



Jack A. Woodruff

September 29, 1934 - June 5, 2026

Jack Arthur Woodruff, 91, Overbrook, Kansas, beloved by his family, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026.

Jack was born September 29, 1934, in Overbrook. His family moved several times but finally settled in Topeka, where he attended Roosevelt Junior High and graduated from Topeka High School in 1953. He was inducted into the US Army in 1957 and served actively until 1959 when he was honorably discharged to the Army Reserves. In October of 1961, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Jack was recalled to active duty and then released to return to the Reserves in August of 1962.

On November 28, 1959, Jack and Darlene McMullen were united in marriage at Holy Name Catholic Church, Topeka. They were inseparable, enjoying more than 66 years together. They were members at Mater Dei, Holy Name Church for many years and currently are members of St. Francis Catholic Church, Lapeer, Kansas.

A Teamster truck driver, driving for several trucking lines, for over 35 years, Jack loved trucks and tractors. He enjoyed spending time and was proud of their farm. Known for striking up conversations wherever he went, Jack would get to know people everywhere. He had a great sense of humor and was known and loved for his orneriness. Jack's very favorite thing was being with

family. No one was happier at family reunions than Jack. He loved his family and was well loved in return.

Left to cherish Jack's memory is his beloved wife, Darlene of Overbrook; children, Warren Woodruff of Topeka, Danny Woodruff of Overbrook, Sandy Howe (Larry) Overbrook, Jack Woodruff, Jr. (Vonnie) of Longmont, Colorado, and Randy Woodruff (Missy) of Olathe, Kansas; eight grandchildren, Alyson Mitchell (Jason), Grady Woodruff (Lizzi), Jacqueline Kremers (Alec), Hannah Honeyman, Megan Woodruff, Kallie Woodruff, Jake Woodruff, and Jack Pierce "JP" Woodruff; four step-grandchildren, Ashlea Nelson (Jason), Sarah Alejos, Warren Howe (Jessica), and Elizabeth Richmeier (Jared); seven great-grandchildren, Maddie, Emersyn, Liam, Bryer, Emery, Karlie and Davis; eight step-great-grandchildren, Isaac, Joey, Kaelyn, Ella, Mila, Lahna, Brooks, and Leo; his sister, Pat Ritchie; and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded by his parents, Jim and Fern Woodruff, daughter-in-law, Warren's wife, Linda Woodruff, step-grandson, Elijah Alejos, and brother, Barry "Bud" Woodruff.

The Rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by visitation until 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 400 E Bracken Street, Scranton KS 66537, followed by burial with military honors at Overbrook Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Overbrook American Legion Post 239 or St. Francis Catholic Church, Lapeer, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Overbrook Cemetery

1st St
Overbrook, KS 66524

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 11. 5:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Visitation

JUN 11. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
400 E Bracken Street
Scranton, KS 66537

Tribute Wall

RK

“ sorry for the huge lose to you and family

robert Kennedy - June 19 at 09:26 AM

CP

“ I remember the delightful introduction to your dad at Panera, Warren, and I want you to know my prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Claire Phillips - June 16 at 03:09 PM

DP

“ Jack was a wonderful man that touched so many others. What a blessing! Prayers to all the family. RIP

Diana Prochaska - June 12 at 07:13 PM

LP

“ I remember Jack and Darlene as the great neighbors that lived across the street on Valley Brook Lane in Topeka. Sorry to hear of death of Jack.

Larry Polter - June 12 at 06:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack A. Woodruff.



June 11 at 10:23 AM

GL

“ To the Woodruff family, I was so saddened to see the passing of your dad Jack. Darlene and Jack were so good to my mother, and we laughed so hard when we visited. She passed two months ago and I bet she was so happy to see Jack come home. All of my love,
Germaine Leuszler.

Germaine Leuszler - June 11 at 12:54 AM

JB

“ Darlene, Warren, Sandy, Jack and Family, My heart breaks for you and your family as you mourn for the loss of Jack. He was truly a special man whose kindness, strength, and character touched so many lives. The love and respect people had for him speaks volumes about the incredible person he was. I hope you find comfort in the many wonderful memories you shared and in knowing how much he meant to everyone who knew him. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.
Love and God Bless, Jim and Judy Barnes

Judy Barnes - June 10 at 11:20 AM

KM

“ Darlene and Family, so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. May he rest in peace and may you all find joy in your memories with him in your lives. Ben and Klara Meseke

Klara Meseke - June 09 at 02:24 PM

SL

“ Darlene and family, I'm so sorry for your loss of Jack. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.
Sonja Link

Sonja Link - June 09 at 11:53 AM

CP

“ Sandy, Darlene and family, I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.

Crystal Persinger - June 08 at 08:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack A. Woodruff.

June 08 at 05:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack A. Woodruff.



June 08 at 05:42 PM

BZ

“ Hello, Sandy. So sorry for the loss of your father. Remember you from years back at Holy Name when you sang with us. Sure miss your beautiful voice! Hope you've managed to share your talent with your parish there. Please accept my condolences and prayers for your family. May your dear father rest in peace with all the angels and saints. 🙏👼🎈💔

Bibiana Zweig - June 08 at 12:02 PM

SW

“ There are not enough words to express how much I love the Woodruff family. What fond memories I have of Jack - family get togethers, all of the random places to eat at - whatever town they were in, always about the food! The support Jack and Dar gave me to start college will never be forgotten or adequately thanked. What an amazing family man, he treated me as if I was his own daughter. I am so sorry for your loss, may the Lord embrace and comfort you. Much love, Shannon (Wilson) Wagner

Shannon Wagner - June 08 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ Hello Sandy. Thinking of you, so hard to say good bye to a loving father. You have a beautiful smile and heart. Prayers and hugs. Love, Judy Wohletz (Holy Name)

Judy Wohletz - June 08 at 10:47 AM

TS

“ Roy Boy was one of a kind. He was my second dad. I can't say enough about how much I respect Mr Woodruff. He was soooo funny and kind. RIP my friend.

Tim Simons - June 08 at 10:12 AM

RH

“ Jack the world will not be the same without you. One of a kind and a friend.

Richard Hummel - June 08 at 07:44 AM



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June 07 at 11:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jack A. Woodruff.*



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