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Jack passed away on Valentine's Day with his family by his side. Jack was born in Portland, OH to Charles Melvin Proffitt and Delcie Ester Cleek Proffitt. He was raised on a farm in Meigs County and attended school in Racine, OH until his senior year. The family then moved to Stewart, OH, where he graduated from Rome Canaan High School in 1960. He lived and worked on a dairy farms all through school and then joined the Navy shortly after graduation. He was stationed at the North Island Naval Air station in California when he met and married the love of his life, Ruby. Their daughters, Jackie and Kristie were born in Coronado, CA and then, Jack was transferred to Whidbey Island, WA in 1964. Ruby's family was from the Wenatchee/Chelan area so Jack was able to meet her side of the family during his last year in the Navy. When he was discharged in July of 1965, they packed up the girls and drove back to Ohio to live. Soon after they moved back to Ohio, Jack attended the State Patrol Academy and became an Ohio State Highway patrolman. He worked at that

job for

two years and then moved on to the Swanton, Ohio Police Department. While living in Swanton, their third daughter, Delcie, was born in Toledo. In 1969, they decided to make a change and drove back to Wenatchee. Jack's first employment, after moving to Wenatchee, was with Alcoa. Around 1972, he started

working at Pepper's Chevron on Wenatchee Ave. He managed the station for Jim

Pepper for about 17 years and eventually owned his own Texaco station at Fifth

and Mission and later purchased the Texaco station in East Wenatchee at Ninth

St. and Valley Mall Parkway. Being a certified mechanic, first working on airplanes in the Navy and then hundreds of customer's cars in the Wenatchee Valley, he left an impression on many people of the hard worker that he was.

While running the Texaco in East Wenatchee, he and Ruby bought the Apple Valley Golf Car business in 1995 and ran it until 2002. That introduced him to the world of "golfing". He enjoyed taking long weekends in January with a couple of buddies and went golfing in California. After retiring from working on cars and golf cars, he worked for a time as Security at Kegler's Casino at Eastmont Lanes. Jack enjoyed the outdoors and especially during the fall when

he hunted deer and elk. He raised German Shorthair dogs and took them many

times bird hunting over in the Quincy and Moses Lake areas. He also fished at many of the local lakes and eventually spent about three years fishing for the USDA. Jack always enjoyed going to various auctions which led to him volunteering to be the auctioneer at family reunions. He was a pretty good cook and grew a lot of his own herbs for added flavor in his favorite dishes.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, June. He is survived

by his wife, Ruby; daughters: Jackie (Randy) Browning, Kristie Taylor, and Delcie Proffitt; four grandchildren: Kayla and Colleen Taylor; Rylan and Rayne Browning; sisters, Judy Bruce and Joyce Ann Glasgow; brothers, Jay and Jerry Proffitt and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at Telford's Chapel of the Valley, 711 Grant Rd., E. Wenatchee at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016. A Celebration of Life will follow at the N. Central Educational Service District building at 430 Olds Station Rd. in Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the VFW Post 3617, 211 - 11th Street. N. E., East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Arrangements are assisted by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Let me express my sympathy to the Profitt family. I knew Jack as he did great auto work. I am sorry to learn of this and hope the family does well. My thanks for allowing me to post this.*

Joe Phillips - January 25, 2017 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ *Dear Ruby and Family,
So sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure and a priviledge to take care of Jack.
Dr Mabel Bodell*

Dr Mabel Amelia Bodell - March 05, 2016 at 08:06 PM

JN

“ *Dear Ruby, Jackie, Christie, Delcie and family.....
We are sending all our love to you all, still can't believe our Wonderful Jack is gone. We will forever remember his big smile and his big hugs. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and Jack is in our hearts always.
We Love You, Juls, Derek & Nick*

Julie, Derek & Nick - February 23, 2016 at 02:46 PM

SM

“ *Ruby ... Hugs and prayers to you and your family. So many wonderful memories of your family and Jack during all those long hot summer days of softball. Your love for each other was inspiration to me. God bless his soul.*

Sharon McDougall - February 17, 2016 at 10:06 PM

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Sharon McDougall - February 17, 2016 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Ruby, Jackie, Christie and Delcie*

So sorry for your loss. Hugs and Prayers to all of you and your families.

Love you Duane and Laurel

Laurel Downs - February 17, 2016 at 08:17 PM