



## John "Jack" T. Riddell

December 30, 1929 - May 30, 2014

JOHN T. "JACK" RIDDELL  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

John "Jack" Riddell, 84, of New Harmony, Indiana and formerly of Griffin, Indiana, born December 30, 1929 to Ralph and Nellie Mae (McMurry) Riddell, died on May 30, 2014 in Evansville, Indiana.

Jack graduated from Brazil (Indiana) High School, where he played football; he later played in college as well. He served in the Air Force for four years. He worked as a Petroleum Geologist from the 1960s to the 2000s. He had a great sense of humor; in the 1980s, he was under contract to Jay Leno to write jokes for "The Tonight Show." He is in the Indiana Oil and Gas Association's Hall of Fame, and he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Professional Geologists of Indiana. He served on many boards, including Rush Creek Oil and the Posey County Community Foundation. He was a District Governor of Ruritan and President of the Indiana-Kentucky Geological Society.

He is survived by his wife: Audree (McMillan) Riddell of New Harmony, Indiana; two children: Jill Riddell of Chicago, Illinois and Tim Riddell of Milford, Delaware; two granddaughters: Della and Jacqueline Brown; three sisters: Helen Vanes and Sally Mahoney of Oregon and Norma Murphy of Lake Forest, Illinois.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son: Gregory Riddell and

two sisters: Gloria Raab and Marguerite Leachman.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2014 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New Harmony, Indiana with burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Griffin, Indiana.

Friends may call 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Posey County Community Foundation Scholarship Fund, 402 Main Street, PO Box 746, Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620 or online at: [www.poseycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.poseycommunityfoundation.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Pleasant Cemetery (Griffin)

552 County Road 1150 N  
Griffin, IN 47616

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)  
615 S Brewery  
New Harmony, IN 47631  
(812) 682-4261  
werryfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Service

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
318 Main Street  
New Harmony, IN 47631

# Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" T. Riddell*

---

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *John Riddell Family:  
Our deepest sorrow and sympathy for your loss.  
The 1947 class teammates of Brazil High School  
LeRoy K Howes*

---

**LeRoy K Howes** - June 05, 2014 at 08:50 AM



“ *Mrs Riddell, Tim & Jill: So sorry to hear about your loss. I remember your dad always having a smile on his face. I loved coming to your house to play and go sledding. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Anita Murphy Frazier*

---

**Anita Frazier** - June 04, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Audree,  
I have so many fond memories of Jack from when you both lived in Elmwood Park to the all too few visits to Poseyville.  
He was a mentor to me in my young life and I still, to this day, quote some of his jokes.  
-Donald Booth*

---

**Donald Booth** - June 04, 2014 at 02:29 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Riddell, I'm so sorry for your loss. My maiden name is Nancy Murdach, Carmi Class of 1967 and you're one of the very best teachers I ever had. Hope you are well and you are in my prayers. Your husband was a wonderful man. Had no idea you were married to a "celebrity". I'm happily married to a Crossville farmer and visit New Harmony w girlfriends often. God Bless you. Nancy Armstrong

Nancy Murdach Armstrong - June 03, 2014 at 07:16 PM



“ Posey County Community Foundation purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of John "Jack" T. Riddell.



Posey County Community Foundation - June 03, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" T. Riddell.



June 03, 2014 at 08:25 AM



“ What a wonderful man the world has lost. I am so thankful and blessed that I knew him. My prayers to his wonderful wife and family. Dot Little

Dot Little - June 02, 2014 at 09:38 PM

MA

“ Jack was truly a gentleman; and I treasure his friendship. I will never forget the beautiful prayer he prayed following the death of my father. As a neighbor and friend he was always willing to help and provide comfort. Michael & Linda Andry, The Villages, FL

---

**Michael Andry** - June 02, 2014 at 01:58 PM

WP

“ Wilma Kirkpatrick Peterson lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" T. Riddell



---

**wilma kirkpatrick peterson** - June 02, 2014 at 01:05 PM