



Jacky Goss

January 6, 2014

Jacky Albert Goss, 66, left this earth for his heavenly home on January 6th while at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX after a courageous battle with leukemia. He was an amazing, loving man known for his kind heart, love of family, and enthusiasm for outdoors, hunting and golfing. Jacky was a man of unwavering Christian faith and integrity who expressed to God daily gratefulness for the many blessings he received. He enjoyed staying at his home he helped build, but a trip to Canada to fish or a trip out West could entice him to travel. He enjoyed driving his motor home on trips with his wife Pat and dog Suzy-Q. He had the opportunity to travel abroad and enjoyed sites in Austria, Italy, France, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, Finland, and New Zealand. Fond memories include standing on "the bridge" at St. Andrews Old Course in Scotland and walking among the majestic mountains of New Zealand.

Jacky was born in Harriman, TN on June 9, 1947 as the first of two children of Albert and Ruth Cromwell Goss. He grew up in Harriman and graduated from Harriman High School in 1967. He was an exceptional athlete playing both basketball and football during his school days. He received many honors and held numerous records during his high school football years. He began his long career of 38 years at the Oak Ridge Y-12 plant in 1971 and continued his education while employed completing multiple college courses in machinery and engineering. He retired in 2009 as an Equipment Engineer.

Jacky is survived by his wife Pat Pierce Goss who loved him dearly, his sons

Wesley Goss of Harriman and Jamey Goss of Rome, GA; sister Linda Lum and husband Ed Lum of Hawaii; father Albert Goss of Harriman; grandchildren Jack Griffin Goss, Lacey Goss and Abby Goss of Rome, GA; and Nathan Goss of Harriman. Other survivors include many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, bother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, and numerous friends and colleagues. He is preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Cromwell Goss. Jacky has forever enriched the hearts of those who were fortunate to know him. Through his unfaltering strength of character he provided a first-rate example of what it means to live a life of integrity, compassion, and goodwill. His legacy is a life filled with love and kindness.

The family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude to family and friends for all the prayers and good wishes during the past months of Jacky's hospitalization in Houston, TX. A special thanks to brother-in-law James Pierce for coming to Houston and assisting in care giving and encouragement and to Laura, Jamie, and Marie Pierce for taking care of things at home in Harriman.

Friends are cordially invited to visitation with family from 2-5 pm on Sunday, January 12 at Kyker Funeral Home in Harriman, TN. A celebration of Jacky's life will be held at 6pm. Interment will take place on Monday morning at 10am, January 13 at Roane Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Dear Pat,
I was so sorry to hear of Jacky's passing. I have such fond memories of you during my time in Nashville. I hope the coming days bring you comfort from your many friends. I will be thinking of you.
Warmest regards,
Lisa High

Lisa High - Ocala, FL - Friend - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Patsy, you two fought the good fight. I am proud to have known Jacky. You both have been so kind to always ask about my Dad even though Jacky was fighting a health battle. I pray for peace that passes all understanding.

Kim henley Kennedy - TN - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Love and sympathy to Pat and family in your loss.

Ruth Smiley - OAK RIDGE, TN - family friend - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ we are praying for your family and Jacky will be missed by all who knew him. God bless

Wendell, Brianna and Kay Edmonds - Harriman, TN - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Patsy,
Sorry to hear of your loss. I know Jack has had a rough time and fought hard. Even though his life was cut short, I know he thoroughly enjoyed life more than many of us will. At work he talked about Wesley and Jamie, his fishing trips to Canada with his dad, and his many adventures with you. He will be missed by many. You all will be in our prayers.

Wayne

Wayne Randles - Knoxville, TN - co-worker/friend - January 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Pat:
We all have you and your family in close thoughts and prayers. Saddened for you by this loss. You two had such a special relationship.

Marcy

Marcy Eason - Chattanooga, TN - January 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

N1

“ Patsy,
I sorry to hear about Jacky. My thoughts and prayers are with you and rest of family

Neda Gouge Mitchell - Lake Havasu City, AZ - HHS Classmate 1967 - January 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Patsy,
I have just learned of Jacky's passing. I am so sorry. We know he is in the arms of Jesus now and is no longer in pain. I wish I could be there for you, but you know you are in my prayers.

