



Jack John LeClair Jr.

September 14, 1946 - January 28, 2023

Due to the winter storm, Mass of Christian Burial for Jack John LeClair, Jr. will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 3, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rosary and Vigil will now be held at 9:15 AM on Friday, February 3, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mr. LeClair passed away on January 28, 2023. Service times may change. Please keep checking back in for updated information.

Mass of Christian Burial by Fr. Joe Keating will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster for Jack J. LeClair of Saint Jo, Texas, Friday, February 3 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Rosary will be led by Tom and Denise Koranek at Scott Funeral Home, Thursday, Feb.2 at 6:00 p.m. The eulogy will be delivered by Jack Lyons.

Jack J. LeClair was born September 14, 1946 in Ponca City, Oklahoma to Jack J. (Chief)LeClair and Grace Jeanette LeClair. He was proud of his Potawatomi and Kaw Native American heritage. The majority of his growing up years was in Ponca City, OK and Pharr, TX., where he became an Eagle Scout.

He married Dianne Sicking Clegg in 2000. They found their little piece of heaven in the North Texas Hill Country and set up a cow/ calf operation with a dedication to managing the native wildlife. His love of nature sent him on fishing and hunting trips all over the country. His bird watching list was extensive as he carried his binoculars with him wherever he went.

He was preceded in death by his parents and baby sister, Pamela Sue. Jack is survived by his wife, brother Joe (Suzi) LeClair of Oklahoma City, and children, Jeff (Julia) LeClair of Portland, Stephen (Julie) LeClair of Gonzales, and Ashli LeClair(Ryan Jackson) of Austin. His grandson, Maddox, was the light of his life and melted his grandpa's heart.

Jonathan LeClair, Jason Thompson, Rob Brooks, his children Ashli and Stephen, and brother Joe will serve as pallbearers. Readers are Jeff and Julia LeClair and Pamela Clegg. Dianne's grandchildren will be altar servers and bring up offertory gifts for their Papa Jack.

Jack graduated from Pharr San Juan Alamo High School in 1964 and went on to attend the University of Texas on a baseball scholarship, then on to Pan-American College for undergrad work, where he belonged to Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. and was a teacher at Ed Couch Elsa Schools. He graduated from Texas A&I Kingsville in 1975 with an MS in Range Science and Management. His graduate thesis was written on the Bromeliad plant species following research in the Mexican Jungle. He began his career in Field Development and Tech Service with Chevron/ Ortho Chemical in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. He also did some doctoral work at Texas A&I. From 1982-1999, Jack worked in development and was an integral part of the DuPont Development team that was responsible for introducing new active ingredient chemistry for cotton, cereal, corn, rice, soybeans and range and pasture. These innovative products launched DuPont Crop Protection as a major worldwide supplier to agricultural chemistry. From 2000-2003, he was in Field Development for United Ag Products (UAP) in TX/OK/NM. Going back to DuPont in 2004, he became part of the DuPont Crop Protection team as a Range and Pasture Specialist and traveled extensively to many South and Midwest states. Once again, he developed active ingredient chemistry for range and pasture brush and weed control. He retired from DuPont after 27 years of service. In 2014 ,he began an a three year and final stint with Bayer Environmental Services in Range and Pasture Sales. He was a longtime member of The Society for Range Management. During his many years in the

business, he made many long lasting friendships with customers, associates, and teammates across the country.

Memorials may be made to St. Jo VFD or to the charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Muenster, TX 76252

Previous Events

Vigil

FEB 3. 9:15 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
714 Main St
Muenster, TX 76252

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
714 Main St
Muenster, TX 76252

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Jack was a great man! Friends with many county agents across this great state of Texas. Was a tremendous help to agents in setting up demonstrations and programs. Hack will be terribly missed. Hats off to this great man.

