



C. E. "Jack" Myska

December 29, 1928 - October 10, 2012

C. E. "Jack" Myska, 83, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, rejoining his beloved wife, Blair, who preceded him on their heavenly journey by 7 weeks. His passing can probably be attributed to his desire to be with Blair.

Jack was born on December 29, 1928 in Beasley, Texas. He was raised on a farm in Fort Bend County and acquired a life-long love of the land. While at Beasley High School, he worked the farm and worked as a butcher in the general store. Following graduation, Jack began work at what became Houston Lighting & Power, or "The Light Company" as he called it. Always a hard worker, Jack also farmed with his brother while meeting all his commitments at the Light Company. In his 30's, he followed his love of the land and left the Light Company to go into the real estate business, developing the Laurel Oaks subdivision in Richmond. Over the years, he built a successful real estate brokerage firm, but his passion remained undeveloped land and farm land – and that is where he directed his efforts, working deals and exploring new tracts of land until the end of his life.

All who knew Jack Myska shared a common belief in his integrity, honesty, sense of fairness and competence in all his dealings and business activities. Many residents of Fort Bend County trusted him to handle their real estate affairs; and, in a number of cases, to manage real estate investments in which they partnered with him.

Jack loved his family. Above all else was his love, devotion, and commitment to his wife of 62 years, Blair Myska. Jack and Blair were an incomparable and inseparable team – and in addition to his many roles as father, farmer, developer, broker, Jack provided support and guidance to Blair in all of her endeavors. Their many accomplishments were truly the result of the joint efforts of this beloved team.

Jack was extremely proud of his three daughters, Lynda, Cindy and Donna, and their families. He encouraged his daughters to attend Rice University, in which he had an enduring interest, and he particularly loved spending Saturday afternoons each fall with

Blair at Rice football games. Jack loved social interaction and enjoyed the time he spent with his and Blair's families and their many friends. In particular, he enjoyed the Party of the Month Club and square dancing with the Brazos Bottom Belles and Beaus.

Jack was very involved in the Richmond/Fort Bend County community. Jack was active in the Richmond Rotary, coached little league; and, served as a driving force in the development and funding of the Wharton County Junior College and Technical Center. Jack loved his community and he invested his time, energy and resources to support it at every opportunity.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Blair Walzel Myska and his parents, Edward Myska and Henrietta Wehring Myska. He is survived by his loving daughters, Lynda Myska Irvine and husband John Irvine of Houston, Cindy Myska and husband Frank Allen of Austin, Texas, and Donna Myska Ratliff and husband Jerimac Ratliff of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is also survived by six grandchildren that were blessed to know and love him: Jamie Irvine and William Irvine, Lyssa Myska Allen and Jordan Myska Allen, Graham Ratliff and wife Shari, Garrett Ratliff and wife Leela, and a great grandchild, Kaia Grace Ratliff.

He is also survived by his brother Gene Myska and wife Dorothy, his cousin C. H. "Sam" Myska and wife Ore Nell, sister-in-law Judy Simmons and husband Roy, and many beloved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Many of the caregivers who served Blair so faithfully also cared for Jack as his health declined – many to the very end. These include Rita Turrubiate, Connie Roman, Lorena Liceaga, Brenda Simon, Delila Gil and Elvy Carreon to whom Jack's daughters and family are extremely grateful.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 14 at St. John's United Methodist Church, 400 Jackson Street, Richmond, followed by a reception in the Wendt Fellowship Hall at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in the memory of Mr. Myska may be made to Rice University, Memorial Contributions, 6100 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77005 or to St. John's United Methodist Church, 400 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *The Myska family has always held a special place in my heart. I am so sorry to learn of your father's sudden death so soon after your mother passed away. Your parents raised some wonderful children. My condolences to you all as you try to recover from your losses.*

Connie Blessitt - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Lynda and the Myska Sisters - Please accept my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Father and Mother were special and admired by many.*

Patricia Kay Dube - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you in this trying time. May you find comfort in your time of great sorrow.*
Kathy Cincotta

Kathy Cincotta - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Love you, Uncle Jack. You and Aunt Blair are back together.*

Dustin Dresner - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I was saddened to hear about the passing of your father and I was just recently made aware of the passing of your mother. My heart aches for you.*
They were wonderful people.

Janell Joswiak Temple - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Family of Jack and Blair.*

Bob and Penny Neese - October 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Dearest Linda, Donna & Cindy. What a blessing your Dad was to you all and your Mom. He lived a wonderful life and all who knew him were blessed. May God's love & peace cover you in the days ahead. Susie O.

Sue Olds - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Lynda, Cindy and Donna.
God bless y'all and Comfort y'all. When we loose a special person in our life it hurts so much but knowing that he stop suffering and knowing that he is with his beautiful Mrs Blair the love of his life it makes me feel better I hope that all of y'all feel some confort thinking about all does loving memories he left us. Mr Jack we will miss you. You were a great man,dad,grandparent just a great person I will always thank you for all you did and all the talks we had God bless your Family.

Evelyn Simon - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Jack Myska. I initially met Jack and his wife Blair because of a real estate transaction for property that they owned and that the Light Company wanted to purchase. I was very impressed with Jack and his fair manner of negotiating and I immediately took a liking to them both. I saw Jack on a few other occassions and always looked forward to my visits with him. Over the years I kept up with Jack through his niece, Brenda Dressner and would send my well wishes through Brenda and Glenn. It was always very apparant to me that Jack was a very respected businessman in the community and my business with him made it evident as to why that was. I want to extent my sincere condolences to Jack's family for their loss, but I have no doubt that he is reunited with Blair in God's house and rejoicing one again.

Janice Morris - October 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I didn't know Jack very well, but as Buck Walzel's sister-in-law, met and spoke with him at the big Thanksgiving dinners. I know how much he will be missed, but also know he's at peace, reuniting with Blair, as well as other family, in Heaven. RIP, Jack & Love & Prayers to those you leave behind.

Bea Killian - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Lynda, Cindy, & Donna,
Your Dad was my Birthday Buddy and I will always love him. He and Daddy taught me how to bale hay & drive a stick shift truck at 9 years old. I learned that hard work and honesty were not just words, but a way of living one's life. I will always cherish my memories of your Dad and all the fun we had as "kids". I know that he and Aunt Blair are having a Blessed reunion in Heaven.
Love Always,
Brenda

Brenda Myska Dresner - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ "Uncle Jack" was one of the finest men it has been my privilege to know. He was kind, generous and always seemed to have a smile for a bratty little kid who was fortunate enough to be taken into the Walzel family along with her mother and siblings. He is a great loss.

Karen Mermonstein - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Lynda, Cindy, and Donna, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I know he really missed your Mom, now they are together without any pain. My prayers are with all of you.

Laverne Gibson - October 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM