



Col. John William "Jack" Moon

May 7, 2016

Colonel John William "Jack" Moon 88, of Hurricane passed away peacefully May 7, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. Jack was born June 6, 1927 in Champaign IL, a son of the late Charles Cecil and Harriet Kirk Moon.

In addition to his parents Jack was preceded in death by his sister Maudine Moon Pendergast and brother in laws Richard Pendergast and Dr. William G. Crews.

He attended Huntington High School and graduated from Ashland High School, attended the Citadel, Charleston SC, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY and graduated with a Board of Regents Degree from West Virginia State College, Institute WV.

Jack was one of the "Greatest Generation", enlisting on March 7, 1945 in the US Navy during World War II serving aboard the USS Procyon (AKA-2) as a Seaman First Class in the South Pacific and in Korea was a 1st Lt., 40th Infantry Division in the US Army. He then joined the WV Army National Guard in 1955, was promoted to Major in 1961, after graduating from Command and Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kanas, in 1969 he commanded the 1st Squadron, 150th Armored Division Calvary from 1972 – 1975 and Special Forces Detachment, WV Army National Guard from 1975 – 1976, where he was promoted to Colonel on November 24, 1975. He served on the General

Staff as Training Officer and Personnel Officer until he was selected as Chief of Staff until retirement in 1982. He was also a life member at the James E. Marshall American Legion Post #187, Winfield.

He was a Master Parachutist, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Clusters and various other service medals.

He was appointed Director of the WV Department of Veteran Affairs in 1983 by Governor John D. Rockefeller and served two additional terms under Governors Arch A. Moore, Jr., and Gaston Caperton.

Jack is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jo Mellon Moon: his children, Jane Higgins (Marshall) of Richmond VA, Leslie Cardenas (John) of Dallas TX, and John William Moon Jr., (Kori) of Montgomery TX; seven grandsons, CPT Patrick Higgins of Belton TX, David Higgins of Richmond VA, Michael Cardenas of Coppell TX, Matthew Cardenas of Austin TX, CPT Andrew Moon (Amanda) of Harker Heights TX, and Ryan and Daniel Moon of Montgomery TX, and one great granddaughter, Allison May Moon.

The visitation will be an hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Jacks funeral will be 11:00am Wednesday at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane WV with Rev. David Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at Rosehill Burial Park, 3801 13th Street, Ashland, KY with military honors.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made in Jacks name to; Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 / woundedwarriorproject.org or HospiceCare 1606 Kanawha Blvd W, Charleston, WV 25387 / www.hospicecarewv.org/make-donation.

Anyone wishing to leave an online condolence or memory may do so at: www.

chapmanfuneralhomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane WV 25526 is honored to handle Jack's arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Burial Park

3801 13th Street
Ashland, KY 41102

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
3941 Teays Valley Road
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Col. John William "Jack" Moon*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Condolences to the Moon family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams Family - May 18, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“ *I would like to Say Col. Moon was a great person, man and soldier. I remember him well during my time with the WV Army National Guard and the many trips to Pickett and Camp Dawson. I am sorry I missed the obituary and wish to pass my condolences to the family and friends.*

You are in my prayers this day for comfort.

Terry and Anne Stone

150th Arm Sqdn - Dunbar, Montgomery, and Bluefield and WVMA

Terry Stone - May 13, 2016 at 06:34 AM



“ *We all morn the loss of Col John William Jack Moon a great American and Soldier. John, My prayers go out to you and your family during this very sad time and I truely understand the loss of a loved one. God Bless You All.*

