



G. F. "Jack" Crandall

December 7, 1930 - July 6, 2021

G. F. "Jack" Crandall, 90, of Anderson, passed away on July 6, 2021. He was born on December 7, 1930, in Bloomington, Indiana, and resided most of his life in Anderson.

Jack graduated from Bloomington High School in 1950. He was a standout athlete in football, basketball, and track. He qualified for the Indiana State Finals three years in a row for the high hurdles. Jack earned an athletic scholarship from Indiana University in both football and basketball. He withdrew from school after experiencing career-ending injuries. Jack was inducted into the Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

He moved to Anderson in 1960, to open and operate Frisch's Big Boy downtown. Throughout his working career, he ran many restaurants including the Big Wheel in Munice and retired from Sysco Foods after several years of service. Jack was always willing to lend a hand, offer advice, and help his family and neighbors. He served on the Edgewood Town Council and was responsible for the Parks Department. His creative garden designs can still be seen throughout Edgewood and his work is easily identified by his trademark, The Pot Man. He especially enjoyed decorating the park on SR 32 for Christmas.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Maxine (Jones) Crandall; sons,

Steve (Amy) Crandall of Anderson and David Crandall of Pendleton; grandchildren, Derek Crandall, Brittani (Rich) Mort, Breanne Lewis, Tyler (Erin) Crandall, Katie (Cory) Powell, and Trent (Kristin) Crandall; and great-grandchildren, Brynna Mort, Delaney Mort, Tinsley Mort, Nora Crandall, Hudson Powell, Eden Crandall, Blake Powell, and Ada Crandall. Also, surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Annmarie Crandall; parents, G. F. and Kathryn E. (Burns) Crandall, Sr.; and siblings, Jane Lunsford, Bob Crandall, June Rife, and Dodie Bowman.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 7, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Wesley Free Methodist in Anderson, with a Celebration of Life service to follow at 3:00 pm at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Free Methodist Church in Anderson or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org.

www.loosecares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Free Methodist Church
Anderson, IN 46011

Service

AUG 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of G. F. "Jack" Crandall



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of G. F. "Jack" Crandall.



August 05, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ I always had the deepest respect for Mr. Crandall. Always so kind and happy and ready to add a light-hearted joke to a situation. I don't think he ever missed one of our cross country or track meets. Enjoyed playing basketball where he fascinated me by the way he could drain three pointers from way out in the yard with a unique style, flipping the ball from his extremely strong finger tips, a style more typical of the era when he played basketball. I remember him and Mrs. Crandall driving us to Terrehaute and then following us to Richmond during the RAIN ride a number of times. A long day for them, even when we were in our mid-fourties (and they were in their late 70's). They were always there for their children. Watching their dedication, taking care of Annie 24/7 for so many years - so exemplary of their love and dedication to their children. Of course, the way he would casually slide David a little money and say, go get you and you're buddy something at the concession stand. Mrs Crandall, Steve, and David, I am so sorry for your loss. Thanks for all of the wonderful memories of such a kind, gentle, giant of a man.

Greg Stephenson
Esterro, FL

Greg Sephenson - July 16, 2021 at 08:03 AM

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“ I always enjoyed visiting the Crandall household to hang out with my lifelong friend, Steve. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were always nice to us kids and I appreciated getting to tag along on family trips to Bloomington which led to me later attending and graduating from IU and meeting my wife there. So, I owe a lot to the Crandall's. Mr. Crandall was always a hard worker with his various restaurants and Steve's friends were always welcome to stop in. I'm glad he had a long retirement and lots of years with Maxine. My condolences to the entire Crandall family and especially Steve, Dave, and Maxine.

Tom Ferguson
Denver, Colorado

Tom Ferguson - July 10, 2021 at 08:42 PM

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“ Mr Crandall was always one of my favorite parents growing up from grade school thru high school. He was a fixture at David's sporting events and I always enjoyed going to his Big Wheel restaurant and getting to see and talk with Jack while there - he always treated you like family.

Our thoughts are with Maxine, David, Steve and the entire Crandall family that Jack helped create. We wish the family peace during this difficult time.

Robert Reveal - July 07, 2021 at 11:01 PM