



Jackie Ray Tice

May 23, 1940 - January 29, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Jackie Ray Tice (Papa Jack) went to his heavenly home on January 29, 2026. He was born on May 23, 1940 to Thomas Franklin Tice and Viola Gentry Tice. He leaves his wife of 35 years, Annetta Bennett Tice; sister, Diane Hamm (Ronnie) of Nashville TN; two deceased brothers, Terry Tice (Linda) and Glenn Tice; Annetta's son, Patrick Duffey; four grandchildren, Kaitlyn Duffey, Zachary Duffey, Jordan Pitcher, and James Logan Smith. Jack also leaves a host of cousins, nieces and nephews who commonly refer to him as Papa Jack. He had another very special person in his life, Nicole Duffey (Patrick's wife). Papa Jack loved her like a daughter, and she means the world to our family.

Jack was raised in Church of God of Prophecy but joined the Baptist faith in 1995 at Cedar View Baptist Church. We frequented Meadow Brook until Jack's illnesses kept us from being able to travel easily. He was a Christian and God-loving man and lived his life accordingly. Jack was definitely in God's hands during all his medical problems. At times it seemed just simply a miracle, but he also had the will to live. And so he did.

When Jack became a part of the Bennett family he quickly became the adopted brother to Anna Jean Clements, James Earl Bennett, Victor Bennett

and a son to Annetta's parents, James and Wilma Bennett. They loved him and accepted him in an unusual way; he simply became a real part of the family. Patrick had the privilege of being his son in every way, all the grandchildren were HIS grandchildren, and he loved them all.

Jack was retired from Illinois Central Railroad (CNIC) after 40 years of service. He leaves a host of friends that he referred to as his railroad family. He had what I refer to as a hobby designing and building custom homes in his spare time. Jack loved spending time with his coffee drinking friends in Olive Branch. They shared many happy times together.

Jack enjoyed working round the house but his one true enjoyment was traveling and hunting. He loved our trips around the country and Canada on the Amtrak. His dream was to get an elk for our wall and we certainly fulfilled that dream in Nephi, Utah (2007).

When I married Jack he was a "Dog Lover," raising Brittany Spaniels, but he quickly became a "Cat Lover" and spent many times coddling kittens! He would make beds for them, assure they were warm in the winter, and cool in the summer! Sami, our Lhasa Pom (deceased) was his buddy for 15 years. Jasper (alive and well Maltese) makes His home with us now. Jack spoiled him with treats every chance he got!

Music was a big part of his life from the time he was playing drums with his family in his younger years, The Son Rays (Matthew Clements) during our marriage, and, of course, he and my dad (James Bennett) wound up their senior years playing with Roy & Friends HOOT ON OLD 78 in Olive Branch on the square. We were avid followers of Southern Gospel groups like Bluff City Quartet, Almost Famous Crains, Geeslins Quartet and many others.

I close in saying this is probably not your usual obituary, but Papa Jack was

not your usual man. I loved him from the time I became his wife until his last hour on this earth, and he will live in my heart forever and ever. AMEN

Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Lebanon cemetery. Pastor Robbie Wier will officiate.

Online condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Cemetery Details

Lebanon Cemetery

8691 Bethel Rd.
Olive Branch , MS 38654

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch created a Tribute Video in memory of Jackie Ray Tice



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - February 04 at 11:43 AM

KG

“ RIP JACKIE..U WILL BE MISSED

Kay P. Gentry - February 05 at 08:18 PM

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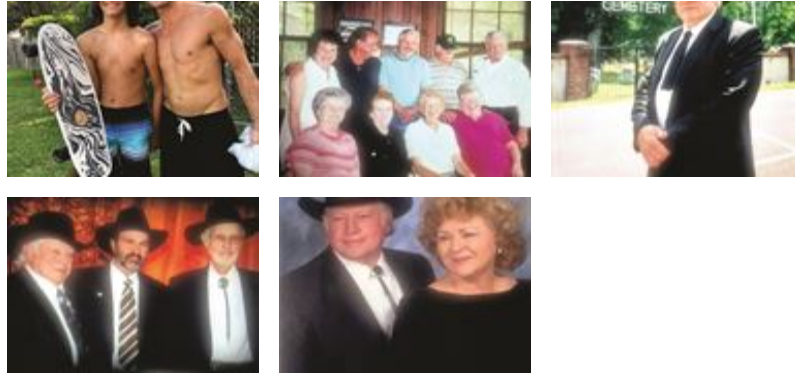
“ The Gentry and Brock Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jackie Ray Tice.



The Gentry and Brock Families - February 04 at 02:33 PM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - February 04 at 10:10 AM

DH

“ *I didn't get to spend as much time with Jackie growing up as I'd have liked to, but the stories my Mother Mittie, and my Aunt Margie, Aunt Dot, Aunt Opal, and Uncle Wade would share always made me smile. Some day we'll all be back together again at the biggest family reunion ever in heaven!*

Donna Rosser Hart - February 02 at 10:32 AM



My condolences to all the family.

Nelda Sanders - February 02 at 05:10 PM

RK

With deepest sympathy and condolences to all of Mr Jack's family.

Rochelle Kinney - February 04 at 02:22 PM

AN

“ Andre and Linda Nitkowski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jackie Ray Tice.



Andre and Linda Nitkowski - February 01 at 03:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jackie Ray Tice.



February 01 at 02:55 PM

SB

“ Jack wasn't a brother-in-law, he was a brother. Jack enjoyed have fun, laughing telling stories, telling jokes, pulling jokes and conversation with everyone. We enjoyed traveling with Jack and my sister, Annetta many times. 2 elk hunts in Utah and Wyoming, Mule Day in Columbia, Tn, and to Mountain View, Ar. several times. Rest in Peace, Jack! We know you're in the presence of the Lord!
Hallelujah
James Earl and Sara Bennett, Love you always!

Sara M Bennett - January 31 at 08:49 PM

VH

“ Vicky Holbrook purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jackie Ray Tice.



Vicky Holbrook - January 31 at 11:25 AM