

## **LtCol Jack D. Jewell, USMC (Ret.)**

April 26, 1943 – December 25, 2022



Lieutenant Colonel Jack David Jewell, USMC (Ret.) died from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis surrounded by his family at his home in McLean, VA on December 25, 2022. He was 79 years old.

Jack was born April 26, 1943, in San Antonio, TX to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Jewell. He grew up on a farm in Sulphur, OK, the youngest of three children. His father was a veterinarian, and, from a very young age, Jack assisted him with birthing calves and tending to livestock and other animals. Jack collected the eggs that their chickens produced (selling them in town for 15 cents/dozen) and milked the cows as well. A favorite pastime was running around with his brother, and that environment engendered his lifelong love of fishing, hunting and getting his hands dirty. He was a leftie shooter and lamented having to retire his guns when his pacemaker was put in. Among his many accomplishments, Jack was the All

District and All Conference quarterback for the Sulphur High School Bulldogs and graduated as valedictorian in 1961 – his family would tease him that that was made possible only because he studied with his very intelligent girlfriend, Annette. Jack regularly talked to his grade school friends throughout his entire life.

The first time Jack sat in a plane was to fly to Washington, D.C. to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. He worked hard during his time there, making many steadfast and true friends. He served as the football spotter for Navy games, assisting the newscasters who called the games, and admitted that he was especially nervous before the Army-Navy match ups. Jack graduated from the Naval Academy in June of 1966.

Jack served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 20 years, only retiring so that his children would not have to move multiple times during high school. During his decorated career, Jack served two tours in Vietnam, including as an Infantry Officer and a helicopter pilot. In between his tours, he stopped off in Sulphur to marry his high school sweetheart, Annette Milton. He knew she would be the best mother imaginable and had the grit and fortitude to be married to a Marine Corps Officer and a pilot, no less.

Following Vietnam, Jack trained to fly the A-4 Skyhawk, with a successful record of aircraft carrier take offs and landings as well as flying at Top Gun as an adversary pilot. He also served as a Company Officer at the Naval Academy for three years, where he mentored midshipmen and cheered on his beloved Navy football team. He finished his military career in El Toro, CA as the Commanding Officer of VMA-214 and was rightfully proud of the fact that, during his command, the squadron was accident free.

Following the Marine Corps, Jack joined McDonnell Douglas, which became Boeing, and traveled the world to meet with customers, forming lifelong friendships with people in Israel, Korea, Singapore and Italy, among other places. After retirement, Jack became a University of California Master Gardener to pursue his love of gardening.

Jack and Annette left the perennial sunshine of California in 2014 and moved back to the East Coast, taking up residence in McLean. Since then, they have enjoyed watching countless concerts, theatrical performances and sporting events of their grandchildren, rising to the level of “Superfans” more than

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once. Jack was an avid reader and sports enthusiast, particularly of the Dallas Cowboys. You could learn something from every conversation with him and he had a wonderful sense of humor, so laughter was always included.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Annette Milton Jewell; his daughter Jennifer Jewell Black (Kevin); his son Jonathan David Jewell (Frank); and grandchildren Kyle, Katherine, Joseph, Winslow and Saxony.

A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, VA on January 7, 2023, at 2:00 pm, with a reception to follow. The Memorial Service will be available via livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/@UMTrinity/streams>

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following:

- Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation: [www.fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/PFFTribute/JackJewell](http://www.fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/PFFTribute/JackJewell)
- U.S. Naval Academy Foundation: [www.usna.com/give](http://www.usna.com/give)

### **Lucky Bag 1966**

**JACK DAVID JEWELL Sulphur, OK**  
**2nd Battalion | 10<sup>th</sup> Company**

All of us who know Jack are grateful for uncanny sense of humor did so much to trying moments of many a day. The famous " was always anxious to make life midshipmen and was ready with a warm sincerity he made new friends personal interest and loyalty he made His talents were a welcome addition to because Jack would always get the job cheery disposition, but are well assured that with his desire to do well coupled with his natural ability to get along with others will take him far the rest of the way.



the opportunity. His quick smile and relieve the little frustrations and "man who made Sulphur, Oklahoma a little easier for his fellow helping hand for anyone. With his easily, and with his special brand of these bonds of friendship stronger. any team, club, or committee done. We'll all miss his smile and his