



Jack Wade Sarver

April 5, 1925 - November 25, 2021

Jack Wade “Jack” Sarver, Sr., 96, of College Avenue in Bluefield, West Virginia, was called from this life home to Heaven by the Lord in his Grace Thanksgiving morning, November 25, 2021, following an extended illness. Born in Bluefield on April 5, 1925, he was a lifelong devoted citizen and friend to all. He was predeceased by his parents, Clyde C. Sarver, Sr., and Besse (Peters) Sarver, wife Janet Suzanne (Massie) Sarver, and daughter-in-law, Deb (Coppinger) Sarver.

He graduated from the old Beaver High School, Class of 1943.

His business career began in 1945 in sales for Sarver Candy Company, first established by his father in 1927. He became company CEO and treasurer on his 38th birthday in 1963, beginning a dedicated 58-year career of leading the organization to numerous award including being selected as “West Virginia Distributor of the Year” multiple times. Under his leadership, Sarver Candy was one of the prominent suppliers to grocery stores and retail customers across the coal fields of southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia. He often proudly proclaimed, “I never worked a day in my life!” and he loved being known as “The Candy Man.”

A life member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and member of the Board of Deacons, Jack earned another nickname – “The Coffee Man”- for his 64 years of faithfully serving coffee and frozen Coca-Colas to the folks each Sunday beginning in 1957 and continuing until ill health forced his “retirement” in October 2021. He delighted the Westminster members in this volunteer role

for an amazing 3,000-plus Sundays, a heart-warming testimony of dedication to more than three generations.

Multi-talented, he played exhibition tennis matches against top-ranked professionals as well as bowling matches against legendary stars of the past. He refereed major college football games, primarily in the Southern Conference but routinely traveled to officiate “big games” across America. He once held the NCAA record for most career games officiated and was honored by Wake Forest University, which named its’ officials locker room “The Jack W. Sarver Football Official’s Locker Room.”

Family and friends know that “The Lord now has Jack exactly where He wants him and where He needs for him to be so he can keep a closer eye on him in that big, blue station wagon.”

Survivors include his daughter, Karen Sarver Disibbio, grandchildren Kimberly Comer (Todd), Chris Disibbio (Rhonda), Jeff Disibbio (Holly), Jay Disibbio (Kathy), great-grandchildren Isabella and Dominic Disibbio; son, Jack W. “Pete” Sarver, Jr., grandchildren, Brent Sarver, Brandon Sarver (Aimee), great-grandchildren Will, Reid, and Adelynn Sarver.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday December 3, 2021 at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley. Mercer Funeral Home is serving the Sarver family.

Cemetery Details

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Wade Sarver*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of everyone's beloved Jack. He will truly be missed by the entire community. Thinking of the family. Love, Chip & Georgann*

Chip & Georgann Simmons - December 10, 2021 at 07:23 AM



“ *Pete, Karen and Family,
Your dad was such a blessing and inspiration to me and our church. You could tell he loved the Lord Jesus, his family and his church family. God has really blessed you with such a father as he and the time you had to be with him. I really enjoyed talking to him and the pieces of wisdom he shared that made you feel special and gave you food for thought a lot of the time. He will be greatly missed by all.
Praying that God will wrap His loving arms around each one of you and give you comfort and rest.
Love and many prayers,*

Janet Heaton

Janet Heaton - December 03, 2021 at 08:10 AM



Thank you Janet, our family appreciates your longtime friendship!

Karen Disibbio - December 08, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jack Wade Sarver.*



December 03, 2021 at 05:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Wade Sarver.*



December 03, 2021 at 04:40 AM



“ *Jack was my father in law fir nearly 50 years. His guidance to me and my family were unconditional. His love was undying. Jack was a great and exceptional man. He helped me in so many ways. I'm so sorry that he is no longer with us. I loved him like my own father. He will be sorely missed. I love you Pawpaw*

Ben Disibbio - December 02, 2021 at 01:25 PM



How do you express in words what a wonderful man Jack Wade Sarver was? Why would anyone say was he will always be on this earth with me and my children and grandchildren he had such an incredible love for all of my family. There is so much I would love to share but there are memories that are special to only myself and Jack. My love will always be here in my heart for you my dear and wonderful Jack you will never be forgotten. ❤️

Janie Stanger - December 04, 2021 at 07:46 AM

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“ Karen...Pete and family. Our sincer thoughts..prayers and hugs go out to each of you. Your father will be missed...but he left such a mark in our town. He won't be forgotten. Love to you all
Brett and Brenda Schuller

Brenda Schuller - December 02, 2021 at 11:57 AM

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“ Karen, Pete and family, Jack was a wonderful person. I first met him and his lovely wife when I was a waitress at Ramada Inn and they would eat there every Sunday. That was 39 years ago and for many years as I worked there. He will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!



Susan Honaker - December 01, 2021 at 10:52 PM

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You have always been very special to our family, thank you! He placed his standing order with you very recently as we fondly recall. We appreciate your longtime friendship.

Karen Disibbio - December 03, 2021 at 05:26 AM