



Jack Carmel Cannata

April 9, 1923 - July 27, 2016

Jack Carmel Cannata, 93, of Houston passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Jack was born April 9, 1923 in Houston to Clarence and Ila Cannata. He is preceded in death by his parents and beloved wife Betty. He is survived by his daughter, Carolyn Cannata and husband Evaristo Carreon and her children, John C. Ashcraft and wife Kelli, Richard Heath Ashcraft and wife Nikki and his children, Lexi and Ava Ashcraft; his is also survived by his son Jack Cannata Jr. and wife Sheila and his children, Colin Cannata and Christian Cannata and their spouses.

Jack graduated from Saint Thomas High School High School May 1941 and entered U of H August 1941 as a premed student. At the end of his first year in 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force with his buddies. One of his greatest achievements in life was getting thru pilot training with the handicap of color blindness. After graduating he flew the P-40 and was assigned to the Pacific theatre. He excelled in instrument flying; and became an instrument training instructor for pilots before they were shipped over seas.

After being discharged from the service he flew for United Airlines, out of Chicago. When he came home for the holidays he met his wife Betty; they were married for 58 years. After leaving his position with United Airlines he attended the University of Houston graduating with a degree in radio and

television. Jack became a true entrepreneur. He owned gas stations, installed some of the first window air conditioners in Houston, He was in the construction business for over 60 years owning the 12 story office building, 405 Main St. Houston. After the sale of his office building he started Cannata Communications, a video production company. As his last business venture he returned to the construction industry developing two housing subdivisions.

Jack enjoyed his time at Lake LBJ where he built Betty three lake front homes, in addition to a subdivision. He and Betty also enjoyed traveling and made several trips with the International Committee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where he was a lifetime member. Jack's joy of flying continued all his life. He owned two planes and taught Betty how to fly.

Jack was an active, longtime member of the Lions Club of Houston where he was Past President and very proud of the work done for the Texas Crippled Children Foundation.

The family would like to give special thanks to Susan Behn who spent countless hours with Jack listening to his many stories and walking his dog Fluffy and the wonderful folks from hospice, Yodit Kebede, Robert Rines, and Royce Scott visiting minister.

The Cannata family will be present to receive friends Thursday, August 4, 2016 from 6 PM until 8 PM at Dettling funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A Memorial Service celebrating Jack's life will be held Friday, August 5, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home. Jack will be laid to rest in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in a private family ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery

6900 Lawndale
Houston, TX 77023

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Memorial Service

AUG 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ I worked for Cannata Communications that then became WRS. A video production n duplication company for 11 years from 1990 to 2001. I have so many good memories working there on 7031 Grand Blvd for Jack n his son. Rip sir. Dan Noecker.

Dan Noecker - October 22, 2023 at 02:27 AM



“ Jack Carmel Cannata

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Jack Carmel Cannata

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Jack Carmel Cannata

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Jack Carmel Cannata

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ 148 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - August 04, 2016 at 04:52 PM

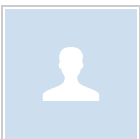


“ Jack Cannata was one of those "American originals" from the "Greatest Generation". As cliché as this sounds, they truly broke the mold when they made this wonderful guy. An intimidating and powerful man, over the more than 35 years that I knew him, I came to realize that he had a kind heart and a gentle soul.

God, rest and keep your soul, Mr. Cannata! Peace and blessings to you, Carolyn and Jack and family.

With Love, Garry Landowski

Garry G Landowski - August 04, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Carmel Cannata.*



August 04, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Carmel Cannata.*



August 04, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ *We will always remember his wonderful stories and love of flirting. He definitely was one of a kind. Mike & Jeanne*

Jeanne - August 04, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ *I worked for Jack Sr., and Jack Jr. 30 years ago at Cannata Communications. What a dynamic personality! Will never forget him.*

Dennis Hanovich

Dennis Hanovich - August 03, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ *Dear Carolyn, Sending you best wishes at this difficult time. Thinking of you - George Harcourt*

George Harcourt - August 03, 2016 at 01:30 AM



Thank you George, it is so nice to hear from you.

carolyn cannata - August 03, 2016 at 04:27 PM

PJ

“ I would recognize that smile anywhere. We kept in touch until about 10 years ago. He was a very special man. I still have a beautiful horse head pin that he and Betty bought for me when we were shopping in Florence, Italy. My heart goes out to the family and especially Caroline whom I have lost track of. Love thoughts, Peggy Jobs

Peggy Jobs - August 02, 2016 at 02:51 PM



Michelle Johnson

“ I had the pleasure of working with this family at their video production business. Mr. Cannata was so kind to me during my father's illness - he was always there to share a kind word and try to lift my spirits and for that I am forever grateful. Carolyn and Jack, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad, I know how hard it is because I have been there and experienced it. I did not know that you had lost your mom, at least we know that they are together again. My prayers are with both of you. Michelle Johnson

Michelle Johnson - August 02, 2016 at 01:36 PM

DC

“ Our condolences to Jack's family from Don Cannata, Jack's first cousin, and his wife Norma. With fond memories of family times so long ago.

Don Cannata - August 02, 2016 at 12:10 PM

CP

“ How does one share just ONE memory of Jack Cannata when there are soooo many?!?! However, what I will most remember about Jack is his devotion and love for his "Susie". I always told Jack if my husband loves me 1/2 as much as he loved Betty I would be the luckiest lady.



Cheri & Charlie Payne - August 02, 2016 at 11:29 AM

CR

“ My sincere sympathies for the loss of your dear loved one. Precious memories are yours to keep. Stay close to friends and family for support and draw strength from prayer during this time - Prov 17:17;Rom 12:12

Cris - July 31, 2016 at 08:54 PM

WS

“ Deepest Sympathy to the family. So very sorry to hear about the passing away of your dear loved one. "May the true GOD comfort and sooth your aching hearts at this time of personal grief." With love and sympathy the Stewarts.

Will Stewart - July 30, 2016 at 01:34 PM