
John Stafford Rinehart "Jack"

COLUMBIA — John Stafford "Jack" Rinehart entered into eternal life Tuesday, July 28, 2009. A memorial service will be held Friday, July 31 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Averyt Hall. Friends may call at the home Thursday evening between 5 and 7 p.m.

Born in 1931 in Chicago to the late Joseph and Esther Rinehart, Jack lived a happy, richly blessed life. He grew up in Louisville, Ky., and graduated from the Univ. of Kentucky with a degree in Business and a lifelong love for the Wildcats. Jack loved people, his family, friends, learning and life and was an eternal optimist endlessly fascinated with the future and science.

Jack worked in high school and college for his family equipment dealership, then as an Air Force officer at Cape Canaveral, Fla., where he met Mary Wilmeth Rinehart, his late beloved wife of 45 years, who brought him to South Carolina in 1957. An industrial engineer, Jack spent his career in systems consulting, training, technology staffing and outsourcing. He founded and managed two successful firms, Continental Consultants and American Computer Professionals.

He served on the boards of the National Information Technology Association, Columbia Academy, United Way, Midlands TEC Foundation and IT Advisory Board. He was active in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, the Explorers Club, Kiwanis, Forest Lake Club and the Mensa Foundation.

Predeceased by his wife, Mary, and granddaughter, Jeanne Smith, Jack is survived by his three children, John Stafford Rinehart Jr., Jane R. Crosby (Jimmy) and Margaret R. Smith (Park). He is also survived by three grandchildren, Park Smith III, Retta Hepworth and Emily Hepworth and three stepgrandchildren, Betsy, Jack and Whit Crosby. He is also survived by a sister, Jane Scanlon and her daughter, Kathy, of Atlanta.

Memorials may be made to Midlands Technical College Foundation, Box 2408, Columbia, SC 20202 or Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

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