*Love you,
Teresa*

Teresa Jones - Saint Augustine, FL - Cousin - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *My prayers and thoughts embrace you as you walk through the loss of Jacky. What a comfort to know he is with The Lord! God Bless and sustain each of you.*

God Bless you Linda!

Phyllis Kubas Payne

Phyllis Kubas Payne - Knoxville, TN - Friend - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Pasty, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have some many memories of Jacky at Harriman High . He was truly an great and nice guy and will be missed by ALL. .*

Nancy Gilmore Meeks - Harriman, TN - Friend and Classmate - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *We are so sorry to hear this. Jackie was such a nice guy.*

benny and karen joseph - kingston, TN - acquaintance - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Patsy, So sorry to learn of Jacky's passing. He was truly one of the nicest classmates in the class of 67' and so talented in athletics. My thoughts are with you....soft hugs.....

Millie Nichols Scruggs - Chesapeake, VA - Friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Pat:
you are in my thoughts and prayers

dru bratton-newsom - Nashville, TN - friend and co-worker - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Pat, you and Jacky have been brave during this difficult fight. You both tried hard to win the battle, but it was not to be. Now, may God keep you in the palm of his hand and give you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Coach - Crossville/Monterey, TN - Friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Patsy, my thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Keep the faith as I know you will; I have most fond childhood memories of Jacky. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Wayne Hembree - Signal Mtn, TN - High school friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I've know Jacky since school days at Harriman. I played football with Jacky at Harriman High and worked with him at Y-12 for many years. He was a good friend and will be missed.

Jerry L. Peddicord - Oliver Springs, TN - Friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jack was a great guy who will be missed by all. My thoughts and prays are with the family.

Jack stockton - Harriman, TN - friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Patsy, my heart goes out to you and your family. Praying that God will comfort you all. I have many fond memories of Jacky. (football & the golf course.
Roy Rogers

Roy and Gail Rogers - Athens, TN - friend - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Pat

So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Vicki Beaver - TN - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Pat I am saddened to hear this. Please know you and the boys will continue to be in our hearts and prayers during this time. May God's arms of comfort and His presence strengthen you.

We love you!
Marlon, Jill, Christina, and Josh

Jill Jones-Lazuka - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Patsy, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Jacky. You and the family will be in my prayers.

Jim Thornton - Knoxville, TN - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Patsy, I am so sorry to hear about Jacky. I still remember him from elementary and high school. He was such a nice person. I am praying for you and your family. Life is short. We must enjoy the journey. It sounds like you and Jacky did that.

Judy Turner Creswell

Judy Creswell - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Patsy and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I remember good times as we were children and feeling like your house was my second home, your parents, H my second parents and you and Anita were my sisters. God bless you in your time of sorrow.

With Love,

Beverly Baker Casteel

Beverly Baker Casteel (Robert, husband) - Knoxville, TN - Friend and Neighbor
- January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Larry Saffles - Knoxville, TN - Friend and classmate - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Patsy,

We are so sorry to hear of your very premature loss. We didn't know Jacky but knew you, your sister, brother, & parents and have many childhood memories of you all. Jacky's obituary makes it clear that he was a very fine person. Our prayers include you, your children & extended family.

Jerry & Becky Baker - Athens, TN - Friend - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Patsy my prayers continue for you and the family Jackie was a very sweet man. And you two were meant to be together! You could see the the love in his eyes for you when you were together. If there is anything I can do please let me know GOD BLESS YOU and wrap his arms around YOU and the FAMILY.

Teresa Lively - Chattanooga, TN - Friend - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Patsy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys. His obituary is a shining tribute to a wonderful man. I usually only saw him when I would run into him at the Dollar General and he always stopped to talk, give me a hug, and ask about all of the family. He was a great man and will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Pamela Forrester - HARRIMAN, TN - Cousin - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM