

## JACK BIBB ELLIOTT



Jack Bibb Elliott, long-time resident of Upper St. Clair, died peacefully on March 28, 2024, at the age of 98. He was surrounded by his family and loving wife of 73 years, Susan (Royston) Elliott.

Jack was born July 13, 1925, in Hannibal, Missouri, the son of William M. Elliott and Irene (Bibb) Elliott.

Jack graduated from Hannibal High School in the spring of 1943. Following high school, Jack enlisted in the

US Army Air Corps (the predecessor of the US Air Force) and served his World War II duty stateside working on commissioning various planes (including the B25 and B17 bomber planes) to support the war effort. This was the start of Jack's lifelong love of military aircraft and everyone knew if you asked him about it you had to be prepared to listen! Following the War, Jack took advantage of the GI Bill and enrolled at the University of Missouri School of Engineering where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

During his time in college, Jack met Susan Ann Royston and they were married on August 12, 1951. Following their wedding, they moved to New York City where Jack took a job with U.S. Steel's Universal Atlas Cement division. This was the start of a successful career that included a series of promotions, transfers and relocations to Leeds, AL, New York City, Hudson NY, and a final relocation to Pittsburgh, PA in 1968. Jack worked a total of 33 years with U.S. Steel related companies and spent more than 35 years in "retirement."

Jack was devoted to his wife Susan and loved his three children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren (and counting). One of his proudest claims is that each of his grandchildren lettered in a high school sport. For years, "Grammy and Gramps" attended numerous games and matches in multiple states and later enjoyed following the "action" online. In fact, he embraced his Apple computer and the internet at an age when most people found new technology too complex.

Jack had a love for sports in general, but specifically golf, baseball and football. Jack had accomplished "Shooting his Age" a "certified" 4 times and played golf well into his 90's. Jack's long-time devotion to rooting for the Pittsburgh Pirates was unwavering. He was a long-term Steeler fan and attended the famous "Immaculate Reception" playoff game.

Jack and Susan were dedicated parishioners of Westminster Presbyterian Church for 55 years. They volunteered and served in various ministries.

An accomplished woodworker, Jack never saw a piece of wood that was worthy of being thrown out. "Gramps" handcrafted wooden toys for all grandchildren (school buses, trains, doll houses and airplanes...of course!). Each had intricate detail and is a forever keepsake.

Jack loved his friends and cherished his time with them on his back deck enjoying grilling and entertaining conversation. No one was immune from a good-natured ribbing!

Jack made a lasting impression on everyone he met and the strength of his values and character live on through his family. Words cannot describe how much he will be missed by all who loved him. Susan and family take comfort in knowing that good memories with family and friends are his lasting legacy.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his brother James A. Elliott. Jack's family includes: wife Susan, daughter Janet Elliott Balent (David), son Jack W. Elliott (Mary Jo) and son James R. Elliott (Michelle). Nine grandchildren and their spouses: Jenna Balent Hoover (Richard), David Balent (Valerie), Ryan Balent (Tina), Laura Elliott Foster (Craig), Eric Elliott (Katie), Emily Elliott Dickman (CJ), Jackson Elliott (Hannah), Delaney Elliott Fellabaum (Henry), and Davis Elliott (fiancée Alexis Smith). Six great-grandchildren: Blake Hoover, Camden Hoover, Wyatt Balent, Annie Foster, Will Foster, and Charlee Elliott, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be Friday, April 5th from 4-8 pm at **BEINHAUER FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA. The Funeral will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 11 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2040 Washington Road, Upper St. Clair. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to remember Jack in a special way may make donations in his memory to Westminster Church, 2040 Washington Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241, or Wesley Family Services, 615 Alma Drive, Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

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