Randy Reeves - August 05, 2023 at 04:50 PM

KE

“ Dianne and family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Ken and Lois Essenburg

Ken/Lois Essenburg - February 10, 2023 at 07:35 AM

VG

“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Jack. Virginia Gafken

Virginia Gafken - February 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM

KW

“ I got to know Jack in the early 80's when I was County Extension Agent in Collin County. Jack came by the office looking for some farms where he might establish some research plots to test some experimental herbicides. I said sure I'd be glad to help. Over the next few years we tested lots of products and I greatly appreciated learning from such a great man and researcher. We both had boys about the same age and loved to hunt. Jack invited my son and I to go with he and Stephen to a deer lease they had near Abilene. On the way out we were visiting and got to talking about going to high school in the Rio Grande Valley. Jack said he went to PSJA, I said I went to Edcouch-Elsa. I said I remembered we had a new teacher my senior year in 1970 that wore a PSJA jacket quite often. Jack said that was me I taught there one semester. We had never met each other, small world.

Jack and I continued to work together after I moved to Uvalde in 1994 and up to my retirement in 2007. Jack was a true friend of County Extension Agents throughout the state he was always willing to give presentations at educational meetings, field days and provide updates on new products. Jack was honored a few years ago by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association by recognizing him as a recipient of the Man of the Year in Agriculture Award. Jack was a true friend, educator and researcher always willing to answer any question from agents or producers while promoting safe environmental responsible agricultural chemical use. He was a great mentor to so many. My thoughts and prayers are with Dianne and his family.

Kenneth G. White - February 03, 2023 at 08:26 AM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss. Your friends are praying for you and the whole family. Love you Chris and Mary Watson.

Mary Watson - February 02, 2023 at 10:21 PM

AW

“ Jack was an incredible man and will be missed by so many! His children are a living legacy to him and we are blessed to have many memories that he was an integral part of. Getting to know Jack through his son Jeff, some favorite memories include hunting in Sylvester just after we graduated college. We had a great hunt with lots of folks and spent the afternoon drinking beer and watching a group of kids put a small dog in a hammock and spin it around in circles, which it seemed to take little pleasure in. We then tried that with an adult and realized that activity was incompatible with the weight limit on the hammock! On another occasion, we were out hunting close to Coleman. Jeff and I had to get out of the truck to “water a cactus” and Jack took a picture of us there by the fence line, looking guilty and innocent at the same time. Another favorite memory is getting to go to the NASCAR race in Ft Worth and hang out with a lot of the DuPont guys that Jack worked with. It was a great day of racing, and also showed us how popular and loved Jack was among his peers.

Very saddened to hear of the passing of Jack, but I know he and Chief are sharing a laugh right now and that we will see him soon enough. Love you and miss you, Jack!

Andy Webb - February 02, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



February 02, 2023 at 05:04 PM

RK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire LeClair family and his many friends. Jack was one of the good ones and will leave a hole in many hearts. I pray the many great memories you have will help somewhat to ease your pain until you are reunited again. May Jack rest in peace.

Richard H Koester - February 02, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



February 02, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



February 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM

BR

“ I got to know Jack on a bit of a different level than most. Because his son has been my best friend for over 30 years. So I saw the scary dad side, at least that's what he had me convinced of. As I matured and got to looking back, I realize there was never a bad word spoken to me, much less anything else. And believe I deserved it, and then some. We were knuckleheads to put it lightly. Instead, every memory I have of Mr LeClair minus a couple (looks) is something that will make me smile for the rest of my life. The (looks) actually make me laugh now, because I've used them with my own child. Jack went out his way to set up trips and hunts for us. He allowed us to do things most kids didn't get the opportunity to do. Even inviting my own dad, who he barely knew, to hunt with us. There was also the little bits of wisdom he'd drop if you were listening. He taught me anyone can eat when they're hungry, but I takes a man to eat when he's not. That the scientific name of Johnson grass is sorghum halepense, and so many other little random things that didn't turn out to be so random. They just stuck with me, and I think he knew they would. I was listening and every time I step out in the woods I'll remember what maybe your best little bit of wisdom given to me. Every step is a new view. I pray your taking in the best view yet.

