

OBITUARY: JACK CALVIN DYER

Jack was born in Mountainair NM on June 12, 1917 to Maude Harris Dyer and Clarence Monroe Dyer. He passed away on July 11, 2014 at his home on Ute Lake. Jack had an older brother who was born in Arizona where the family had been working on a cattle ranch. Back in Albuquerque Jack's father Clarence had a series of restaurants along ole route 66, Central Ave and cattle and horse barns at the Fairgrounds. Jack grew up working with his parents and was his fathers right hand man. He helped with all the restaurant and cattle business while attending school. He attended Monte Vista Elementary and graduated from Albuquerque High and soon after married a fellow classmate, LaJuanah Fullingim. A son, Gene was born in Albuquerque after which Jack and the new family moved to help his father with his ranch at Roe Mesa east of Santa Fe. After working at the ranch, Jack and family went back to Albuquerque where a daughter, Peggy was born. They then moved to Tucumcari New Mexico where Jack built and opened the Route 66 Packing House. The family spent much of their middle years in Tucumcari where their daughter graduated from Tucumcari Hi and attended West Texas Womens' College returning to marry a local Tucumcari boy Bruce White while Gene attended New Mexico Military Institute for high school and Jr. College. After selling the Packing house Jack and LaJuanah moved to Albuquerque for Jack to take care of the family real estate holdings. LaJuanah fought cancer valiantly for years dying in 1980. Jack moved back to Ute Lake in Logan N.M. where he and LaJuanah had built a small lake house. Jack with the help of his son Gene, an architect, then built an underground concrete house facing the lake. Jack rekindled a relationship with a family friend, Mabel Hampton Corn from Amarillo, whose husband had died of cancer. They were married in 1981 and enjoyed 24 happy years together before she died in 2005. He lived the remainder of his years on the lake in Logan, with his beloved Maltese dog Charlie.

Jack was an international traveler having traveled all over the world and made his last big world trip at age 92 to Singapore along with his granddaughter and great grandson, to visit his son and wife. He and Mabel spent time in Jerusalem walking in the steps of Jesus. He was proud of his daughter and son-in-law's pecan orchard in Mesilla NM and had a couple of pecan trees at his lake house to honor them. Jack was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa, as well as a faithful friend. For 70 years Jack was a member the Tucumcari Masonic Lodge, and was a Scottish Rite Mason. He was a New Mexico Mounted Policeman along with his father Clarence. Jack attended the First Presbyterian Church in Tucumcari. He had many talents but above all he was a cattleman and loved his favorite horse White Cloud.

He leaves his daughter Peggy Lee White and husband Bruce White, granddaughter, Tammy Pahl and husband Barry, great-granddaughter Courtney; granddaughter Debbie Zongker and husband Brian, great-grandsons, Hayden and Tyler; his son, Carl Gene Dyer and wife Dorothy, granddaughter Dixie Kauffman and husband Troy, a great-grandson, Dustin, great-granddaughter Candice, step-granddaughter, Valarie Eilert. He also leave his friend and helpers of many years, John and Ruby Vigil.