



## Jack Jennett

February 6, 1930 - October 20, 2019

John "Jack" Howard Jennett (1930-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – John "Jack" Howard Jennett, 89, of Cedar Falls died Sunday, October 20, 2019 at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls.

He was born February 6, 1930, in Breda, Iowa, son of Alva and Ruth (Irwin) Jennett. He married Myrna M. Campbell on August 17, 1952 in Sac City, Iowa. She preceded him in death on August 21, 2012.

He graduated from Sac City High School and served in the Marine Corps Reserves. He received his B.A. degree in 1953 and M.A. in 1959, both from Drake University. He taught at Lake City High School from 1954 to 1955, where he was head track coach; Morningside College from 1955 to 1961, where he was assistant football, head track, and freshman basketball coach and athletic trainer; Buena Vista College from 1961 to 1962; and athletic trainer, head track and cross-country coach at Iowa State Teachers College (UNI). He retired from teaching and coaching in 1976 and went to work for Martin Brothers Food Distributors, retiring in 1996. He also refereed and was field judge for various collegiate track and field meets.

Survived by: three daughters, Pamela Kulow and Wynn (Bob) Brownlee of St. Peters, MO, and Lori Jennett Young of Des Moines; nine grandchildren; 16

great-grandchildren; and a brother, Paul Jennett of Colorado.

Preceded in death by: a sister, Jerry Lawrence Dahlen; and three brothers: Russ, Clair and Pat Jennett.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26th at First United Methodist Church with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25th at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or Cedar Valley Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
[richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com)  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
718 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://aboutfirst.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Remember working with your parents at 1st UM with community meals~ they were a wonderful asset to the church and community! Thinking of you and the families, may all your wonderful memories bring you peace~~  
Barb Wolfensperger Carlson

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**Barbara J Carlson** - October 27, 2019 at 07:56 AM

JV

“ Lori, Pam and Wynn,

*RIP Coach! I, also, had the pleasure to be a member of Coach Jennett's UNI track team's in the 60's.....and upon graduation the Silver Fox invited me to stay on as his graduate assistant....what a treat to learn from this consummate coach, husband and father! His UNI office door was always open to all and his warm and inviting home was always a special place to be with his family and to share thoughts and ideas for the future. As time went on and I came back to UNI for the renaming of a meet in Jack's honor it was obvious as to the numbers of people that he had touched and influenced over the years. Coach Jennett was a man that I revered and I will never forget! God Bless and R.I.P. Coach Jennett*

*John R. Van Voorhis ...UNI 1962-68*

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**John Van Voorhis** - October 25, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack Jennett.*



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October 25, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Jack and Myrna were wonderful neighbors on 12th Street. Very friendly and very willing to extend my family every neighborly courtesy. This included letting my daughter's use their outdoor swing, letting me add to Jack's large yard waste burn pile back when was okay to burn and even giving us a pheasant a time or two, We enjoyed their dog Tootsie and seeing Jack take her on long walks. We miss Jack and Myrna. We offer the family our best wishes and condolences at the time of Jack's passing. What a long and productive life! Dick, Peggy and Leah Broadie*

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**Dick Broadie** - October 25, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jack Jennett.*



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October 25, 2019 at 11:23 AM

KN

“ *Pam, Wynn and Lori*  
*Sorry to learn of your dad's passing. He was a great man and touched many people in a positive way during his life time. We will be unable to attend the services for him as we are out of state but wanted to extend our sympathy.*  
*Steve and Barb(Speers) Knipp*

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**Knipp** - October 25, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jack Jennett.*



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October 24, 2019 at 10:54 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Jennett.*



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October 24, 2019 at 09:30 PM

DS

“ *We were so sorry to hear of the death of coach Jennett. He was a great coach and a great person! I had the pleasure to be a member of his UNI track team in the 60's. It was a great experience! Please know we will be thinking of his family and we will keep all of you in our prayers! We are in Florida now and won't be able to attend the services!*

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**Dave and Polly Suntken** - October 24, 2019 at 11:44 AM

HB

“ Heather and Sandy Bennett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Jennett.