Staffieri family

Patrick Staffieri - May 11, 2016 at 09:46 PM

TS

“ Colonel Moon was a great positive influence not only on the lives of his children, but also on the lives of their friends. As one of Jacky's best friends and teammates, his Dad was always there to support us, cheer us, even play ball with us. Basketball on that hot court behind the elementary school, sweating right along with the rest of us, shooting that two-handed set shot of his(you better get a hand in his face cause he was a deadly shot!), Jacky guarding him and trash-talking his Dad. Table tennis, tennis, cards, backgammon...he was absolutely one of the toughest competitors you ever met and a bundle of energy. Several times we stopped by to see Jacky, he wasn't home, then he'd come home to find his friends engaged in an intense game of Spades or Hearts with his Dad. He was also a dedicated man, to his family and his lovely bride, Mary Jo and to Jane, Leslie and Jacky. Dedicated to serving his country, too. He was one of that truly great generation of Americans who believed that sacrifice and duty were part of what made a good life. He made a good life for himself, his family and many others. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Your Dad will be missed by more of us than you probably know. Tim Smith

Tim Smith - May 11, 2016 at 06:55 PM

PC

“ I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father John. While I had not met your father, I knew him through you and your sisters and the memories you shared of you all growing up. Your dad was an inspiring man with a great story and a remarkable family. Your strength and how you lead your family these last few months inspired us and is an example for us all to follow.
Rest in Peace Colonel. Well done.
Pat Cassidy

Patrick Cassidy - May 11, 2016 at 09:06 AM

LB

“ Mary Jo, Jane, Leslie, and Jackie,

I am so sorry for your loss. I loved your dad he was such a sweet man. I know how it feels to lose your father as my dad has been gone for 23 years now but, you have the peace in knowing that your father is now in heaven. If there's anything I can do for you all please let me know. Love you!

Laura Allen Brown

Laura Brown - May 11, 2016 at 06:11 AM

DM

“ Jane and John - we are so sorry for your loss. Your father was a true gentleman. I loved sharing time with your family at West Point as we saw both of your sons (Patrick and Andrew) come through West Point. Your father's smile and warmth and genuine fun spirit was a guiding light to all who met him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. We love you all.

Debbie, Kenny, Anna and Joshua McDonald

Debbie McDonald - May 10, 2016 at 10:08 PM

PJ

“ We never had the privilege of meeting COL and Mrs. Moon, but we think the world of their children. Jacky, Jane, and Leslie, our hearts are broken and our prayers go out to you in your time of grief. If it is any consolation, remember that you are never, ever, alone; for there are legions of those like us to lift you up and carry your burden.

Pete and Maureen Joplin - May 10, 2016 at 08:24 PM

SA

“ Jane,
I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I know how hard it is, yet there is relief that he is now in heaven . I remember him so well. Always supporting his family and enjoying life. May God give you peace and comfort. Prayers for you and your family.
Sally Miller Atkins

sally atkins - May 10, 2016 at 07:19 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Col. John William"Jack" Moon.



May 10, 2016 at 12:36 AM

BM

“ Thank You Papa Moon for the many wonderful memories from guiding a bunch of young LTs at Ft Sill to being a great influence in ALL our lives. I only hope we can impact and effect a fraction of the many lives you have touched. Finally Thank You for the wonderful memories at Hali Koa. Airborne and God Bless. The Malone's Bill, Leona, Tori, Ashley and Sean Patrick.

Bill Malone - May 09, 2016 at 11:28 PM

LM

“ I picked him up at the airport in Oklahoma and after an hour of talking about John this and John that I finally said."we actually call him Mooner" and he said " we actually call him Jacky"
That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship. I will love and miss him forever. Leona Malone

leona malone - May 09, 2016 at 11:20 PM

LO

“ Jane and family, love you, love your parents, love the kindness they showed us, love the memories in your home, love their sparkly smiles, love your dad's generous service to our country. Love and big hugs, wish I could be there as you honor and celebrate your dad. XXOO Lori

lori - May 09, 2016 at 08:10 PM

RB

“ I HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING WITH COL. MOON IN THE 19TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP IN THE WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD. WE MADE A FEW PARACHUTE JUMPS TOGETHER AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIS SMILE THAT SEEMED TO LIGHT UP HIS FACE. FAREWELL AIRBORNE TROOPER FAREWELL.
CSM ROBERT C. BRAGG USA (RET)

ROBERT C BRAGG - May 09, 2016 at 05:18 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Col. John William "Jack" Moon.



May 09, 2016 at 12:00 PM