Bryce - February 01, 2023 at 11:22 PM

DL

Bryce, thank you for your kind words. He thought you were a great young man! Dianne LeClair

Dianne LeClair - February 02, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



February 01, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



February 01, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *Fifty-eight years of memories with the unforgettable Jack LeClair! Always helping, encouraging and educating. Gone but never forgotten! Thoughts, love, prayers to Jack's family and friends. We'll all miss you!*



Chuck Slaten - February 01, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



February 01, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



February 01, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ *Jack was a caring and compassionate person. He meant a lot to his Uncle Jim and even after he passed Jack would call and check on me during bad weather. I'll always remember him for his deep love and pride for his children and his wife. He will be greatly missed. May you all find comfort in the memories that were made while he was by your side.*

Hazel LeClair - February 01, 2023 at 02:17 PM

JP

“ *The last time I saw Jackie and Dianne was at the PSJA class reunion in Kerrville in 2022. Dianne said she could always tell if someone knew Jack from the Valley, because they would call him Jackie.*

Dianne, he was known as many things in his life. JACK, JACKIE, HUSBAND DAD, FATHER IN LAW, PAPA, FRIEND, CLASSMATE, MENTOR, AND MORE.

He will be missed and he will always be remembered.

So sorry for your loss Dianne and all of Jackie's family

John Pavlica - February 01, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



February 01, 2023 at 10:32 AM

DL

“ Jack was my first cousin. I didn't really get to know him well until we were adults. It was after Jack Sr. passed that Jr. & I began to visit more. I found that he was definitely a chip off the old block! He had big shoes to fill in that regard but he stepped right in and I found he was a natural in the spotlight. There was never a time that he wasn't breaking out stories and pictures about the family and their adventures when we met at reunions. Jack LOVED his family! I think that stands out most for me. He had a big personality, made sure he was seen and heard but would also make you feel like you were the most important person in the room. He never walked away from one of our conversations without asking about me, my family and what was the latest in our lives. I turned to him often for yard and pest advice and he was always willing to take time out of his busy day to give me guidance. We went through a period where he would butt dial me from his cell phone and every time that he did he would say "Well, let's just catch up" and we would! Jr. was a man that I looked up to and will miss tremendously. A good life leaves behind seeds that keep growing. Jr. led a good life. He has left behind a wonderful legacy through his children, Jeff, Stephen and Ashli and their families. I am thankful for the ability to get to know Dianne over these last 20+ years. You are a strong and wonderful woman and we were a lucky family the day that Jr. introduced you. I pray that God gives you all the strength and comfort that you need in your time of grief. Rest in peace Jr., you will be greatly missed.

Donna LeClair - February 01, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



February 01, 2023 at 09:48 AM

DS

“ *Dianne, I am saddened to learn about your husband's passing. Jack John seemed to me to be a very remarkable Human Being indeed. May you & your family be in possession of all of my sympathy & prayers.*

Dean Smith

Dean Smith - February 01, 2023 at 01:19 AM

JT

“ Jack’s son Jeff and I became friends in 1982 when my family moved to “the country” and I started going to Lovejoy Elementary. Jack was one of the dads who helped foster a tremendous sense of community through his work as a Scout leader and parent volunteer at the school. Whether he was helping make the Lovejoy Halloween Carnival a huge success, towing us behind the boat while we tubed and water skied, or dealing cards at our after-prom party, Jack was selfless in his efforts to make our childhood the best it could be. Our senior year of high school Jack became a father figure for me after my parents moved but I stayed so I could graduate from Allen HS. I spent many evenings eating dinner with Jack’s family and was often invited along with them on family trips. The most memorable were the snow ski trips, which continued for many years as our ski crew expanded with college friends and friends of friends. Jack and Jeff took me on my first hunting trip and many more over the years. I learned a lot about life and myself sitting by those late-night campfires eating freshly cooked game and drinking a little whiskey. And I will never forget the Jimmy Buffett concerts! We definitely had a ton of fun, but Jack also led by example as a hard worker and was always a go-to for career and life advice. His love for aviation is one of the reasons I am a pilot today. Keep the blue side up, Jack.



