



## Jack Raymond McCormick

November 9, 1934 - June 30, 2023

Jack Raymond McCormick, age 88 of Ozark, Arkansas, died Friday, June 30, 2023. He was born in 1934, in Lecompte, Louisiana, to Albert and Mabel Deville McCormick. Jack grew up in Woodworth, Louisiana, and attended Lecompte High School in Rapides Parish where he started dating his future bride, Opal McCann. He played fast pitch softball throughout high school and graduated in May 1952. After high school, he began working on the Southern Forest Survey, first with the Louisiana Forestry Commission, and then with the United States Forest Service in 1954.

Jack attended Louisiana State University and graduated with a degree in Forestry in August 1961. He and Opal married in June 1957, and they both were avid LSU football fans in spite of some good-humored harassment from friends and neighbors while living in Arkansas and Georgia.

In early 1957, Jack joined the U.S. Army Reserves and was called to active duty after graduating from LSU. He served as a staff sergeant with the 4009th Army Garrison at Fort Polk during the Berlin Crisis from September 1961 to September 1962. After his discharge, he went back to work with the U.S. Forest Service on the Forest Survey.

In September 1963, Jack transferred to the National Forest System, and worked as a forester and then as the Ranger on Forest Districts in Texas,

Arkansas and Georgia. In 1981, he transferred back to Arkansas to serve as the District Ranger in Ozark until his retirement in January 1990. He and Opal were long time members of First Baptist Church of Ozark where they served with many good friends in the Preschool Department, the church kitchen, and with the Deacons.

Jack is preceded in death by his wife Opal McCann McCormick. He is survived by two sons, Barry McCormick, his wife Sheila and their three sons Sean, Ethan and Aaron; and Ken McCormick and wife Terri.

Visitation will be Friday, July 7, 2023, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark, Arkansas.

Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Shaffer Funeral Home with family friend, Brother Jan Akins officiating. A private burial service will follow at Highland Cemetery, under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Gideons International or the International Mission Board SBC.

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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PO Box 680  
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## Private Family Burial

JUL 8 (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ Ken, I am so sorry to hear this about your dad. I wish the notice had been made earlier in the Spectator and I would have been at the service. I lost my dad in January 2020, so I know what your going through. Time helps but you will always have your fond memories to keep you going!

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**Stacy R. Edgin** - July 12, 2023 at 12:21 PM

MS

“ I am sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I first met him in 1962 (or was it 1963) when I was in high school in Russellville, Ark. He was the District Ranger at the time and I attended a career event for seniors. Jack represented the U S Forest Service and talked about a career in the USFS which I had always considered. He told of the rewards of working in a conservation job and the adventures of such a career. Little did he know how his words inspired me. I enrolled in a forest management curriculum at Arkansas Tech and later transferred to Arkansas A&M where I earned a bachelor's degree in forest management. During that time, I worked three Summers with the USFS gaining valuable experience. I ended my career in January 2000 retiring from a job in timber management in the Regional Office. I did have the , opportunity to tell Jack at his retirement party how he had inspired me in my career goal. Jack was a special person who will live in my memories. Thank you Jack.

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**Mike Sparks** - July 06, 2023 at 03:12 PM

ET

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I had the pleasure of being associated with Jack while he was Ranger on the Brasstown District in Georgia. Jack was dedicated to the outfit and respected by all. He was one of the best!

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**Ed Tarver** - July 06, 2023 at 08:15 AM

KP

“ Kim P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Raymond McCormick.

Kim P. - July 05, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Jack Raymond McCormick.



July 05, 2023 at 04:45 PM

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“ Jack & Opal were such sweet people. Very giving and truly servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praying for the family during this time.  
Sherry House-Jones

Sherry D House-Jones - July 05, 2023 at 01:28 PM

KP

Jeff and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our family will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kim Pasquino - July 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



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**Shaffer Home** - July 05, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Ken, Barry, and families, my sincerest condolences on the passing of Jack. Both of your parents were blessings to me in high school. I am assured of their joy and rest with Christ. Much love and prayers for you at this difficult time. Kay (Cartmill)*

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**Julia Kay Franklin** - July 05, 2023 at 10:56 AM