



Dr Jacob "Jake" Haun Jr

March 15, 1932 - September 22, 2017

Dr. Jacob "Jake" Haun, Jr., 85, of Woodstock died at his home on September 22, 2017.

Jake was born on March 15, 1932 to the late Jacob Haun and Eleanor Hollingsworth Grabill Haun of Woodstock.

After attending Woodstock Grade School, Jake graduated from Massanutten Military Academy in 1949, then from the University of Virginia in 1953 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He earned his MBA from Harvard University in 1955. He served four years as an Officer with the US Navy, two of which were on the USS Maddox, Destroyer, Pacific Fleet.

After a short stint running the family insurance business and several years working as an engineer and researcher, Jake earned his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1972. He worked several years as an Emergency Room physician in Richmond and Woodstock.

Jake immersed himself in civic and nonprofit activities. He was a founding board member of the Shenandoah Community Foundation, on whose board he served with energy and dedication until the end of his life. Very special to Jake were his years of work at both the local and national level with the Unitarian Universalist Church.

He had a love for the outdoors and was accomplished in diving, caving, rock climbing, and white water canoeing and kayaking. He was a licensed pilot and had great interest and talent in photography.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years Diane Gardner and their children Rosalie and Henry. Also surviving are his adult sons and their families: Jacob III of Asheville, North Carolina, Harvie of Washington DC, and Frank of Woodstock. Jake was also a father figure to Noah and Joshua Walker both of California. A cousin William Grabill and his family also survive.

Jake had many wonderful and diverse friends including Walter Pirie of Blacksburg, the late Jeanne and Lauck Walton of Woodstock, James Shepherd of Woodstock, and the French family.

The family would like to thank Blue Ridge Hospice and all those who helped care for Jake in his final year.

An outdoor celebration of Jake's life will be held at 2pm, Saturday October 14, 2017 in the field across from 1141 Alonzaville Road, Woodstock. A potluck reception will follow. Please bring memories of Jake to share. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be held at St. Luke Brethren Church at 3250 Back Road, Woodstock.

A man of exceptional intellect, Jake lived an impressively full, interesting, and wholehearted life. In lieu of flowers, the greatest tribute Jake would have us pay him is to emulate his values of caring, generosity, and problem-solving.

“A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit.”

— Elton Trueblood

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr Jacob "Jake" Haun Jr*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Dr Jacob "Jake" Haun Jr*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Diane, Rosie and Henry - my heart is with all of you. I just wanted to share how impressed I was with Jake upon meeting him and throughout our short visit. Not only did he strike me with his intelligence, but also with his devotion to history, community, and family past and present. My wish is that you find a peaceful place in your lives to enjoy and appreciate him, your memories, and the future he would want you all to live.*

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