



James "Jack" Arthur Hitson

September 5, 1940 - May 25, 2026

James (Jack) Arthur Hitson, of Brentwood, TN passed away peacefully on Monday, May 25th, 2026 at the age of 85, a few days after his 60th wedding anniversary to his beloved wife Judith (Judy) Ann Hitson.

Jack grew up in Sweetwater, TN where he graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1961. He was awarded "Best Looking" and "All County Football" his senior year. He served in student government and was accomplished in sports having played football and basketball. He joined the Air Force after high school and was stationed at Hickman AFB in Hawaii. He met the love of his life, Judith Ann Valgus on a blind date in Hawaii.

Jack graduated from the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) in Greeley, Colorado and received his Bachelor's degree in Education and Physical Education. He later received his Master's degree at UNC in Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology.

He began his career with the Veterans Administration as a Rehabilitation Counseling Psychologist and later managed the department from which he eventually retired. Jack partnered with his close friend the late Donnie Huffman to open the Huffman-Hitson Men's Shop in Sweetwater. In retirement, he started a new career in Real Estate.

Jack was truly the “Jack-of-all-trades”. He loved sports, art, photography, home projects, reading, traveling, psychology, being around people, and telling jokes. Living as a devoted husband and father was his favorite part of life’s journey.

The most important thing was Jack’s relationship with Jesus. He loved to sing hymns such as “Amazing Grace” which was his favorite. Jack loved being outside, taking long walks and watching the birds. He was very happy, loved people, and even throughout his final days, generously shared his joy and bright smiles. He is dearly missed by his family. We are blessed knowing that he is rejoicing with the Lord in Heaven and free from all sickness.

Jack is survived by:

His loving Wife of 60 years, Judy Hitson.

His Children: Jill (Kyle) Leech; Jim (Marvel) Hitson; Jana Hitson; John (Leah) Hitson; Josh (Emmy) Hitson; and His Children in Christ, Trien (Trinh) Vo.

His Grandchildren: Amanda (Andrew) Smith, Joseph Leech, Jacqueline Leech, Lyndon Leech; Emi Hitson; Cason Coffee; Elias Hitson, Simeon Hitson, Eleanor Hitson, Ari Hitson, Poppy Hitson; Alexander Hitson, Hazel Hitson;

His Grandchildren in Christ, Joseph Vo, Jeremiah Vo, Joanna Vo, Josiah Vo; and Quintavious Johnson.

His Great Grandchildren: Elijah and Koa Smith

Jack is also survived by His Sister: Betty (Glenn) Sledge; and is survived by many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mamie Hitson, father, Howard Hitson,

his brothers and sisters Jessie (Dick Miller), Kay (Roscoe Steele), Ida Louise, Virgil, Sam (Carolyn), John and (brother-in-law, Ronnie "Red" McCulloch)

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to: Allen Jackson Ministries: P.O. Box 330128, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0128.

In honor of Jack Hitson, please dress in joyful colors or Hawaiian attire to celebrate his life and legacy. The visitation will be held on Sunday, May 31 st, 2026 from 4:00P.M. until 5:00 P.M. with the celebration of life service beginning at 5:00 P.M. in Our Sweetwater Chapel. Interment to follow in the West View Cemetery, with full military honors. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, TN in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

West View Cemetery

1300 Monore St.
SWEETWATER, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 31. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall







“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson*



Kyker Funeral Home - May 28 at 10:16 AM

TD

 *Jana & family*  *1st time meeting jack was when cason was born*  *like Jana said he never met a stranger*  *Rip "Jack"*

Tammy Davis - May 28 at 12:12 PM

RS

A very beautiful tribute to Jack who obviously loved, nurtured and lived a long, fruitful and blessed life. May he rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus now and always continue to smile upon his growing family from heaven. He was always kind and gracious whenever I would visit them. Judy and family, may you feel the prayers and experience the loving support of close and distant family and friends at this time of transition. Blessings of peace and comfort, Rev. Dr. Lalita Smith, Christian Writer & Author & Minister

Rev. Dr. Lalita Smith - May 30 at 07:10 AM

KC

Beautiful video showing Jack's life. I feel inspired seeing how well he loved and being reminded of the love he showed me through the years! It is sweet to see the whole family and how he has poured his life into loving them all! Jack will be greatly missed by all and we will look forward to the day we reunite with him in heaven... no doubt with that big smile on his face!

Katie Criswell - June 02 at 07:32 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schmitt sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson



Tracy Schmitt - June 03 at 04:43 PM

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Tracy Schmitt - June 03 at 04:42 PM

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Tracy Schmitt - June 03 at 04:41 PM

TS

“ Betty I am so sorry for your loss praying for you and your family love you all ❤️❤️❤️



Tracy Schmitt - June 03 at 04:40 PM

WT

“ You are all in my thoughts in prayers

Wayne Toms - May 30 at 06:22 AM

LF

“ Love, The Eric Flowers Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.



Love, The Eric Flowers Family - May 29 at 11:28 PM

LF

“ Love, The Eric Flowers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.

Love, The Eric Flowers Family - May 29 at 11:28 PM

RW

“ Rhett Wallace purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.



Rhett Wallace - May 29 at 11:16 PM

RW

“ Rhett Wallace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.

Rhett Wallace - May 29 at 11:16 PM

GT

“ *Sorry for your loss, Prayers for comfort.*

Glenn & Delorese



Glenn & Delorese Thompson - May 29 at 08:23 PM

PC

“ *My deepest sympathy. I love you all and pray God's peace and comfort surround you. Penny Steele Crocker*

Penny Steele Crocker - May 29 at 05:42 PM

RL

“ *Ron & Stacy Ledford purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.*



Ron & Stacy Ledford - May 29 at 02:20 PM

RL

“ *Ron & Stacy Ledford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.*

Ron & Stacy Ledford - May 29 at 02:20 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.



May 29 at 08:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.

May 29 at 08:47 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - May 29 at 08:45 AM



“ Kathy Frye lit a candle in memory of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson



Kathy Frye - May 29 at 12:08 AM

KF

“ Betty, I am so very sorry for your loss. Peace and Comfort to your heart.

Kathy Frye - May 29 at 12:05 AM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Kyker Funeral Home - May 28 at 10:12 AM

Michael Miller

“ Jack was a blessing to everyone one he knowed and the sweetest person. An a lovely person an praying for he's family. 🙏 love you uncle Jack ❤️ 💙

Michael Miller - May 28 at 08:02 AM

Michael Miller

“ Michael Miller lit a candle in memory of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson



Michael Miller - May 28 at 07:51 AM

SD

“ SFS Commercial Department purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.



SFS Commercial Department - May 27 at 09:45 AM

SD

“ SFS Commercial Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jack" Arthur Hitson.

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