



John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh

June 19, 1925 - September 18, 2016

John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh, 91, of rural Rensselaer, Indiana passed away on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at the Rensselaer Care Center.

Jack, the third of seven children, was born June 19, 1925 in a home without electricity or running water in New Augusta, Indiana to Charles Allen and Kathryn Marietta Rodibaugh. The family moved to 15 acres near Jolietville in 1932. Jack attended schools near Fortville and in Jolietville, and then Westfield, where he graduated from high school in 1943. Jack loved basketball and was proud of his team's county championship. In 1935 he showed his first pig in 4-H, a Poland China gilt, and this kindled a life-long passion for breeding, showing and selling pigs. After graduation Jack entered the U.S. Navy for 3 years, and then attended Purdue University on the GI Bill, and graduated in 1950 from Purdue with a degree in animal husbandry. At Purdue, he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

The best decision Jack ever made was to ask Clara Emily Rigsbee to marry him. They were married July 30, 1950 in Rushville, Indiana and this inseparable "team" shared 66 years together developing a legacy of faith, family and farming. As a result of relationships developed at Purdue, Jack had an opportunity to partner with Bob Parkison in Rensselaer to farm and raise purebred Chester White hogs. Jack's vision, leadership and hard work resulted in expansion of the swine breeding business to 4 different pure breeds and the idea to utilize crossbreeding. His Chicago International

Livestock Exposition, Grand Champion barrow in 1969, “Jasper”, became internationally known, and the subject of an educational movie heralding the advent of “meat-type” hogs. Jack’s skill in breeding pigs was widely recognized, resulting in his judging exhibitions in 22 states and Canada. He shared his success with charitable contributions to his church, Purdue University, fraternity, family members, and the community. Jack also gave of his time to numerous organizations and was a leader in helping his church, the Indiana Pork producers, purebred swine associations and the Rensselaer school system adapt to change. He was the recipient of numerous recognitions by the swine industry, agriculture and education. One recognition for which he was most proud was that of having his portrait hung in the Saddle & Sirloin Club Hall of Fame in 2007.

Jack was a Purdue sports enthusiast, an avid fisherman, consummate storyteller, practical jokester, and constant “teaser”.

Jack is survived by his wife, Emily and children David (Danita) of Rensselaer, Max (Carol) of Frankfort, James “Jim” (Teri) of Rensselaer, Betsy Keffaber (Kerry) of Fishers, Peggy Goodman (Rick) of Rensselaer, John (Debbie) of Rensselaer, and Stephen (Shannon) of Rensselaer, 28 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters Mary Margaret Fox, and Joanne Reed. Jack was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Allen, Kathryn, Barbara Lou Paxton and Robert “Bob”, and brothers-in-law Philip White, Albert Rigsbee and Frank “Rany” Fox.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church in Rensselaer, the Rensselaer Schools Student Care Fund, or to the Purdue Foundation for the Livestock Judging Team. Contributions can be mailed c/o Jackson Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 70, Rensselaer, IN 47978. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Memory Gardens Rensselaer, IN.

Thank you to all who have given wonderful support and care to Jack over the

past few years.

Most that knew Jack know that he liked to offer advice and in his own words:
“Practice your faith, Your spouse in life is your most important decision, Never
quit learning, and Seek balance in life and all that you do.”

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
107 E. Angelica Street
Rensselaer, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 21, 2016 at 09:51 PM

CR

Beautiful tribute to Jack...and to Emily, and the life they built together, resulting in all these glimpses of family, heart, faith...and, of course, pigs.

Carol Rodibaugh - September 22, 2016 at 08:12 AM

SC

Uncle Jack was a great man. He helped us with our 4-H pigs.

Thanks to Uncle Jack and Aunt Emily, the large, extended Rodibaugh Family gather every year at Fourth of July and Christmas.

The video was beautiful with all the family pictures and soft music in the background. Thanks for including pictures of my dad and mom who is Jack's sister.

We will miss Uncle Jack very much.

Susan Fox Crusinberry

Susan Crusinberry - September 22, 2016 at 05:57 PM

JH

“ Emily and family, I have been thinking about you Emily and Jack a lot lately. Tonight I couldn't sleep and was thinking about you both. Just now checked this website--on 11.11.16 at 2 AM-and found Jack had passed recently. I regret not saying goodbye. Jack was a genial and consummate businessman. Though his business was pork, he will long be remembered for building people. As a result of your teamwork, you raised an exemplary family. I offer my sincere condolences along with those of Jan and Judy who would offer the same if they knew. They soon shall know. I hope we can talk soon. John Hall, the young boy who could not sit still in church.

