



Jake Ratzlaff Jr.

October 11, 1930 - June 5, 2020

Jake Ratzlaff Jr, age 89 of rural Elk City, left this earthly home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, June 5, 2020, near his home while mowing hay.

Jake was born October 11, 1930 in Cimarron, KS to Jake and Melinda (Glasgow) Ratzlaff. He grew up alongside 4 siblings.

On May 20, 1956, Jake married Carolyn Bagby in Garden City, KS, and they recently celebrated 64 years together.

Over the years Jake worked several jobs, from truck driver hauling hay to western Kansas and then hauling corn back, to bus driver hauling kids to school for 30 years, but he was best known to be a farmer/rancher, and a wonderful dad and papa. Jake was a master teacher, and took pride in knowing he taught his children great work ethic. Together, he and Carolyn raised 6 children of their own, plus any other kid that needed a place to stay. Jake would always give anyone a place to stay, as long as they were willing to work.

Jake is survived by his wife, Carolyn of the home

Children:

Deb (Tim) Underwood of Augusta, KS
Cindy (Mike) Hughes of rural Elk City, KS
Ron Ratzlaff of rural Elk City, KS
Rod (Gen) Ratzlaff of rural Elk City, KS
Brenda (Benny) Beurskens of Independence, KS
Lori (Rick) Baskin of Bartlesville, OK

16 Grandchildren, and 13 Great-Grandchildren with 1 more due in September

Sisters :

Betty Jean Eichenauer of Ingalls, KS
Norma (Art) Tull of Independence, KS

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Emmett Gene (Sonny),
sister Dimple Dene Hummer, and 1 granddaughter.

The family will receive friends at visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday,
June 9, 2020, at Countryside Funeral Home, Fredonia, KS 66736

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM at
Cornerstone Christian Church, Fredonia, KS

Interment will follow at White Cemetery in rural Montgomery County

Memorial contributions in Jake's name can be made to Cornerstone Christian
Church, and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

White Cemtery

6272 CR 2150
Montgomery Co, KS, KS 67344

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Crematory
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Christian Church
1005 Golf Course Road
Fredonia, KS 66736

Tribute Wall

PL

“ So sorry for your loss. I remembered going to the Buxton church as a child with you all. Jake and Carolyn were super nice people. Brenda and I went to school and graduate together. May God be with you all in this time of need. Heaven gain another angel. In Gods love, Paula Kidd Lee

Paula Kidd Lee - June 15, 2020 at 10:32 AM

KM

“ I didn't know him personally yet I know he raised some terrific lady's whom I think are wonderful people. Sorry for your loss.

KIM MORSE - June 10, 2020 at 12:18 PM

K(

“ Kim Morse (Golightley) purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..



Kim Morse (Golightley) - June 10, 2020 at 12:10 PM

PH

“ Jr. And Carolyn always were good parents. They had my family come to their house for Sunday lunch after church several times. Their home was filled with love. To Carolyn and family I am so sorry for your loss.

Portia Huntley - June 10, 2020 at 04:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..*



June 09, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Wilbur, Liz, Taiylor and Sarah Schwatken purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..*



Wilbur, Liz, Taiylor and Sarah Schwatken - June 09, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Love, Terry, Trudy & Bob, Tom, and Rosemary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..*



Love, Terry, Trudy & Bob, Tom, and Rosemary - June 09, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ *I have very special memories of this beautiful family. My parents Reiferd and Ruby Yost were friends of the family. Carolyn and I were friends in grade school. (When we lived at Lafontaine). You all have a special place in my heart.*

karen Smith - June 09, 2020 at 08:30 AM

RG

“ I remember his smile. I'm not sure that it always meant that he was happy but as one of the neighborhood kids it seemed to me that it was almost always there.
Another memory I have is of a motorcycle. He let Bruce Papon and I ride it. No really good reason, it was just Jr.

Richard Gorton - June 09, 2020 at 07:55 AM

FM

“ My deepest sympathy to all for your loss. He was a fine man, and a friend to all.



Florrie McGinnis - June 08, 2020 at 11:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..



June 08, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JM

“ Jan Morrow lit a candle in memory of Jake Ratzlaff Jr.



Jan Morrow - June 08, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JM

“ Carolyn and family sorry for your loss.

Jan Morrow - June 08, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MU

“ Jake and his Dad were my Grandpa and Grandma's neighbors (William and Maude Ure). Jake was a very hard working farmer for sure! He must have had some good home support because he worked from day lite until dark.

Cheers
Michael E. Ure

Michael E. Ure - June 08, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..



June 08, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..



June 08, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..*



June 08, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..*



June 08, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jake Ratzlaff Jr..*



June 08, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *For many years he ferried my children to and from school and I am forever grateful. He made sure they were safe, and he really cared about those kids on his route. He was one of a kind and one in a million! God speed my friend!*

Maggie Rice - June 08, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Ratzlaff family.*

Marlene Shinkle - June 08, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MS

“ *Marlene Shinkle lit a candle in memory of
Jake Ratzlaff Jr.*



Marlene Shinkle - June 08, 2020 at 01:43 PM