



Jack Alton Strawn

October 8, 1948 - February 6, 2020

Jack Alton Strawn passed away February 6, 2020 at the age of 71. He was born in San Antonio, Texas and grew up in Raymondville. He is preceded in death by his parents James and Janet Strawn, his birth mother Valta Lee Sullivan, and his brother James Sullivan. He is survived by his loving wife Pat, of 41 years, his twin brother John and wife Kathy, sister Jane and husband Doug, sister-in-law Marinela Bridge, Ginny Vandertulip, husband Don and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack graduated from Pan American University with a BA in Music and a Master's in English and Drama. He also received a Master's in Library Science from Sam Houston University. Jack was Costumer and Instructor at Pan American University. He also taught at the University of North Texas and Our Lady of the Lake University. Jack taught Band and Drama at Mission High School. He also taught at Anson Jones Middle School and Sul Ross Middle School, NISD. He taught Staff Development for NISD for 20 years. He opened O'Connor High School library where he was Librarian for 10 years.

Jack was responsible for creating and naming the TAYSHAS list; the first High School Recommended Reading List. He helped write the Standards and Test for all School Librarians in Texas. In 1999, Jack was State Chair for the Texas Librarians Association Young Adult Round Table. In 2006 he was one of the Distinguished Educators of the Year for Sam Houston State University. In

2007 he was named Texas Librarian of the Year.

He was active in the theater in both the Valley and San Antonio. Jack was a member of the Fellowship of San Antonio. One of his greatest honors was to be selected as a Deacon. He designed costumes for many Choir performances, was a Sunday School and VBS teacher, and he loved his church family.

Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 1:30PM at The Fellowship of San Antonio. Graveside Service will be on Monday, February 10th at 10:00AM at the Oakwood Cemetery in Waco, TX

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to FOSA Choir, 23755 Canyon Golf Rd., San Antonio, TX 78258.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **9**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Fellowship of San Antonio
23755 Canyon Golf Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oakwood Cemetery
2124 S. 5th St
Waco, TX 76706

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the great, good fortune to work with Jack at Sul Ross and O’Connor. He was an amazing librarian, who made the library the heart of the school, creating a fun, safe, engaging place for students and teachers. More importantly, Jack was a kind, generous, loving man, who always gave his time and attention to others, quietly encouraging others - students and teachers - to work a little harder, be a little better. He gave of himself in so many ways, from playing piano accompaniment for choir kids to serving as a chaperone for students who were traveling to compete in various state contests. A true Renaissance man, Jack was multitalented - intelligent, musical, dramatic, yet self-effacing with a wicked sense of humor. He was a shining example for all, showing us how to love and care for others. The world is dimmer without his bright light in it. He will be so missed.

Roberta Schulze - February 10, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ Steven Stoli and Alumni of The Stoli Playhouse purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jack Alton Strawn.



Steven Stoli and Alumni of The Stoli Playhouse - February 08, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ Jack was one of the nicest person that I got to know as a librarian in Northside ISD. I had not known that he was a Texas Librarian of the Year. I am not surprised because he was very good at what he did. I send my sympathy to Pat. Northside ISD was very lucky to have these two running 2 high school libraries. Please know you are in my prayers.

Most sincerely, Nancy Bernoskyt

Nancy Bernosky - February 07, 2020 at 05:47 PM