John Hall - November 11, 2016 at 03:27 AM

RP

“ Ralph & Lisa Pizer lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh



Ralph & Lisa Pizer - September 24, 2016 at 07:13 PM

MO

“ Emily & Family-Our hearts go out to you in sincere sympathy in your loss. May the love in your hearts, your precious memories & your deep-seated faith give you comfort now and in the days to come. Mick & Janice Odom



Mick & Janice Odom - September 24, 2016 at 11:08 AM

LK

“ *Rodibaugh Family Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jack will always be with you in your hearts. Larry and Judy Koebcke*

Larry and Judy Koebcke - September 23, 2016 at 08:04 PM

SH

“ *Dear Emily,*

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in Memory of Jack.

I'm so sorry I could not be there for the visitation tonight, for you were there for us during our time of loss. One of the sweetest, kindness acts we had was the gift of your homemade bread. It stands out so vividly in my mind these 3 plus years latter after we lost our daughter. It was the first thing I thought of when I heard of Jack's passing. I wish I could return the favor, but nothing can top your wonderful bread.

The only thing I can do is share with you how deeply you touched our hearts, and how much we appreciated your thoughtful gift. I know you have many family and friends surrounding you during this time, and it might not be that you get a chance to read all of the beautiful condolences that are being left for you and your family, but when you do I hope in some small way it lifts your heart, and puts a smile on your face.

Our eternal gratitude...

Scot and Pam Hunt

Scot and Pam Hunt - September 23, 2016 at 06:10 PM

GK

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the Rodibaugh family. Jack was an outstanding man and one to be so proud of. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless, George and Joan Kanne



George & Joan Kanne - September 23, 2016 at 04:48 PM

CF

“ Chris Danner and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.



Chris Danner and Family - September 23, 2016 at 10:06 AM

CO

“ Dear Rodibaugh Family,
Will be thinking about you in your time of loss, in days to come may the sadness you feel today be replace by many happy memories .

Keeping you in thought and prayer,
Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich

Cheryl Schultz Oreskovich - September 23, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.



September 23, 2016 at 08:59 AM

RP

“ *Ron & Connie Kuber and Kyle & Catharine Perry purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



Ron & Connie Kuber and Kyle & Catharine Perry - September 22, 2016 at 05:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 22, 2016 at 01:54 PM

JM

“ *Prayers to all the family. Jack was a special friend, that I always enjoyed the stories he shared. My family considered him a true friend. He will be missed by many.*

Jim Maddox - September 22, 2016 at 07:25 AM



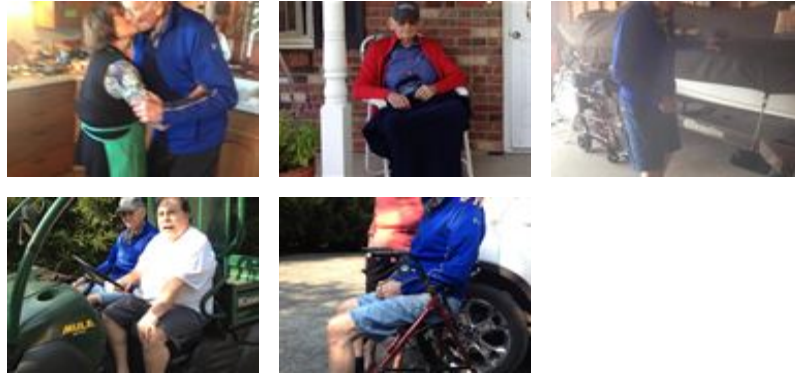
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 21, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - September 21, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia* was purchased for the family of *John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*.



September 21, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of *John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*.



September 21, 2016 at 03:50 PM

MR

“ *Many many wonderful memories shared with the Rodibaugh family. May u find comfort I knowing that Jack touched so many people's lives. God bless u all.*

margo roberts - September 21, 2016 at 07:33 AM

TM

“ *Tanner Mellon purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



Tanner Mellon - September 20, 2016 at 10:59 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 20, 2016 at 01:04 PM

JA

“ *JaniceHopkinsMalchow lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



JaniceHopkinsMalchow - September 20, 2016 at 12:59 PM

RN

“ *Rose Nesius lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



Rose Nesius - September 20, 2016 at 12:45 PM

JL

“ *Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



Jim & Dorrie Lefler - September 20, 2016 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 20, 2016 at 09:11 AM

MG

“ *Prayers to all of the family.
May his legacy live on, in all, that he has taught us.*

Mike Goad - September 20, 2016 at 08:05 AM

Nancy
Pettet-
Dunlap

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. You are all
in our thoughts and prayers!!
Charlies & Nancy Dunlap Jr
Cole and Avery



Nancy Pettet- Dunlap - September 19, 2016 at 10:44 PM

LF

“ L & S Peters Farms purchased the Divine Peace
Bouquet for the family of John A. "Jack"
Rodibaugh.



