

# JACK WIXON

In loving memory of John Lowe Wixon Jr, (Jack), who passed away unexpectedly on March 23, 2018. Jack was born July 7, 1932 in Marshall, Minnesota to John Lowe and Lyla Mae Wixon. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 35 years Deanna Wixon, 5 children; Karen (David) Aberle of Fallon NV, Brian (Belinda) Wixon of Salisbury, MD, James (Tess) Agnew of Antioch, CA, Michael (Paula) Wixon of Roseville, CA, and Russell (Nicole) Wixon of Reno, NV, 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A graduate of Richmond High School, Jack attended Contra Costa Jr. College before enlisting in the US Navy. He served 1951-1955 during the Korean War, and was stationed in Japan during much of this time. Honorably discharged with United Nations, Korean War Service and Good Conduct commendations in 1955, Jack then enrolled at San Francisco State University and graduated with a BA in Business Administration in 1957. Upon graduation, Jack worked for JC Penny, then in the credit department for Union Oil. Jack married his first wife Betty in 1957 (children Brian, Michael and Russell), and in 1967 and in the following years he and Betty acquired two 7-11 franchise stores in Walnut Creek, CA. Jack and Betty were divorced in 1978. Then in 1982 Jack and Deanna (children Karen and James) were married in Danville, CA. In 1984, Jack and Deanna opened a grocery store in Isleton, CA appropriately named "DeeJacks". Later, he and Deanna operated a Shell minimart in Rio Vista, CA. Jack and Deanna later moved to Lodi, CA in 2000.

Jack was always active in the local community, including the Lions Club, Rotary, the Ombudsman Program and Vinewood Community Church, where he established the "Spare Loaves" program, collecting and distributing day old bread for the needy. Jack was very active with his family, attending the events of his grandchildren and staying in contact even if time and distance separated him from his children and grandchildren. During this time Jack also became a big brother to Andrew Heaton of Stockton, who became another member of the family. Jack was also very active in social activities, singing in the Mennonite Men's Choir in Fresno, and later singing with "The Country Club Aires" in Sacramento. In his retirement, Jack could also be found at local malls and charitable events dressed as Santa during the Christmas season. Jack lived a very full and active life.

As a husband, father, grandfather, Ompa, big brother, great grandfather and Santa Claus, Jack will be remembered for his love of family, friends and country. His love, laughter and contagious smile will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held April 26, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. at Vinewood Community Church, 1900 West Vine St, Lodi, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shadow Warrior Foundation, 1595 Peachtree Parkway, Suite 204, #268, Cumming, GA 30041.