was around him.

Jack grew up playing football from fourth grade through high school, and then three years of service football for the U.S. Army in France. After his playing days were over he coached little league baseball and then refereed high school football with the Texas Referee Association. He enjoyed watching Navarro College baseball, football and basketball. He and Annett enjoyed going to the big twelve baseball tournament in Oklahoma City.

Jack and Annett came to Corsicana in 1985 and he began his career with the I.O.O.F. as Grand Secretary for the state of Texas. During that time he served as a representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the world serving on the finance committee for a number of years, he retired in 2005 as the Grand Secretary Emeritus. He also served on several committees for Corsicana Chamber of Commerce.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Maggie Akard, Ruth Aldridge and Betty Johnson; brothers, Ed Tatum and Bob Tatum.

He is survived by his wife Annett Tatum; mother-in-law, Burney Henry; aunt, Betty Jean Hall; nephews, Webb Tatum and wife Carol, Donnie Aldridge, Earl Wayne Aldridge and wife Carol and one niece, Elaine Aldridge.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 15th from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Service will be 11:00 am Saturday, February 15th at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Steve Orbison officiating.

I.O.O.F graveside service will be held at 4:00 pm at Fairview Cemetery, Gainesville, Texas. Honorary Pallbearers will be I.O.O.F. of Texas.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to North Beaton Church of Christ 2725 North Beaton Corsicana, TX 75110 or The I.O.O.F. Visual Assistance Committee Grand Lodge of Texas 3440 W. 2nd Ave Corsicana, Texas 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
info@griffin-roughton.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Tatum*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Please know that your family is in our prayers at this time. Jack was a good friend and classmate.*

*Betty Wylie Woods*

**Betty Wylie Woods** - February 15, 2014 at 08:38 PM



“ *Jack and I were real close friends in Gainesville Jr. High School. We played*

*Football, Basketball and Baseball together thru High School. He was a fun*

*person. Annett, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

**Lloyd Nichols** - February 15, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *Jackie was my friend since I was in the 7th and he the 8th when he made me suck a raw egg as initiation to Jr. High. We had many good times together with others at my home across the street from high school. It was from him via his dad that I learned to say, "Dad-nab it" rather than, er, something else in times of "crisis." So sad to learn of his passing, and my thoughts and condolences go out to his family. He was a great guy. --George Culp*

**George (Buck) Culp** - February 14, 2014 at 08:02 PM

SB

*“ We are so sorry to hear about Jack. He was a good friend and even more importantly he was our brother in Christ. To just make a simple statement that we will miss Jack is an understatement. Annette our prayers are for God to richly bless and comfort you now and always. God bless you and we love you. Solon and Carolyn Bailey*

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**solon & carolyn bailey** - February 14, 2014 at 03:50 PM

JB

*“ My deepest condolences to your family. Jack will be greatly missed. He was well respected by everyone who knew him. The Odd Fellows will not be the same without him.*



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**Jim Botkin** - February 14, 2014 at 11:58 AM

DR

*“ DARLINE RATLIFF lit a candle in memory of Jack Tatum*



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**DARLINE RATLIFF** - February 14, 2014 at 11:22 AM

CH

*“ Crystal Harris lit a candle in memory of Jack Tatum*



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**Crystal Harris** - February 14, 2014 at 09:23 AM

VA

“ So sorry for the loss of a great man , Jack was a special loving caring man he did a lot for the order of Odd Fellowship and was a great brother of the order. He did do a lot of teaching to my son Lance and I'm proud he was there for Lance as he did do a lot for him and Lance looked up to him. Lance was always amazed at how Jack did his floor work on the degrees that they went to all the time and Lance has learned a lot of the work just like Jack as he has watch him through all those degree rallies they would attend. We are going to miss him greatly and Annette if we can do anything for you please let us know. We will be keeping you in our prayers.  
Vicki Arnold

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**Vicki Arnold** - February 13, 2014 at 08:19 PM

 Lance  
Haley

“ Sister Annett, my deepest and most sincere condolences to you and your family. Jack is and will always be the most emblematic in my life. From the very first time I met Jack was back in 1989, I was 11 years old and the words he said to me about the Odd Fellows and the way everyone ought to live, is what probably kept me going in the Order. Everything the man said and the way he put his heart and soul in the degree work was all so flawless, and the love that both of you have shown not only to me, but to the entire Order will stay with me forever. Words can not explain the love and gratitude I have in my heart for the both of you. Farewell my Brother till we meet again.

Lance Haley  
PGR/GSW/DA

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**Lance Haley** - February 13, 2014 at 03:46 PM

CW

“ *Christy Welch lit a candle in memory of Jack Tatum*



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**Christy Welch** - February 13, 2014 at 01:25 PM

DB

“ *Deena Blazek lit a candle in memory of Jack Tatum*



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**Deena Blazek** - February 13, 2014 at 11:30 AM