



Jackie "Jack" R. Lee

January 4, 1939 - January 27, 2026

Jackie "Jack" Ray Lee, 87, passed away at his home in Central City on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 10 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Central City. Visitation will be Friday, January 30, 2026 from 5-7 p.m. at church. Interment will be held at the Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later time. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Jack was born on January 4, 1939, to George and Mildred (Sidders) Lee. He grew up in rural Nance County, attending District 34 grade school and graduating from Fullerton High School in 1957. After high school, Jack served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959.

Following his military service, Jack returned to Central City, where he began a long career with the Union Pacific Railroad. On August 24, 1969, he married Marlene Sue Jorgensen. After their marriage, the couple lived in North Loup in the Depot before settling in Central City. Throughout his career with Union Pacific, Jack traveled extensively to small towns across central Nebraska and to St. Louis. Jack and Marlene later made their home in Omaha before retiring together and returning to Central City. Jack retired from the railroad in 2001.

Jack was an active member of American Legion Post 6 and the Union Pacific Employees Club, where he served as secretary, vice president, and president. He was also a member of the Eagles Club in Fullerton since returning from the service. On Wednesday afternoons, he enjoyed playing cards with his friends at the Independent Club in Central City. In his quieter moments, Jack enjoyed bird watching – the feeders were never empty. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he was their biggest fan.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Marlene Lee of Central City; son, Jay (Brenda) Lee of Central City; stepson, Monte (Peter) Young of Columbus, Ohio; sisters, Ruby Burns, Bonnie Vigna, Shirley Hatten, Carol Swanger, Gladys Mead, Millie Mustard, and Doris Fleek; four grandchildren and one great-grandson; brother-in-law Daryl Jorgensen (Patty) and sister-in-law Janis Theiler (Gary) and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Mildred Lee; daughter, Janis Jo Lee; and brothers, Donald, Richard, William, and Jimmie Lee.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Central City United Methodist Church
2601 18th Ave
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-2853

Funeral Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ Condolences and prayers to Jack Lee family. I have known Jack since high school and over the years. Many great memories. Sorry to have missed the services. He will be missed.
Ray and Mary Micek

Ray Micek - February 02 at 11:03 PM

JS

Sorry to not have been able to see you over the time of Jack's passing. I have been in the hospital with COVID. Not sure where it came from, but anyway, I had it! Praying for you, Marlene and your family.
Judy Stuart

Judy Stuart - February 04 at 08:13 AM

SB

“ Love ❤️ condolences to the Jack Lee family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
~Alan and Stacy Brown

Stacy L Brown - January 31 at 10:11 AM

TD

“ Tyler D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.

Tyler D. - January 31 at 08:59 AM

SF

“ Sandy and Dan Secary and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.

Sandy and Dan Secary and family - January 29 at 10:05 PM

SF

“ Sandy and Dan Secary and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.



Sandy and Dan Secary and family - January 29 at 10:05 PM

LF

“ Love Todd, Tamar and the Fishler Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.



Love Todd, Tamar and the Fishler Family - January 29 at 03:05 PM

JW

“ Our me

Joyce Williams - January 29 at 02:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.



January 29 at 01:40 PM

TR

“ Tom and Teresa Ross planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.

Tom and Teresa Ross - January 29 at 12:16 PM

TR

“ Tom and Teresa Ross purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.



Tom and Teresa Ross - January 29 at 12:16 PM

SF

“ Sherri (Lee) & Jim Thurman and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.

Sherri (Lee) & Jim Thurman and Family - January 28 at 10:44 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.



January 28 at 10:44 PM

RD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ron & Peg Dahlke - January 28 at 09:46 PM

MF

“ Marlene & family, We were so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He will be missed by all who knew & loved him. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you all 🙏❤️

Mike & Marcia Ferguson - January 28 at 07:50 PM

CF

“ Carol and the Swanger family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jackie "Jack" R. Lee.



Carol and the Swanger family - January 28 at 07:17 PM

GP

“ Our condolences to the Lee family. Jack was caring and friendly man. I always enjoyed our conversations.

George Palmer - January 28 at 07:13 PM

JW

Our memories of Jack, are very special, moments of Don playing cards with him and my of checking to see if they won or lost, was good we Always enjoyed spending time with Marlene & JACK, Our memories we will have for ever 🙏🙏🙏 Don & Joyce Willing

Joyce Williams - January 29 at 02:42 PM

DH

“ I remember one time in Central City Jack gave me a ride on the train for a short distance. He was always caring for his parents when they moved to Central City. He loved caring for his mom and dad before they passed away. Beverly Reeves Holm

Doug Holm - January 28 at 06:31 PM

JW

Our memories of Jack are very special, Don had so many great moments he spent with Jack playing cards, and I love to hear if they won or lost, Jack was a special person, to have a good time with, he will be missed by so many 🙏🙏🙏🙏 Don & Joyce Williams

Joyce Williams - January 29 at 02:31 PM