



Jackie Lee Bales Jr.

December 18, 1949 - June 12, 2015

Jackie Lee Bales Jr. of Hot Springs, AR left this Earth on Friday, June 12, 2015 at the age of 65. He was born on December 18, 1949 to his surviving parents Jack and Polly Bales of Hot Springs, AR. He was a man of faith and a lifelong Baptist. He was dearly loved by his family and made a positive impact on so many people during his life.

He graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1967 and attended the University of Arkansas, graduating in 1973 with a BS in Industrial Management.

Three of Jack's most outstanding qualities were his dedication, loyalty, and honesty. These traits always prevailed and he would go on to have only one employer for 42 years, starting work for A.O. Smith Corporation in 1973 and retiring from NOV Fiber Glass Systems in May 2015. He spent those years living and working in Little Rock, Dallas TX, and finally returning home to Hot Springs in 2007.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Roy & Lessie Bales and Jesse & Bessie Bland. In addition to his parents he is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Judy Bales of Hot Springs; sisters, Jane Ann McBride of Pearcy and Joy Spencer (Mike) of Hot Springs; stepson, Wes Gross (Shelly) of Little Rock; granddaughter, Lacey Brianna Gross of Little Rock; nieces, Dawna Jo

Hill (Lennon) of Hot Springs and Jayme Herbert (Joe) of Batesville, IN; nephews, Patrick McBride (Noma) of Hot Springs and Dylan & Alex Spencer of Hot Springs; along with a host of great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

The family would like to extend a special mention of great appreciation to Dr. Paul Wade of Dallas TX, Dr. Rob McCrary of Hot Springs, and Dr. Timothy English of Hot Springs.

Visitation and services will be held at Hot Springs Funeral Home on Tuesday June 16th with visitation beginning at 12:00 PM and service at 1:00 PM. Burial will be immediately following at Hollywood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Boys & Girls Club of Hot Springs, United Way of Garland County, Jackson House, or Garland County Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *The last time I saw Jack we were in Tulsa to celebrate Donn's birthday and he was in town for work, so he met us for drinks. He wanted to buy our dinner for her birthday but I refused. Jack had to leave before we ate and he left a birthday card on the table on the way out. Donna opened the card after he was gone and inside the card was the money for our dinner. Just like him. I still owe you one, Jack.*

Gary Comstock - June 18, 2015 at 04:10 PM

MC

“ *Thank you Jack Bales for being such a wonderful friend to my Brothers Kenney and Gary. We all loved you so much and so did Mother and Dad. The first time I met Jack he came to our home to get a puppy to take to his sister for Christmas and I will never forget how sweet that was! You were a special part of our family and will be so dearly missed. We were blessed to share time with you and you will remain in our hearts forever. My deepest sympathy to Judy and all the family members and friends. Mary Jane Comstock.*

Mary Jane Comstock - June 18, 2015 at 12:35 PM

KC

“ Jack and I played cards often and we would play for pennies, nickels, or dimes just for fun. He learned a new game he wanted to teach me. After he won every game for the next hour and accepted the winnings, he said "Thanks Catfish". I had taken the bait, he set the hook, and reeled me in. The next time we played and he handed over my winnings, I said "Thanks Mr. Bass". From then on we were Catfish and Mr. Bass.

When I saw Jack last, I said "Hey Mr. Bass. I love you." And he said "I love you too Catfish."

When I see Jackie again, he'll teach me a new game. Then he'll say, "Thanks Catfish".

Thank you GOD for Jackie Bales

I love you Mr. Bass

Kenney Comstock - June 17, 2015 at 07:30 PM

RM

“ My deepest regrets and sympathy to the Bales family. His honesty and loyalty were traits easily recognized and appreciated. I respected and admired Jack and will certainly miss him.

God bless.

Robvyn C. Motes

Rob Motes - June 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM

GR

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the Bales family.

Garry Rowe - June 15, 2015 at 03:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Bales Jr..



June 15, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Bales Jr..



June 15, 2015 at 12:37 PM



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June 15, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jackie Lee Bales Jr..



June 15, 2015 at 11:13 AM

LL

“ Jackie and I met while attending Central Jr High, where we both played football and basketball. That friendship carried on throughout high school as well as ball playing. Jackie was a good ball player and an overall great guy. His dad and my dad could always be found on the sidelines during football practice. Very supportive of their sons on and off the field. I lost contact with Jackie after high school, but he was often in my thoughts. Not knowing his whereabouts, until learning of his passing. My prayers and thoughts go out to Jackie's family during this time, comfort and healing to you all.

Larry G. Lawson - June 15, 2015 at 09:23 AM

YE

“ I met Mr. Jack when I started working at then AO Smith in 1999. He was such an amazing person and he taught me so much about the industry. I will miss him. We lost a great man last week. My thoughts and prayers go to his family during this tough time.

Yolanda Erasmus
Houston, Texas

Yolanda Erasmus - June 15, 2015 at 09:09 AM

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“ Jackie and I first met while attending Central Jr High. We played ball together in Jr and Sr high school. Jackie was a very good ball player, both football and basketball. An overall great guy! I remember Jackie's dad as well as my dad always being supportive of their sons during football season. Always on the sidelines during practice and whenever possible during games. I lost contact with Jackie after high school, but he often remained in my thoughts. My sincere thoughts go out to Jackie's family. Prayers for healing and comfort to you all!

Larry G. Lawson - June 15, 2015 at 09:04 AM

RC

“ *My very deepest sympathy. Ray Cash*

Ray L. Cash - June 15, 2015 at 08:19 AM

HS

“ *Judy, Polly and Jack,
I was so shocked to read of your loss in todays Gazette. Please be
assured that Barbara and I have you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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H L Shepherd - June 15, 2015 at 06:49 AM

JM

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Jane McBride - June 14, 2015 at 05:53 PM