



Jack Keates Beswick

August 9, 1944 - December 26, 2022

Jack Keates Beswick, 78, of Stockport, England passed away on December 26th, 2022 in Visalia California.

Jack was born on August 9th, 1944 to Gene and Jack Beswick in Stockport England. His family, Adrienne, William and the late Gillian and Dorothy traveled the world. Jack spent time in England, Australia and Canada before settling in Los Angeles, California in the early 60's. There Jack met his long time friend Cyr Johndro. They developed such a relationship that Jack would later give his son Cyr's last name, Johndro. Another friend that Jack made that became a lifelong friendship was Stan Baron, the two helped each other through college.

Jack then moved to Corvallis, Oregon in 1966 and attended Oregon State University, he fell in love with the college and became a lifelong Beaver fan. You could always catch Jack wearing that Orange or talking about the Beavers. There Jack met his first wife, Alice Bisuano and the two were married in 1967, and a year later they had their first child together, Leah Adrienne Beswick. In June of 1970 the couple and Leah moved to Van Nuys, California where Jack began his career as a Pharmacist. Jack, Alice and Leah then moved into the beautiful Hollywood Hills and there they lived for the next 6 years. In 1979 Jack and Alice gave birth to their son, Joaquin Johndro Beswick. The family migrated around the Thousand Oaks area for a time, then

Jack, Alice and Joaquin (JJ) moved back to Corvallis, Oregon in 1988, settling in a lovely home. Soon after in 1991 the two divorced.

Shortly after Jack headed to Tulare, California to work as a Pharmacist with his long time employer Longs Drugs. It was there he met more friends that became lifelong companions, and who cared for Jack in a very genuine way. Cathy Blythe and her family Billy Blythe and Michael McDaniels, to them Jack became another family member and it remained that way to this day. Jack's son, JJ also moved from Corvallis to join him in 1994. In 1997 Jack then migrated to Visalia 10 miles north of Tulare and in Visalia is where he would spend the remainder of his life. He met his second wife, Barbara Purslow and the two were together briefly but although the marriage may not have lasted the friendship the two had remained also til this very day. In the early 2000's he met his last wife Marilyn Shipley, the couple later divorced.

Jack enjoyed golf and sought out great courses, from Hawaii and all around. He also enjoyed sports and always looked forward to Adam Johnson's NCAA March Madness pool. Jack had a great love for life and lived an incredibly interesting life.

In 2012 Jack retired and remained in the Visalia area eventually moving into the Walnut Park retirement home.

He was predeceased by Dorthy Crowe and Gillian Bevington both his sisters and his parents Jack and Gene Beswick. He is survived by his sister Adrienne Lawrence, his brother William Beswick and his daughter Leah Betchold, son-in-law Darren, his son Jay Beswick, daughter-in-law Stephanie Beswick and his grandchildren Savannah, Siella and Jayson Beswick, who will all miss him.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Jack Keates Beswick*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Keates Beswick*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 20, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Driving down from Oregon on I-5, I passed Corvallis and remembered that Jack & I always had a small joke about whether he attended Oregon State or University of Oregon whether his team was the Ducks or Beavers. So, when I reached Fresno and reached out to his FB page, I found that Jack had outwitted me, by passing in Dec 2022. I'll miss our mutual respect and our joking around that we had while working at Save Mart Pharmacy in Lemoore in 1996-1998 while working alongside Lucy, Herminia, et al. Rest in peace in MacArthur Park, Jack*

Irwin Chow - August 07, 2025 at 01:13 AM

MG

“ *I miss you. Love Melissa Garman*

Melissa Garman - March 29, 2023 at 05:03 PM

SD

“ *I think I must have known Jack somewhat when his family lived on Blenheim Ave. in St. Vital, part of Winnipeg. I remember Dorothy quite well. She was in several of my classes, Grade 5,6, and 7, at least, I think. I remember going to a party in your house. My sincere condolences on your loss. Susan Darlington, Montreal.*

Susan Darlington - January 17, 2023 at 09:01 PM

AD

“ *In high school we could always count on Jack for a game of pick-up basketball.*

Tony Dadson, Glenlawn Collegiate, 1963

anthony dadson - January 17, 2023 at 05:18 PM