
Jack Houston(1927 - 2015)

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Jack "Cocky" Houston, 88, of Collinsville, Ill., born Friday, March 18, 1927, in East St. Louis, Ill., died Thursday, May 21, 2015, at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo.

Jack was a retired structural worker for Iron Worker's Local 392. He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Fairmont City, Ill., and USGA. He played for the minor league St. Louis Browns and was the bat boy during both the 1942-1945 regular seasons and for the World Series of those years. He was an avid animal lover and still worked as Marshall at Gateway National Golf Course. Jack was a [U.S. Navy](#) veteran and served during the [Korean War](#) and [World War II](#).

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores, nee Fortner, Houston; parents, Jack F. and Alice May, nee Underwood, Houston; son-in-law, Al Goodman; and mother of his children, Betty Ann, nee Borovetz, Houston.

Surviving are his children, Suzanne (Larry) Brown of Waterloo, Ill., Shelley Goodman of Waterloo, Ill., Jack (Janet) Houston of Waterloo, Ill., Sam (Gina) Houston of Red Bud, Ill., and Lisa (Jon Schmalenberger) May of Waterloo, Ill.; sister, Louise M. McDaniel of Belleville, Ill.; grandchildren, George (Erica) Huebner, Ross (Jen) Huebner, Carrie (Bryan) Heisinger, Kacie (Trent) Romero, Courtney (Brad) Bell, Jeana (Brian) Gibbs, Sam Houston, Jr., Jack N. Houston, Jacob Houston, Joseph May, Melissa May, Santina Stemmley, Shawn Buckley, Mallory Krump, Dan Range, Mike Range, John Range, and Tiffany Range; 18 great-grandchildren; dear cousin, Mary Elliott of Henderson, Nev.; and dear nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Belleville Humane Society or Wounded Warrior Project. Condolences may be expressed online at www.kurrusfh.com.

Visitation: Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2015, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville, Ill.

Funeral: Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at Kurrus Funeral Home Chapel, with Father David Wilke officiating. Private family interment will be held at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville, Ill.

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