

Jack Woodward

November 8, 1953 - October 2, 2021

Jack "J.B." Woodward, 67, of Kell, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Select Care, in Evansville, Indiana, with his daughter by his side.

He was born November 8, 1953, to Evelyn and Lewis Woodward. He married his high school sweetheart, Dianna Dace, on November 22, 1972, and was looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. She survives him, in Kell.

Jack was a member of the Kell Fire Department for many years, and was currently serving as a board member for the Village of Kell. He was a man of Baptist Faith, becoming a licensed minister in 2002. He worked for the Salem Union Pacific Railroad as an Engineer/Conductor, until his retirement, in 2009. He then went into wood working as a hobby, and loved making furniture and cabinets, among other things, for his family and friends. He always loved working out in the yard, and sitting on the front porch with his wife, Dianna, and always looked forward to Wednesdays, as that was coffee day with his friends.

In addition to his wife, Dianna Woodward of Kell, he is survived by a son, Shawn Woodward, of Kell; a daughter, Raedena Charlton and husband Tony of Kell; a brother, Tim Woodward and wife Toni of Iuka; three sisters, Patricia Blair and husband Jim of Iuka, Peggy Meador of Salem, and Julia Milano and husband Phil of Odin; grandkids, Dillon Charlton and significant other Ciera Martinez of Kell, Cheyanne Charlton of Kell, Chance Gambill and fiancée

Shianne of Mt. Vernon, Ashton Woodward and significant other Nick Dagg of Geff, Cole Dodson of Salem, and Sierra Dodson of Texico; and great grandkids, Skyleigh Charlton, Wyatt Dagg, Bently Maltman, Layne Dodson, Branson Dodson, and an expected great-grandson, due in February 2022. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Lewis Woodward; three infant siblings; a nephew, Jeff Woodward; and a great-granddaughter, Makenna Rose Lee Charlton.

Funeral services for Mr. Woodward will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 7, 2021, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Brother Ray Barnes officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in rural Iuka.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m., until 12:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to Main Street Christian Church, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Iuka, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

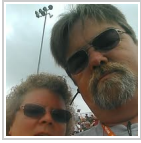
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Tribute Wall



“ Diana, Shawn, Raedena, Tony, I am so sorry for your loss. Jack was a funny, caring, and helpful friend. he will be sadly missed. I always got a kick out of him at our village board meetings when the board would get off topic. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do to help let me know. Love Lisa Hocking



Lisa Hocking - October 07, 2021 at 10:06 AM

LM

“ I often worked as conductor with Jack as engineer out of Salem to Chicago. A good man, I enjoyed his sense of humor, his laugh and his southern drawl, Also, enjoyed working with him in his early computer days at his shop. Dianna is such a dear spunky lady and good friend. We always regret not spending more time with them. May God comfort Dianna and family. Save a seat, Jack, for me and "yer'n"!

Larry and Suzy McBride - October 04, 2021 at 06:04 PM

JD

“ John & Kristen Davis purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jack Woodward.



John & Kristen Davis - October 04, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack Woodward.*



October 03, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them their loved ones are safe in the hands of God. Much love and our deepest sympathy to Jack's family and friends.*



Anita, Alan and families

Anita LaRue - October 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences to Jacks family. May all the memories help comfort you all at this time. Hugs and love, Margie, Jo and families*

Margie Koch - October 03, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *When I hired out on the railroad in 1979 Jack took my under his wing and kind of mentored me. I always appreciated that and knew I had someone looking out for me. He will be sadly missed, he was a great friend and a great man. Prayers to all the family.*

Mike Blankenship - October 03, 2021 at 05:47 PM