



Fred A. "Jake" Jacobeit

March 24, 1927 - September 24, 2017

Fred A. "Jake" Jacobeit of Tinley Park, passed away on September 24, 2017 after suffering complications from a stroke. Jake was born on March 24, 1927 and was adopted at birth by Al and Alma Jacobeit. He grew up in the Chicago area, attending Morgan Park High School. He went on to play football at the University of Illinois before being drafted into the Army in 1945. After serving for two years in Germany, Jake finished his college career at Iowa Wesleyan University where he played football and baseball. In 2012 he was inducted into the IWU athletic hall of fame. Jake went on to receive his Master's Degree in Education from Northwestern University. After a four year teaching stint in Galva, Illinois, Jake arrived at Bloom High School in 1954 where he worked for the next 34 years. He coached baseball and football at Bloom and also served for 15 years as the school's athletic director. Jake and his wife Barbara taught ballroom dancing for almost 55 years in the south suburbs. He also served as Director of the Handy Camp Association, sponsored the Federation of Christian Athletes, and was a member of the Chicago Heights Drama Group. In retirement, Jake served as a lay minister, hospice volunteer, and frequently entertained at area nursing homes. He was a 50 year member of the Hazel Crest Community United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara, two children, Babs (Carey) and Fred (Audrey), two grandchildren, Jori and Jason, and one great-granddaughter Josephine. He also leaves behind four nephews and two nieces.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Syringomyelia Alliance Project (ASAP) for spinal cord research, P.O. Box 1586, Longview, TX 75606.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Bloom High School Auditorium, 101 W. 10th Street, Chicago Heights, IL.

Arrangements entrusted to Heartland Memorial Center. For info or to sign the guestbook (708) 444-2266 or heartlandmemorial.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bloom High School
101 W 10th St
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred A. "Jake" Jacobeit.



October 07, 2017 at 05:04 PM

DK

“ Wonderful memories of Fred when I sang with him in the choir, what a wonderful Christian and friend. Coach forever - graduated to heaven. God bless you Barb and kids. Love, Dale Kern

dale kern - October 03, 2017 at 09:55 AM

MH

“ Memories of fun evenings spent learning ballroom dancing from Jake and Barbara, two friendly and ever-patient teachers, come back bringing smiles and gratitude. Thanks to them my husband and I spent so many delightful evenings dancing onboard cruises, at company celebrations, at family weddings! We were the best dancers in our group of friends and loved every minute. Thanks Barb, for sharing your knowledge and your friendship. I'm sure Jake is still moving and grooving! Marilyn Herrndobler

Marilyn Herrndobler - October 01, 2017 at 04:13 PM

SK

“ I still love ballroom dancing, thank you, Mr. Jacobeit!

Stephanie Kromelis, class of '67

stephanie Kromelis - September 30, 2017 at 02:14 PM

MG

“ He taught me the Polka!! And I'm Polish!!! Lol
Sincere condolences to his wife and family.. Rip.. 🙏🙏🙏

Maureen (Reenie) Gromala - September 29, 2017 at 05:39 PM

TO

“ Coach was one of the nicest - and funniest - teachers at Bloom. His ballroom dancing classes were classics! He always had a smile for his students and a nice word for everyone. May his family and friends find comfort in the memories of him. Toby Gershon-Padgett, BTHS '70



Toby - September 29, 2017 at 05:30 PM

AM

“ Audrey Marrocco lit a candle in memory of Fred A. "Jake" Jacobeit



Audrey Marrocco - September 29, 2017 at 11:40 AM

RP

“ Jake was one of the first people I met after I was hired as an assistant principal at Bloom in August 2004. It was a typical hot August afternoon when Ralph Schmidt introduced me to a sweating , gasping for air , dressed in a sweat suit , athletic director who had just finished his regular lunchtime afternoon run. He greeted me with a warm smile and a handshake that nearly crushed my right hand. During the next decade or so, I had the privilege of working with an ethical, hardworking, student centered , esteemed, and beloved colleague who loved Bloom High School and bled Blue and White! I am blessed to have known you , Jake ! I know you're giving dance lessons in Heaven. Rest In Peace! Love you, my fellow Bloom Trojan. We're from Bloom , couldn't be prouder.....

Ron Patton - September 29, 2017 at 11:14 AM