



## John "Jack" Morris Fox

August 13, 1946 - August 22, 2020

John Morris Fox son of Mary and Morris Fox was born in Oregon City August 13th, 1946. He went to meet his Lord Saturday, August 22, 2020. Known as Jack to friends and loved ones he is survived by Kathy, his wife of 44 years, children Becky Fox, Jim Fox (wife Marci and children Gabrielle and Alaric), David Fox (wife Kelsey and son Tyler), and Jonathan (wife Breanna), sister Pam Fox-Collis, brother Tim Fox and a large extended family.

He attended grade school at Saint John the Apostle school, and graduated from Oregon City High School in 1964. He earned his BA in Business from Portland State University. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

Jack was a great family man. He was a spectator at many of his kid's sporting events; soccer, swimming, and baseball. Jack believed that your heritage was important and he was a student of family history and genealogy. He was proud of his heritage from France, Switzerland, and Ireland, and a trip to meet relatives in Europe was a highlight. Jack and his family hosted many exchange students from around the world.

Jack loved to be involved in service projects for others both here and around the world. He went on mission trips to El Salvador, Ivory Coast, Guatemala, Venezuela, and Latvia sharing his building skills. He loved participating with

his church family in the wider Christian world and celebrating Jesus. Fellowship at Gladstone Baptist Church was very important to him as well as going to Camp Tadmor. He looked forward to going to Camp Good News summer camp every year.

Jack was very adventurous and always on the go. He scaled several mountains; (Rainier, Hood, Shasta, South Sister, St. Helens, and Adams). He loved to travel and took his family on road trips around North America. He loved camping, hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, and river sports. Jack loved working with trees, climbing them, building tree forts in them, cutting, stacking, and heating the house with them.

Jack Fox was a friend to all he met. He remembered everyone's name and what each person was interested in.

Jack was self-employed in home building and construction and was a good businessman. He was a mentor and tried to build people up and help them accomplish above and beyond what they dreamed possible.

Jack lived life with gusto. He had a great sense of humor and an unmistakable laugh. He will be sorely missed by all.

The viewing time is at Hillside Chapel in Oregon City on Thursday, September 3rd from 4:00 to 8:00. The burial service is at noon at the Saint John the Apostle Cemetery in Oregon City.

Celebration of life to be announced at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel  
1306 7th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
(503) 656-4285  
<https://www.hillsidechapelfh.com/>

## Committal Service w/ Military Honors

SEP 4. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (PT)

St. John the Apostle Cemetery  
451 Warner St.  
Oregon City, OR

## Reception

SEP 4. 12:30 PM (PT)

St. John the Apostle Cemetery  
451 Warner St.  
Oregon City, OR

# Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Morris Fox*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *My parent's wedding, Harry and Ina Edwards. My dad would always say Jack was his oldest friend. Jack built the house I grew up in, I remember being 4 and playing on the foundation stones while my dad and Jack worked.*



**Jane Stauss** - September 10, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ *We always appreciated Jack's friendliness and warm smile. His adventurous spirit resulted in many stories that caused us to laugh and wonder at someone who lived life so fully. He had a heart for God and for people that inspired and we will miss him.*  
*Rick and Debbie Gill*

**Rick and Debbie Gill** - September 07, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Morris Fox.*



September 03, 2020 at 01:48 AM

KM

“ 4 files added to the album John,AKA Jack Fox.



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**Ken McIntosh** - September 02, 2020 at 10:17 AM

MB

“ Jack was part of our family. He was our brother from another mother. He was one of the finest people we know! He will be eternally missed.

*Don and Maureen*

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**maureen babst** - August 31, 2020 at 01:38 PM

KK

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kiyo Kuroda** - August 30, 2020 at 06:57 AM

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“ 36 files added to the tribute wall



Kiyo Kuroda - August 30, 2020 at 06:41 AM

KK

“ *When I met Jack for the first time, I was a university student. I stayed with his family for a month for summer English program. After that, I got a chance to stay with them for a year going to college in 2004. He took me so many places and I really enjoyed living in Oregon.*

*He was always kind, funny, creative, active, and a hard worker.*

*Above all, he loved God, his family and people. I'm so thankful that I got baptized at his hand made pool at home.*

*My parents stayed at his house, and Jack and Kathy stayed at our house with Becky when they came to Japan. We have so many precious memories together. I'm glad he and my dad became good friends like their daughters. He is a special American dad to me! We miss him so much.*

*Praying for beloved Kathy, Becky, and whole family.*

Kiyo Kuroda - August 30, 2020 at 03:46 AM

AB

*I bumped into him at Sunday chapel service on a Caribbean cruise in 2002. He remembered my name from Oregon City High School, although I mistook him for Steve Dransfelt. Blessings to his family.*  
*Anita Bosserman Beckwith*

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**Anita Bosserman Beckwith** - August 30, 2020 at 09:24 PM

KC

*Jack has known me since my brother & jimmy played mini mighty might soccer. Our families did sports together for maybe 15 years. Becky & I are in the same class. I had the pleasure of helping him on what I'm going to assume his last project, cabinets & countertops. I was able to have a few conversations with him. Updating each other on our families & what life had brought us. I had no idea it would be the last time I would see him. My condolences to the whole Fox family.*

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**Kasey Cassell** - November 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

DL

“ *The family is collecting contact information for those who would like to attend a Celebration of Life service at a later date. Please fill out this form if you are interested and want more information. <https://forms.gle/zojiUZNk93KswEYw7>*

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**Debby Lyttle** - August 29, 2020 at 10:54 PM

SW

“ So many childhood memories of the Fox, Arnold, and Edward's kids walking to and from St. John's. Raised in three different families that all were loving and welcomed us all. Then evenings when the Handy boys and whoever else joined us all for games of Hide n Seek, Simon Says, Tag and any other games we created in our yard! And sometimes neighborhood softball games at Eastham. So much fun and we were all so innocent! (Kind of) I'm sending positive thoughts, prayers, and love especially to Pammy and Timmy. Those are the names we knew as kids, just like it was always Jackie, not John or Jack. No matter the name you call him, he was a good person and gone too soon! Sue Wilson aka Suzy Edwards

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**Sue (Edwards) Wilson** - August 29, 2020 at 08:33 PM

JP

“ I have so many good memories of time spent with Jack, I scarcely know what to share. I met Jack and his family when I began attending GFBC in 1983. I remember seeing him sitting in the church pew with his wife Kathy and his 4 very active but very well behaved kids. He and I hit it off well and in many ways Jack became a mentor for me. There was no better person to go to for advice. Especially if it involves property repair and management. I cherish the many years of memories working with Jack to solve problems. When I called Jack for advice he always responded. He crawled under my house and showed me how to fix a problem with dry rot. He crawled up on my roof to advise on potential leaks. He offered up the best advice on building our own home ( the contractors he advised were amazing). At church he was always invoked in fixing and upgrading things. Whenever there was a roof leak Jack was up on the roof fixing it. Time does not allow me to tell all the ways Jack has helped me and our church. I will say he had a heart to serve God and others. He Enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. Recently Jack and I had many discussions about end times. Jack could sense the Lords return is so close. He also just recently found a favorite song that he played over and over again. He wanted to play the song for everyone he came in contact with. I don't remember the name of the song but The song is all about the many names of Jesus It speaks the truth of who Jesus Christ is in a powerful way. I had never seen Jack get so excited about a song before. But he couldn't get this out of his head. It shows his deep relationship with God and his excitement to meet Him face to face. We all miss Jack very much but I will see him again. Praise the Lord

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Joel Pyles - August 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM

AB

*Uncle Jack played that song for us too. You are sooooo right, he was so excited to share this song with us. After searching for it for hours I finally found it. It's called "I Am" sung by Dr. Leo Day with First Dallas Baptist Church. I've attached a link below.*

<https://vimeo.com/343978763>

angelica bell - August 30, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Morris Fox.



August 29, 2020 at 09:31 AM

KS

“ The thing I remember most about Jack was how much talent he had for building beautiful things. The first time I visited his home was back in the '70's, when he hosted the "singles group" Christmas party. I thought it was the coolest house I'd ever seen. I half expected to see John Denver show up to perform. As I got to see more of him I admired his hard work and dedication to our church family. He didn't have much to say, but when he did it was worth listening to. I find myself wondering if he's already rolled up his sleeves to start helping out with whatever needs doing up in heaven.

Karin (Pease) Sveen - August 29, 2020 at 02:24 AM

SG

“ I will always remember Jack fondly. With him it was what you see is what you get. And what I saw was hard an honest to goodness hard working man who loved to serve The Lord! I joined Jack and Kathy on my first mission trip to Venezuela. We had such a great time working hard in the heat of the day under the kind and patient supervision of Jack. I will never forget Jack’s laugh which would put anyone at ease. He will be greatly missed!

Big hugs and blessings to Kathy and the entire family! 🙏😊❤️

Simona

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Simona Gherghisan - August 29, 2020 at 12:41 AM

SG

“ Simona Gherghisan sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Jack" Morris Fox



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Simona Gherghisan - August 29, 2020 at 12:36 AM