Jason Thompson - January 31, 2023 at 11:15 PM

DL



Dianne LeClair - February 02, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



January 31, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



January 31, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Being cousins living in different states we only were around each other at LeClair family gatherings for the most part. I shall always remember him as being a chip off the old block, having not only a remarkable resemblance to his father but the same sense of humor and always up for a laugh. Most of all I shall remember him for his fishing addiction. One can only hope his afterlife might be filled with countless days of sitting, with fishing pole in hand, beside a peaceful stream beaming with large hungry fish.*

Raymond LeClair - January 31, 2023 at 05:59 PM



Thank you for those kind words, Raymond. Also, thanks for the beautiful plant sent to the funeral. Dianne

Dianne - February 15, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



January 31, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ *Texas Plant Protection Association. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



Texas Plant Protection Association. - January 31, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *He was my boss my first year out of college, and I couldn't have had a better one. I appreciate all his support and friendship over many years. He will be missed - Katy G Hoskins*

Katy Hoskins - January 31, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *The Officers & Directors - TSSRM purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..*



The Officers & Directors - TSSRM - January 31, 2023 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ Jack was such a kind soul. I will never forget his smiling face each time he walked through the front door at the dentist office. Our prayers are with Diane and his family. Rest in peace Jack.
Tim & Staci Bartel

tim & Staci Bartel - January 31, 2023 at 04:13 PM

JS

Went to High School with Jack. He was always sweet and thoughtful. A little bit “prankster” now and then, but all around good guy. Praying for his wife, family and friends to find comfort, rest and remember he is where we are all striving to be
Blessings,
Jan Sing

Jan Sing - January 31, 2023 at 07:22 PM

KS

I got to know Jack at Leclair family reunions after we moved back state side. I loved seeing his great smile and the bright sparkle in his eyes as he pulled pranks or told jokes. I enjoyed his conversations, whether serious or jovial. He always was a strong presence in any room but would make people feel at ease. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers with you all.

Kerri Scovell - February 18, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



January 31, 2023 at 03:36 PM

TS

“ I met Jack LeClair around 1981, and at that time he worked for a competitive company. Shortly after, Jack came to work for DuPont, and down through the years during my career we worked together on various research projects. One such project was the development of a pasture herbicide in the late 1980's. During this period of time, Jack introduced me to field development work, and under his supervision, I installed plots all over East Texas. Also, during this period, Jack arranged for me to present my work to the South Weed Science Society. I will be ever grateful for the opportunity he gave me to get involved in the area of research and development. This was the most fulfilling and enjoyable time in my whole career with DuPont.



T.V. smith - January 31, 2023 at 02:19 PM

CC

One of what the younger crowd now terms “GOATS” - greatest of all times. A man full of life, intelligence, love, compassion, and dedication. A consummate professional in the golden years of the ag chem business, he always had time to discuss and relate. Many lives have been touched by this dear friend.

Chris Cole - February 01, 2023 at 08:17 AM

PB

“ Jack was a great friend for many, many years, from the onset of our first meeting when he was a development rep. for Dupont and I was a new Weed Specialist at Texas A&M. Although his personality lent itself to instant acceptance, it was his candor and honest assessment of the facts at hand that was most important to me. He was not a "company man" in the sense that if his product was not the best for the need, he would recommend another. As a greenhorn Weed Specialist, this was what led to a lasting friendship. Jack was a mans man, and "told it like it was". To give a short example, when I last saw Jack and Dianne last September at Glacier NP, he told me a story about when one of my grad students asked him about going to work for me. He relayed to me what he told them; Baumann is disorganized, temperamental and a few other things not worth repeating, but you will get good training and get a good job afterwards. That was Jack, and we had a beer on that note. Rest in peace my friend. Paul

Paul Alan Baumann - January 31, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



January 31, 2023 at 12:16 PM

DR

“ Drumroll purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



Drumroll - January 31, 2023 at 11:51 AM

RB

“ I first met Jack in the summer of 1992 when I became his summer intern at DuPont. We worked hard that summer weeding, spraying, and harvesting plots. I remember calling my mother after the first two weeks and telling her I didn't think I could keep up and even considered quitting. But I'm glad I saw it through. Jack spent that summer pouring into me and helping to mold me into the person I am today, even though I wasn't sure he liked me at the time. He was hard but fair, and when we worked after 5, which we did a lot, he would always say, now we're on my time, and usually that meant he would crank up the Jimmy Buffet and we'd have a beer, and then get back to work. I worked two more internships for DuPont after that, all based on Jack's recommendation.

