



Jack Purdom

February 12, 1922 - March 4, 2011

Obituary of Jack Purdom

Jack Nelson Purdom of Leesburg passed away Friday, March 4, 2011 after several long illnesses. He was born February 12, 1922, in Columbus, Ohio at the home of his grandparents. His parents were Eleanor Mildred Young and Ernest Nelson Purdom. He attended several schools in central Ohio and graduated from Ohio State University in 1946 after serving 18 months with the U.S. Army, much of it in Europe. He majored in Industrial Management and Accounting. He worked for General Motors Corp. for two years. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon in college and joined the Leesburg Kiwanis Club after moving to Leesburg in 1949.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rosemary Pringle Purdom having married on June 15, 1948. They have two sons; Gary E. of Tallahassee and Paul H. (Maria) of Leesburg; three grandsons Richard, Jason and Jeremy, step grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Jack was the oldest of 12 children of his father, Warren Lee(deceased), Mary Renner(deceased), Robert Alan (Dorothy); Dorothy Lehman (Marvin); Vada Gay Harsh; John W. (Winona); George W. (Hazel); Irene Bernier; Kathleen Yutzy (Marvin); Ruth Manns(Robert); Rose Holycross (Robert). The move to Leesburg in 1949 enabled Jack to help in the Pringle family businesses, which involved citrus, sand mining, land development and cattle at various times. He was president

of the Lake County Farm Bureau Federation in 1956-57 and the Leesburg Kiwanis Club in 1960. The Purdums housed several foreign students and farmers from India, Turkey, Egypt, The Netherlands, Greece and France. In 1963 they were guests of India in a 2 month farm tour of that country. They also traveled extensively in the United States and Europe with children or grandchildren. Jack served as a Deacon or Elder in both First Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian churches. He taught Sunday school and sang in the choir for many years. After square dancing as a couple for twenty years they started ballroom dancing in 1988, which he did for 15 years. He was also a golfer for many years.

Services

Memorial services will be held March 19, 2011 at 3:00pm at New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park.

Memorial Donations

The family request that there be no flowers. Memorials may be made to New Life Presbyterian Church, 201 LaVista St., Fruitland Park, FL 34731.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Purdom*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rosemary---Jack was a special fellow----He was the only person that showed up at my grand opening of Royal Fences and Patios, as it was the day that Hurrricane Donna came through in 1960---- God bless----- John & Sherry McLeod*

John McLeod - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rosemary, Please accept my sincere condolences at Jack's passing. I am very sorry for your loss. As a neighbor years ago and student of yours in junior high, you both have a special place in my heart. I have thought of you many times and hope you are otherwise doing well. Thank you again for being such a wonderful teacher. Kind regards, Ken Weaver*

Ken Weaver - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rosemary It is with deep sadness that we learned of Jack's passing. We send our condolences to your whole family. James and Sarah*

James and Sarah Gregg - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Rosemary: May God's rich blessings strengthen and comfort you this day and always.*

James Pierce - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM