



## Jack Douglas Straton

March 22, 1942 - October 22, 2008

Jack D. Straton, age 66, a resident of Toronto, Kansas passed away Wednesday, October, 22, 2008 at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kansas. Jack was born on March 22, 1942 in Atlanta, Georgia the son of Frank Douglas and Dorothy (Duke) Straton.

After high school Jack served in the United States Air Force for four years. On October 16, 1964 Jack was united in marriage to Karen Monical in College Park, Georgia. Jack worked as a diesel mechanic for Saunders Trucking that later became Ryder Transportation.

He was a member of the Steel Workers Union and Aircraft Mechanic Union. In his leisure time he enjoyed building and flying model aircraft, woodworking, fishing, hot rod cars, and bike riding.

Jack is survived by his wife Karen Monical - Straton of the home, two daughters; Kristy Sterling and Sherri Lane both of Marietta, Georgia, his father Frank Straton of Villa Rica, Georgia, two brothers; Ted Straton and Marvin Straton both of Villa Rica, Georgia, one niece Kim Straton of Douglasville, Georgia, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and his in-laws Rex and Dortha Monical.

"Jack was not just like a Father but a true Father who looked after us. When

something was broken, Jack had a way of making it work again and even better. When something was on your mind or if you were upset about anything, Jack seemed to have a way of making you laugh about it. When I was not there to take my son for fishing, Jack was there to teach Mason how to catch his first fish. When Jack took me fishing, for the first time, and caught something, it took us an hour to pull it in and Jack was just laughing at my 2 foot stick. In our home and yard there is something Jack made that will remind us of him and how loving he was. His swing he made for all of us to sit in and think about nothing will now let us know Jack will be sitting with us and will remind us of how much we will miss him and love him." son-in-law Robert Sterling

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to either the Wilson County Museum or the National Kidney Foundation and may be sent to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home, P.O. Box 247, 420 S. 20th St., Fredonia, Kansas.