L & S Peters Farms - September 19, 2016 at 08:46 PM

MS

“ Thinking of you all. Deepest sympathy, Kevin and Mary Scheurich

Mary Scheurich - September 19, 2016 at 08:42 PM

TS

“ So very sorry for your loss. May God bless
you as you grieve and remember your loved
one.
Threasa Santell



Threasa Santell - September 19, 2016 at 06:28 PM

ED

“ *Deepest condolences to the Rodibaugh family.
Jack will be missed by many.
Sincerely, Ed Davisson on behalf of the Amos Davisson family*

Ed Davisson - September 19, 2016 at 05:54 PM

RW

“ *Jack was a great man who will be missed by many. He made multiple contributions to our church, town, community, countywide, statewide and beyond. But his biggest legacy is the one that he and Emily created together, their wonderful family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family meant everything to Jack. Thoughts and prayers are with you Emily and your family.*



Regina Warfel - September 19, 2016 at 05:46 PM

DW

*Deepest sympathy to Emily and to their wonderful children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.....Love and prayers to all.
Lynette & Dave Walter*

Dave & Lynette Walter - September 20, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 19, 2016 at 05:18 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 19, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *Bob Schembs and Kathy Schembs Joyce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



Bob Schembs and Kathy Schembs Joyce - September 19, 2016 at 03:33 PM



“ *Terry Taylor Spurgeon lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



Terry Taylor Spurgeon - September 19, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



Martha Langley - September 19, 2016 at 02:01 PM

PB

“ we extend our deepest Sympathy+heartfelt Prayers to the Family of Jack Rodibaugh he will be truly missed! take comfort in having knowing him+his strong Faith! from Rosie+ I!

Paul Bilyeu - September 19, 2016 at 01:52 PM

DM

“ Don And Jenny McClellan lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh



Don and Jenny McClellan - September 19, 2016 at 01:28 PM

LA

“ We don't pick our family. But if we could, I would not change a thing. I have been blessed to have Jack as my Uncle. His story telling, teasing, generosity will be forever remembered. While I will mourn his death, I will forever rejoice in his life.

Truly a life well lived.

Leo A - September 19, 2016 at 12:43 PM

EZ

“ Earl Zeider lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh



Earl Zeider - September 19, 2016 at 11:33 AM

EZ

*Our Sympathies to the Rodibaugh Family.
Earl, Lori and Rielle Zeider*

Earl Zeider - September 19, 2016 at 11:34 AM

DR

A beautiful tribute honoring the life of Jack. We celebrate the goodness Jack brought to this world and the joy he shared in teaching, teasing, living and loving life!

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

*With our love and sympathy,
Steve & Dianna Rothenberger*

Dianna Rothenberger - September 22, 2016 at 09:42 PM

MG

“ *Our sympathies are with the Rodibaugh family during this sad time. Jack Rodibaugh was a brilliant man and a wonderful servant of the Rensselaer community. He will be missed by many.*

Sending you peace and comfort,

*The Dr. Robert Greene Family: Betty, David, Leslie, Beth and
Melissa*

melissa greene - September 19, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 19, 2016 at 11:06 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Myles



Myles Beeching - September 19, 2016 at 10:41 AM

CS

“ A long life, well lived! Jack cast a big shadow and leaves a great legacy.

Cindy Stath - September 19, 2016 at 10:35 AM

BC

“ Bill & Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh



Bill & Mary Jo Casey - September 19, 2016 at 10:27 AM

BC

“ Bill & Mary Jo Casey lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh



Bill & Mary Jo Casey - September 19, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh.*



September 19, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ *Phil & Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh*



Phil & Noelle Weishaar - September 19, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ *Uncle Jack was always a special Uncle to me. He always had a joke and could make anyone laugh. He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity and his love of life. You will be missed Uncle Jack, forever in my heart. Sally jo*

Sally Fredell - September 19, 2016 at 07:43 AM

KI

“ I've known, respected, admired and loved Jack Rodibaugh my entire life. Jack made every day, every relationship and every encounter, matter. He knew more about human behavior and psychology than do most psychologists and therapists.

He made a monumental difference in his family, church, the swine industry and agriculture; not only in his community, but nationally and internationally. His influence will be felt for decades. His legacy is found in the influence that he has left in the Rodibaugh family, the purebred swine industry and throughout Jasper County, Indiana and the United States.

Jack Rodibaugh. He REALLY lived. God gave him the gift of life; Jack made his life count.

Ken Culp, III - September 19, 2016 at 07:25 AM

JC

“ Alan and I are so sorry about your loss of Jack. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Jo Ann Groom Cooper - September 19, 2016 at 07:08 AM

JM

Don and I are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. The entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Especially thinking of you Emily.

Jenny McClellan - September 19, 2016 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of John A. "Jack" Rodibaugh



Judy Burvan - September 19, 2016 at 06:03 AM

JS

Jack and Emily have been an important part of my life. Jack never forgot to remind me of the Easter Sunday I overslept for church at Barkley. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

judy smith - September 19, 2016 at 07:45 AM