

**Read, Jack**

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Jack Read, 86, of Fort Worth, passed away on March 30, 2023. He was born on Dec. 16, 1936, to Earl and Audra Read of Boyd.

Jack, the most loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter, Hollie; and sons, Chris, James Perry and John; as well as his best dog, Sadie.

Upon graduation from Boyd High School, Jack joined the National Guard and attended Dallas Baptist College in Decatur. He met the love of his life of more than 64 years on a double date and fell in love with her amazing cooking and beautiful smile. Their marriage took them on numerous travels and adventures all over the world. Jack began working at an early age on his parent's farm raising watermelons, peanuts and more. Later, his employment took him to Vietnam as a contract employee for Bell Helicopter, Menasco, Arco and 20 years for Aramco in Saudi Arabia.

Jack's leisure time was exhibited through his love of the outdoors and competitive nature. He had a passion for golf, playing in tournaments from Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Hawaii, Myrtle Beach to the Dupont Amateur Circuit in Arizona, just to name a few. He loved spending time with family and friends and sharing his love of hunting, fishing and surrounding himself with nature.

Jack believed that God had a purpose for his life and took the opportunity to share the promise of eternal life with those who would listen. While in Saudi Arabia, colleagues who were of the Muslim faith would ask him about his Christian beliefs and he joyfully shared and witnessed to them. Jack's love for God and the impact he made on others as well as family will be forever remembered.

A memorial service will take place at noon April 27 at Joe T. Garcias, La Puertita, 2201 N. Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76164. Donations can be made to Alzheimers Association (www.alz.org) to the tribute page of Jack Hollie Read.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Gilbert and Audra Read.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Virginia Read of Fort Worth; his daughter, Hollie Lancarte and husband, Joe T, of Fort Worth; three sons, Chris Read and wife, Cheryl, of Quinlan, James Read and wife, Kimberly, of North Carolina and John Read and wife, Suzie, of Boyd; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; numerous extended family members and a host of friends.

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