



John Francis "Jack" Wildgen

January 27, 2009

God called Jack, age 73, to be with Him on January 27, 2009. Jack died with his wife, Ellen, of 53 years, by his side at his home in Sunrise Beach.

Jack was born on February 14, 1935, to John and Florence Finke Wildgen. He grew up in St. Louis. He went to C.B.C. High School and graduated from Washington University night school. He retired as an accountant from the Department of Army.

Jack and Ellen were married on June 11, 1955. Jack is survived by his loving wife Ellen; two sons, John Dennis Wildgen and wife Teresa and their two children Patrick and Carrie of Camdenton, and Robert Albert Wildgen and wife Martha and their two children Erick and Scott of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Jack had many hobbies. He and his wife loved dancing. He was a member of the Ozark Lakers and Millstone Wheelers Square and Round Dance Clubs. He was also a member of the Lake Area Dance Association. He loved to dance.

He was a member of the woodcarver group that meets at the Senior Center in Laurie. He made a number of beautiful woodcarvings.

He was a member of the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Knights

of Columbus in Laurie.

His biggest love was his family. His second love was flying. He was a proud owner of a Cessna 150. He was also a member of the radio control club. He loved airplanes. He flew as often as he could.

The family would like to thank everyone who has been so helpful during this difficult time. We value and treasure your friendship.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 31, at the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. Burial will follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery on Route O in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 30, at the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Following the burial, a luncheon will be served in St. Leo's Hall at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.