



Dr. Jack Anthony "Tony" Huggins

February 26, 1939 - October 3, 2021

Dr. Jack Anthony "Tony" Huggins, 82, was with his family when he passed away peacefully at Emory Bennett Veterans Nursing Home on October 3, 2021.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rosalind, New Smyrna Beach, FL. They have two daughters Paige (David) Mahnken in Winter Springs, FL and Erin (Scott) Stearns, Orlando, FL. Tony and his beloved wife Rosalind married on October 5, 1968. They have five precious grandchildren: Kendall and Courtney Stearns and Lauren, Lainey and Jace Mahnken. Tony is also survived by his siblings Dr. Ron (Cheryl) Huggins, Linda (Leland) Johnston and Gary (Sharon) Huggins. He was preceded in death by his parents Leo Jack and Louise Huggins and his brother David Huggins.

Tony was born in Bladen County, North Carolina near Elizabethtown. He served in the U.S. Army with "boots on the ground" during Vietnam as a Helicopter Crew Chief 1962-1964. Subsequent to his military service, he entered Florida State University earning three degrees including his PhD in Economics. His dissertation "An Annual Econometrical Forecasting Model of the State of Florida" published in 1976. He taught and mentored many throughout his life. Tony later worked in several state agencies including the administrations of two former Florida governors. In 1984, he moved to Orlando, where he founded an international asset management company and

three insurance companies. He retired to New Smyrna Beach.

Tony loved the outdoors as an avid hunter, fisherman and world traveler. He enjoyed freshwater/saltwater fishing, played guitar especially the blues genre. He was a lifelong Florida State Seminoles football fan. Tony was a Gold Legacy Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the New Smyrna Beach VFW Post #4250.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, October 23, 2021, 11:00 am ET at DeGusipe Funeral Home located at 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751. Dr. Reverend Ron Huggins will officiate. There will be a reception for friends and family immediately following the service.

Inurnment will be on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 11:00am ET, at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, in Mims, FL. 5525 US Highway 1, Mims, FL 32754.

For those wishing to attend the October 23rd Celebration of Life virtually, please follow this link at the time of service, or you may view the video after the service here: <https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Facebook Live Streaming

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Facebook Live Stream
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Inurnment

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
5525 US-1 North
Mims, FL 32754
(321) 383-2638
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/capecanaveral.asp>

Tribute Wall

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“ From Deli & Lanying Shen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Jack Anthony "Tony" Huggins.



From Deli & Lanying Shen - October 20, 2021 at 10:05 PM

CW

“ Tony was an amazing mentor for me in both business and life. He was a key person in helping me build my professional career, for this, I am forever grateful. His charisma and humor were contagious and would lighten a mood in just about any circumstance. He will be missed dearly.

Chris White - October 19, 2021 at 09:59 AM

ES

Thank you Chris, dad thought very highly of you! Erin

Erin Stearns - October 19, 2021 at 07:40 PM

TJ

“ Tony was an amazing man! He had such an enormous impact on so many men and women who were fortunate to know him. I will always cherish the memories of his incredible sense of humor, wisdom, and kindness! To me, Tony was both a mentor and a friend. I am truly, deeply saddened that he is no longer with us; my sincere condolences to Rosiland, Paige, Erin, and all of you who knew and loved him.

Tom James - October 19, 2021 at 09:04 AM

ES

Thank you, Tom!

Erin Stearns - October 19, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack Anthony "Tony" Huggins.*



October 18, 2021 at 07:48 PM

RY

“ *Uncle Tony always had an eccentric sense of humor. The only time you could trust him to be serious is when he was talking about fishing.*

I remember as a little girl, he driving up to Thanksgiving in his cool red Ford Bronco with his camouflage on from hunting- he was super cool to me. He offered me Big Red chew- I was a 9 year old girl.... He was cool! And as an adult his stories about travel were fascinating. He led a full and amazing life. His girls (Rosiland, Paige, and Erin) and his grandchildren were his love.

Rachel Yeargan - October 15, 2021 at 09:43 PM

ES

Yes, great memories! Loved his bronco, he made it cool way befor OJ

Erin Stearns - October 19, 2021 at 07:41 PM



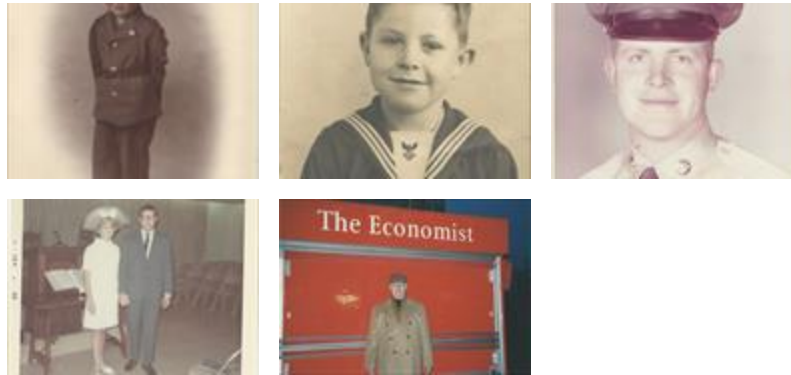
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Jack Anthony "Tony" Huggins.*



October 15, 2021 at 09:27 PM



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