



Jack C. Torkelson

January 9, 1947 - July 25, 2017

Jack C. Torkelson, age 70, of Greenbrier, TN passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at his residence.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Greenbrier is in charge of arrangements.

The family will receive friends 3:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Ridgetop Seventh Day Adventist Church. A Memorial Service will follow at 4:00 pm at the church with Pastor William Little and Pastor Richard Harbour officiating.

Jack was born in Noblesville, IN on January 9, 1947 to the late Oscar E. and Laura Ann Jarnes Torkelson.

He was a member of the American Chestnut Foundation and the Tennessee Native Plant Society. He loved tinkering on various projects, some complete and some not so much. A favorite was the nature center with a fire pit which he had built by the pond which he also constructed.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Buttorff Dyer Torkelson; sons, Andrew Teton (Leslie) Torkelson, Timothy Walden (McKenzie) Torkelson; grandchildren, Katelyn Torkelson, Peyton Jo Torkelson and a sister, Jill (Richard) Harbour.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Chestnut Foundation, 50 Merrimon Ave, Suite 115, Asheville, NC 28804 or the Ridgetop Adventist Elementary School, P.O. Box 829, Ridgetop, TN 37152. Online condolences may be made at www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ridgetop Seventh Day Adventist
Ridgetop, TN

Memorial Service

AUG 5. 4:00 PM (CT)

Ridgetop Seventh Day Adventist
Ridgetop, TN

Tribute Wall

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“ *If I ever needed help with a project, Jack was a man I knew I could count on. He put others before himself and didn't expect any recognition for his actions. Thank you Jack for showing me what it means to be a true friend. I will see you again in the place where there are no more tears.*

Clint Neel - August 04, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jack C. Torkelson.*



August 01, 2017 at 09:59 PM

DE

“ *I had the pleasure of helping Jack on a number of projects. He was a good neighbor and a good friend. Always concerned about his trees, and i learned something i didn't know every time we talked. You will be missed Jack!*

Dennis Stutzman

Dennis - July 31, 2017 at 09:12 PM

RA

“ I loved Jack for many reasons. I see him as the nut tree man. Seems like nowadays the masses are planting so many new age tree varieties and hybrids from around the world. But Jack loved the great American "old forest" nut trees, so he planted loads of Shellbark Hickories (Kingnuts), American Chestnuts, Pecans, etc. I loved visiting him. He loved nature and worked hard to maintain a natural environment on his property. Jack was cool to observe and be around. Thanks Jack, for letting me bug you and visit you so much. smile. You were a good guy. Randy Allen

Randy Allen - July 31, 2017 at 05:41 PM

SF

“ Jack was a very honest and down-to-earth man. I consider it a privilege to have known him and will miss him greatly.

Sean Fisher - July 28, 2017 at 07:12 AM

JG

“ Worked with Jack on several chestnut tree projects. Really enjoyed talking and working with him. Great tree climber!! Sorry to hear of his passing.

Jeremy Gooch

Jeremy Gooch - July 26, 2017 at 04:52 PM