



Jack Glendell Ponder

October 3, 1924 - September 12, 2018

Jack Glendell Ponder age 93 ascended to heaven on September 12th, 2018. His loving family was at his side when he passed. Jack was immediately reunited with the love of his life, Betty Jean Ponder who suddenly departed us a decade ago. Jack entered the world on October 3rd, 1924 in Valley Mills, Texas as the only child of father John and Eulalah Ponder. As a child of the depression, Jack learned the value of faith, hard work, and frugality. A strong Christian faith was his foundation. This faith was constantly revealed through his deeds. He was active in his church in every possible way: as volunteer, deacon, elder, board member, Sunday school teacher and group leader. Jack was beloved by others and formed innumerable lifelong friendships. He was always dependable, reliable, honest, and fair. Jack was a kind and giving man who always made others feel comfortable and welcome in his presence. He was never rushed; his family could always depend on him to be the last one to push away from the table at meal time. Conversations with friends and acquaintances were rarely brief. Simply said, Jack Ponder kept good company. He was grateful for whatever he received in life and took nothing for granted. Jack had a big heart and servants' soul. He lived life well and made a difference in the lives of countless people, including the two children he and Betty would adopt in 1956 and 1960 and raise as their own. Without question, Jack Ponder was the best husband, dad, grandpa and friend anyone could be. Following graduation from Waco High School in 1942, he matriculated into Texas A&M College and was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He chose to serve in the US Army during World War II on June 29th, 1943 and served as Private First Class in the Air Corps until his honorable discharge February 28th, 1946. Following the war said he had "had enough of uniforms" and transferred from Texas A&M to Baylor University in Waco to finish college. After graduation in 1948 he entered Baylor Law School. In 1950 he would serve at Texas Farm Bureau in Waco for over a decade. After a brief move to Corpus Christi, Texas in 1962-63 into a private legal practice, Jack was recruited to the legal department at Blue Cross Blue Shield in Dallas. He would soon lead this department and others as Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel until his retirement in 1990. In retirement he founded a hospital consulting company with a former colleague. Jack is survived by his son Dr. Stephen Ponder and wife Patsy Ponder, daughter Stacey Frey and husband Rev. Dr. John Frey. He was blessed with five

grandchildren, Charlotte Ponder, Amanda Frey, Rachel Ponder Hopkins and husband Chris Hopkins, Patrick Frey, and Jackson Ponder. In January 2017 Jack rejoiced as Cameron Elaine Buttermore entered this world as his great-granddaughter. Visitation will be held Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Restland Funeral Home. Services will be held at United Disciples Christian Church, 601 East Main Street, Richardson, Texas on September 16th, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Burial will be alongside Betty at Restland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to United Disciples Christian Church or to the type 1 diabetes educational non-profit company founded by his son Steve, Sugar Surfing / Dynamic Diabetes Management Inc. Funeral arrangements for Jack Glendell Ponder have been faithfully entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery, which is located at 13005 Greenville Ave., at the intersection of Restland Road, Dallas, Texas 75243, and can be reached at (972) 238-7111.

Comments



“ Papa Jack was the BEST DAD anyone could ever have. He was an outstanding human being in every sense. He is now with mom and they are reunited forever. There is a hole in my heart for them both, but it is filled with warm memories that will comfort me until we meet again.

Steve Ponder - September 22, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ Jack was one of the good guys! I enjoyed working as his secretary for several years at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. He was always fair and respectful of his employees and everyone else he worked with. It was obvious he loved his wife, Betty, very much and was so proud of his children, Stacey and Steve. He had a great sense of humor. I am blessed that Jack and his family were part of my life. My prayers for strength and peace are with his family.

Linda Arnold - September 15, 2018 at 12:04 PM