



Jack G. Schaefer

May 17, 1946 - December 20, 2024

Jack Gilbert Schaefer was born on May 17, 1946, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Melvin Schaefer and Dorothy Edna Carlson Schaefer. He grew up with his beloved sister, Nancy. Jack passed from this life on December 20, 2024, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, at the age of 78.

On December 18, 1965, in Crystal, Minnesota, Jack married the love of his life, Janice Marie Schiller. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised two children, Jack and Deanna, who were the pride of their lives.

After graduating high school, Jack attended Dunwoody College, where he earned a culinary degree. He began his career as a bakery chef at the Leamington Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. Known for his talent in the kitchen, Jack also had a humorous tradition of bringing home burnt cookies to share with his family, a memory they cherished and often laughed about.

In 1981, Jack made a significant life move to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he completed a two-year ministry training degree at Rhema Bible Training Center. His time at Rhema reflected his deep faith and desire to grow spiritually. After completing his education, he transitioned into a career as a long-haul truck driver, starting with Overnite Transportation, where his hard work and professionalism earned great respect. After retiring from Overnite, Jack continued his passion for driving by working for Good Samaritan,

combining his love for trucking with a heart for helping others.

Jack was not only known for his dedication to work but also for his iconic style and adventurous spirit. As an avid Harley-Davidson rider, Jack was unmistakable on the open road. Regardless of the weather, he always donned cowboy boots, jeans, a Harley-Davidson belt buckle, a Harley-Davidson shirt, and a leather vest, with his long hair tied back in a ponytail. His Harley was an extension of his personality, and he loved the freedom it brought him.

Jack and Janice also shared a love for exploration, often embarking on cruises around the world, creating unforgettable memories together. Above all, Jack treasured his family. He adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and they brought him immense joy and pride.

Jack will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jack is survived by:

- Wife: Janice Schaefer
- Children:
 - Jack Schaefer and wife Vicki
 - Deanna VanDever and husband Mitch
- Grandchildren:
 - Alyssa Campos and husband Cristian
 - Sarah Schaefer
 - Donovan Schaefer and fiancée Trinity Tolbert
- Great-Grandchildren:
 - Kendall Campos
 - Lilli Campos
- Mother: Dorothy Revak
- Sister: Nancy Thibodeaux

- Niece: Jeannae Gordon and husband Adam

He was preceded in death by:

- His father, Melvin Schaefer

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

Walnut Grove Church
11719 S 129th East Ave
Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hayes Family- Andy and Christian purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jack G. Schaefer.*



Hayes Family- Andy and Christian - January 10, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - January 10, 2025 at 09:51 AM

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“ *Jeannie and Andy Kuzmich purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Jack G. Schaefer.*



Jeannie and Andy Kuzmich - January 08, 2025 at 06:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack G. Schaefer.*



January 07, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Orbie, Donna, Randy, 54th & Lewis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack G. Schaefer.*



Orbie, Donna, Randy, 54th & Lewis - January 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *Jim G. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack G. Schaefer.*



Jim G. - January 03, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ *Christy, Tammy, Patty, and our family's. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jack G. Schaefer.*



Christy, Tammy, Patty, and our family's. - December 31, 2024 at 02:48 PM

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“ Christy, Tammy, Patty, and our family's. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack G. Schaefer.

Christy, Tammy, Patty, and our family's. - December 31, 2024 at 02:48 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Schaffer family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Jack.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 20, 2024 at 10:13 AM