Following graduation, I drifted a little, until Jack called me one day and asked me if I was through goofing off and ready to get back to school. He had already lined up an interview for me back at A&M. Seems he saw potential in me that I hadn't recognized yet. During grad school, I felt like I became a part of Jack's family. Usually each spring break, I would tag along on the ski trip with Jack, Jeff, Stephen and a few friends. We also attended a couple of Jimmy Buffet concerts and drank way too much. Jack never quit looking out for me. After grad school, he already had a potential job lined up for me and I've been in the ag chemical industry for over 25 years now. We've kept up over the years, mainly at trade shows and industry events up until his retirement. During my career I've had the opportunity to mentor several people myself, one of the most valuable things I learned from my time with Jack. But most of all, I'll forever be grateful for all that he did for me and for treating me like a member of his own family. Rest easy friend, I hope you're making new tracks in some fresh powder.



Rob Brooks - January 31, 2023 at 11:04 AM



Thanks, Rob. I could not write a better tribute myself. In fact, I'm going to steal one of your photos for the wake. I have tons of pictures from our ski trips, but none of Dad. He was always behind the camera taking the pictures for us kids!

Jeff LeClair - January 31, 2023 at 04:39 PM

GH

“ Jack was a long time friend and a good man. He's gone on ahead to blaze another trail. RIP my friend. It's not goodbye it's we will see you later.

Gerald Hobson - January 30, 2023 at 11:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



January 30, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



January 30, 2023 at 08:14 PM

JL

“ For the past 17 years I have been blessed to have a father-in-law who loved me like a daughter and took me on a number of fishing adventures. Some of his last words to me were telling me how happy he was that Stephen and I found each other and that he loved me very much. I’m so happy I had those final moments with him and truly feel he is at peace with our Heavenly Father. We love you so much, Jack.



Julie LeClair - January 30, 2023 at 08:00 PM

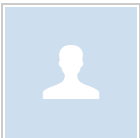


“ Hello everyone. I wanted to thank all of you for your loving words, prayers, and healing vibes for Jeff’s dad, Jack. I met him over 9 years ago around Thanksgiving, after me knowing Jeff for less than a month. Jack opened up his home to me because I was still active duty and didn’t have the time to go home for the holidays. Since then, he has treated me like family and shown me acceptance and care. He knew how close I was to my own father, William, and reached out to show support for my loss this past November. Less than three months later, he is now in Heaven with my father. My dad gave him a tour of the place, and they both are now showing off their craft projects, talking about cows, their traveling and adventures, my mom and Dianne, and how proud they are of their children and children’s spouses, and the people they have become.

RIP Jack. Thank you for being a wonderful Father-in-Law.



Julia LeClair - January 30, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



January 30, 2023 at 04:26 PM

JM

“ Joe & Sylvia Martinez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



Joe & Sylvia Martinez - January 30, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jack John LeClair Jr..



January 30, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JS

“ Jack was always there for us, giving us his time and expertise. We will always keep him in our hearts. Prayers to you and family.

Jenny Shiffer - January 30, 2023 at 11:23 AM

JC

Jack and I became friends when we were both in elementary school and lived on the same street in Pharr, Texas. We had a close knit group of families on the street with a lot of interaction and friendship. Jack and I were friends until high school when my family moved. Jack and I reconnected several years ago via Facebook and had the opportunity to visit in person multiple times since then. The most recent get together was at a reunion last April 2022 in Kerrville. I am so thankful I got to see Jack and Dianne then and will miss him and his kidding nature always....

Judy Carr - January 31, 2023 at 06:01 PM

BB

I am saddened today to hear of Jack's passing. I met him in 1993 when I joined DuPont Ag Products as a Development Rep in Nebraska and he seemed to take a liking to me and the feeling was mutual. We had some great times and shared some wonderful stories and when I left DuPont after 5 years to return to Tennessee, he wrote me a cool poem that I still have in my office that ended with the phrase that life is a journey, not a destination. Jack made the journey a lot of fun and will be missed. Prayers for his family.

Blake Brown - February 02, 2023 at 10:40 PM