



Mr. Frank Jacobs, Jr.

August 18, 1946 - March 14, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Frank Jacobs, Jr. announces his passing on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the age of 72 years.

Frank Jacobs, Jr. was the oldest son of the late Frank Jacobs, Sr. and Queenie Mae Branch Jacobs, who both preceded him in death, along with his brothers, Ervin and Daniel, and his sister, Queen Esther. Frank was born August 18, 1946 in Durham, North Carolina. He was born and raised on the West End and attended Durham City Schools. He was a proud graduate of Hillside High School. As he furthered his education, Frank attended North Carolina Central University, Durham Tech, RECTS Electronic College, and received his electrical Certification in the United States Air Force. Frank enlisted in the Air Force in 1967 and was honorably discharged in 1971. Frank became a member of First Calvary Baptist Church at a young age. He served on the Usher Board and served as the Chairperson of the Recreation Ministry, a role he took pride in and served in for a number of years.

Athlete: Frank Jacobs, Jr. LOVED SPORTS! He played basketball, tennis and ran track at Hillside High School; football, basketball, and baseball in the United States Air Force; bowled in many leagues in the Durham-Orange-Person USBC, Capital Area USBC, and competitively on a National level. He also CLAIMED to be the champ at ping pong, horseshoes, pool and any other sports. Also, according to family members, Frank loved antique cars.

Brick Mason: Frank mastered the art of Brick Masonry from his father, Frank Jacobs, Sr. He established Jacobs Masonry Enterprises, Inc. and worked the remainder of his life as a highly skilled Brick Mason in this specialized field. Frank took extreme pride in his craft and taught others to do the same. He built and/or assisted in building many homes and businesses in the Durham, Apex, Cary, Raleigh, Morrisville, and Chapel Hill areas among others. As you ride around Durham, you have passed or entered buildings that Frank Jacobs, Jr. was contracted to build from the ground up or worked on to enhance such as the cafe' area at the Durham VA, Dorcas Masonic Lodge, sections of the Durham Bulls

Stadium, various buildings on Duke University's Campus, and Jiffy Lube, to name a few.

Champion: Every team Frank Jacobs, Jr. coached was coached as if they were all already champions. He expected the best, trained them for life, and coached them as a champion to be champions. He was extremely proud and excited that he had the opportunity to coach his grand children and see both his great grandsons win championship basketball games this year. He was able to coach with his cousin, Bob, and his nephew, the son of his brother, Eugene, Frankey Jacobs. He was actively coaching and preparing for the next season with the Long Ball Inner City Baseball Program.

Leader: Frank led by example, he had his own unique way of coaching and teaching life lessons through guidance and direction on the court, field, at home, or job site. He believed in and worked to support and serve the community in various ways, his impact was great. Frank was an original board member of Calvary Ministries of the West End Community, Inc., now The West End Community Foundation, Inc.

Encourager: Frank was a humble man, who didn't speak of things he was led to do for others. He was generous, compassionate, caring, and worked tirelessly to ensure those around him learned the value of hard work, dedication to purpose, and pursuing their passions. He wanted people to realize their potential and succeed.

Frank Jacobs, Jr. was affectionately known as 'Jake' by many, 'Jun' by family, 'Coach Jacobs', 'Coach Frank', 'Generator Jake' by his Air Force teammates, 'Boss Man' by his brick mason friends and employees.

Frank's loving and lasting memories will be forever cherished by his wife for over 50 years, Maggie Lee Walker Jacobs; two daughters, Evelyn Hammiel and Yolanda D. McMillian of Durham, NC, and Sharon Jacobs of Greensboro, NC; two sons, Aaron Jacobs and Seon Glenn of Durham, NC, brother, Eugene Jacobs (Linda) of Winston Salem, NC; sisters-in-law, Gracie McKinney of the home and Dorothy (Dot) Grant of Miami, FL; grandchildren, Valerie Medlin (Kendrick, Sr.), Sasha Hammiel, Jaymie Hammiel, James Hammiel, and Laya Jacobs; great grandchildren, Kendrick Medlin, Jr., Keven Medlin, Jordyn Medlin, and Neena Williams; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, very dear cousins, and other relatives as well as treasured friends and many that called him "Coach!"

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Ave., Durham, North Carolina, 27707, at 12:00 noon, with a family visitation one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to:

Long Ball Youth League and The West End Community Foundation, Inc.

Cemetery

Glennview Memorial Park
NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC, 27713

Events

MAR 21 Visitation 11:00AM - 12:00PM
First Calvary Baptist Church
1311 Morehead Ave, Durham, NC, US, 27707

MAR 21 Celebration of Life 12:00PM
First Calvary Baptist Church
1311 Morehead Ave, Durham, NC, US, 27707

Comments



“ Coach Frank

You are so remembered and respected by many you gave unselfishly to the community. You taught my son so much from of course the game basketball and baseball but instilled confidence and leadership in my son . You were a hero to me and many in the community guiding all kids to do better and strive for better and to obtain their goals in life. That is what a coach dies you will be very missed my son and I could not leave work to pay respects and I apologize we are both regretful and thankful you were in our lives

Tamara Barrett - March 21, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ Sharon, so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the fact that your father touched the hearts and minds of so many in such a generous and loving way. The impression he has left on the youth of our city has and will continue to reap benefits for our community and others for lifetimes to come. Prayers and condolences to you and your family.

Cleyton Barber Sr and the Barber Family
Hillside Class of '92

Cleyton Barber Sr - March 19, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Long Ball RBI



Pat James - March 18, 2019 at 01:40 PM



“ Coach Frank,
Thank you for all your years of commitment to the youth and teenagers of Durham.
You will be truly missed. May God comfort your family during this time of loss.

The Spruill Family



John Spruill - March 18, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Great Man....he coaches my kids, which are his Jacob's relatives many years ago at
Lyon Park..RIP Uncle Frank

Kecia Carrington - March 14, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ Frank was a member of the Bull City Bowlers. He loved bowling. Bowling was were I first
meet Frank It wasn'T till later that our path crossed again and I found out he coached kids
in baseball and I was so impressed. RIP Frank.

Larry Green Bull City Bowlers

Larry Green - March 15, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ There are no words to say how much Long Ball is hurting right now. He turn many young
men and women into outstanding athletes. Heaven gained and awesome coach and we
lost one. Love you Mrs. Maggie and family. Long Ball RBI staff, coaches and players.

Pat James - March 18, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your loved one, Frank Jacobs. Frank
was our classmate, and he shall surely be missed. May God comfort you as only He can
during this time of your loss.

Edna McKinnon Lennon, Hillside High Class of 1964

Edna M. Lennon - March 19, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Frank when he participated in the VA Gerofit program.
He was a great man, very kind and gentle and left us to take care of his mother. We mourn
his loss.

Miriam Morey - Durham VA Gerofit program

Miriam Morey - March 20, 2019 at 10:47 AM