



## Jack Theodore Cecil

December 8, 1946 - March 16, 2022

TORRINGTON, Wyoming -- Jack Theodore Cecil, 75, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 16, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 1pm Monday, March 21st, at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Bruce McBurney officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for an agricultural scholarship at EWC in Jack's name.

Arrangements are under the directions of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Jack was born December 8, 1946, in Scottsbluff, NE; the son of Paul Carlyle and Alyce Josephine (Smyth) Cecil. After graduating from Huntley High School, he attended EWC for his Associates and later went to UW and obtained his Bachelor of Science and then his Master's in Soil Science. He met Evelyn Melonuk in 1966 and the couple was married June 30, 1968, in Torrington. The couple had three daughters, Wendy, Jennifer, and Jacqueline. Jack was drafted into the US Army in 1969, where he served overseas as a burn and operating room specialist and as a flight medic in Vietnam. He also

helped in many other medical aspects during the war. Jack received the National Defense Service Medal and Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14). While in Laramie, he worked for the Bureau of Mines and became the Seed Certification Manager for the State of Wyoming. In 1980, they moved to Torrington to the family farm. Jack was the Superintendent of the Torrington Experiment Station and conducted many research projects at SAREC.

Jack enjoyed traveling, reading, and following his kids and grandkids in all their activities. He also liked car shows, antiquing, playing games and he loved a good joke! He was very kind and compassionate. Jack was good with animals and especially loved his Charolais cows and his black lab, Buddy.

He was a member of Farmers Union, FFA, 4-H, past president of the Chamber, Rotary, Western Society of Crop Science, as well as Alpha Zeta Fraternity. He helped establish the State Bean Production Coop, and received many awards, including the UW Excellence in Service Award and an Innovation Award from the American Society of Agronomy.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Evelyn; daughter Wendy Cecil and her son Tyler Loose; daughter Jennifer (Jory) Kaufman and their children Madison, Haylee, and Brody; daughter Jacqueline (Dan) de Peyer and their son Theodore; four sisters, Patty Dockins, Joan (Mel) Schreiner, Judy Krug, and Connie Cecil; brother-in-law Robert (Beth) Melonuk; sister-in-law Carol (Craig) Cooper and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and baby brother Danny.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church  
2972 Main St  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ Jenna lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil



Jenna - March 30, 2022 at 10:11 AM

KD

“ Kathy Davis lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil



Kathy Davis - March 23, 2022 at 05:12 PM

JA

“ Julene Asmus lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil



Julene Asmus - March 22, 2022 at 06:38 PM

WS

“ My condolences to the family. I really enjoyed working with Jack from 1995 until his retirement. Loved his stories! William Stump

William Stump - March 21, 2022 at 06:26 PM

DY

“ *Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



Darin Yates - March 21, 2022 at 05:25 PM

LL

“ *My dad (Lee Painter) thought the world of Jack. His energy, attitude and generosity was so appreciated by him. He did the University and State of Wyoming proud.  
Sincerely, Lynne Painter Lanning*

Lynne Lanning - March 21, 2022 at 12:46 PM

NK

“ *Dear Evelyn and family,  
Very sorry for your loss. I am very sad we won't be able to attend the memorial service. Jack was a very special man and always made a special effort to attend family picnics in Denver. We have a family trip planned and will be on an airplane at the time. Our love and prayers are with you all. Love, Nancy & Jerry Kantor*

Nancy & Jerry Kantor - March 21, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jack Theodore Cecil.*



March 19, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Theodore Cecil.*



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March 19, 2022 at 07:07 AM



“ *Mark Smith and Nicole Novotny Smith purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jack Theodore Cecil.*



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**Mark Smith and Nicole Novotny Smith** - March 18, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Jack was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. - Nicole Novotny Smith*

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**Nicole** - March 18, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Jack Theodore Cecil.*



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March 18, 2022 at 12:24 PM

L.

“ *L.Moore lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



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**L.Moore** - March 18, 2022 at 11:43 AM

BO

“ *Bob Otero lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



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**Bob Otero** - March 18, 2022 at 10:56 AM

RB

“ *R Baros lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



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**R Baros** - March 18, 2022 at 02:19 AM

BS

“ *Bonnie Sorrick lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



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**Bonnie Sorrick** - March 17, 2022 at 08:31 PM

DH

“ *DeeAnn Hankins lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



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**DeeAnn Hankins** - March 17, 2022 at 06:37 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Jack Theodore Cecil*



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**Theil Ryan** - March 17, 2022 at 05:04 PM