Heather and Sandy Bennett - October 23, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jack Jennett.



October 23, 2019 at 05:38 PM

KH

“ My condolences to the Jennett family. Coach was a very special person to have as a coach!! Very patient with young adults and their crazy ways at times during the 1960's. I grew up in Schaller and his brother Russ was part of the recruiting process, with coach , for me to attend SCI/UNI from 1965 to 1969, participating in both basketball and track and field. He had that quiet way of getting his point across!!! Again my sympathy to the family. Ken Huelman

Ken Huelman - October 23, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Jennett.



October 23, 2019 at 12:13 PM

DM

“Loved Coach Jennett! He was a mentor and someone I used often for information as I progressed in my coaching career! Always had a smile for you whenever our paths would cross and always loved seeing his former athletes! My very best and condolences to the Jennett family! Dick Miller UNI '64-'69

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Dick Miller - October 23, 2019 at 09:38 AM

KW

“To the Jennett Family and his many friends and former athletes: We have all lost a bright light in our lives. Jack was a special person to all of us. I especially know family was perhaps Jack's greatest delight. He loved you all so very much. When he and I would visit, inevitably the subject of family would come up, and he would light up and always have stories to tell me about his kids and especially all his grandkids. His very special partner, Myrna, were together such great role models for my wife and me, and we will always remember them together. I am happy for Jack that he is home now with Myrna.

As one of Jack's athletes and also one of his graduate assistants, I had a great bond with Jack...I was probably in his office everyday for 5 years. I was lucky the day I decided to come be part of Jack's program and a true program it was. He cared about all his athletes regardless if they were his Varsity squad or his walk-ons getting a college experience to make them a better coach down the road. His love for Track and Cross Country was obvious, but he was a true sportsman, who used the athletic field to teach much more than just the sports he coached. Jack, for me, was more than "Coach" or the "Silver Fox". He guided and nurtured me into becoming a young man, with a few bumps along the way, but his love and acceptance of me and many others was genuine and will never be forgotten. God bless you, Coach.

Kent Wessely, UNI 1970-75

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Kent Wessely - October 22, 2019 at 11:13 PM

RB

“ To the Jennett family; I was so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. While at UNI homecoming two weeks ago, I was able to visit and say goodbye and thanks to a remarkable man. There is no way one could ever appropriately thank a person who was a coach, teacher, advisor, professional mentor and friend. I can still remember the day some 57+ years ago when I walked into his office to ask about "what was cross country?" and thus began my fond memories of knowing Jack and being a recipient of his encouragement, advice and mentorship. Every time I meet up with others who first knew Jack as "coach". we always comment how much Jack influenced our lives. He touched so many lives in such a positive way. I extend my condolences to all of the family at this time. In the years ahead, may you cherish the memories of your departed loved one.

*Ron Brinkert, PhD (SCI x-country/track & field F'62-Sp'66 and grad assist w/Jack F'69-Sp'70)*

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**Ronald Brinkert** - October 22, 2019 at 09:19 PM

MF

*My condolences to Jacks family on his death. Jack and Myrna were wonderful to both Herb Grigg and I when we were students at UNI including babysitting our daughter! They also shared their daughter Lori to babysit for us and I remember their door was always open! - Marcia Freed*

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**Marcia Freed** - October 24, 2019 at 10:36 AM

HG

*I had the pleasure of receiving the GREAT Coaching - Mentoring and so many other things from Pat n Jack Jennett. Herb Grigg*

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**Herb Grigg** - October 26, 2019 at 11:10 PM

PO

“ *Lori, Wynn, Pam and family.  
We're so sad to hear of our great friends passing. We've been so close to Jack and Myrna over the many years since our Drake days, that like losing a brother. Several years ago Jack and Myrna sent us a picture we have always displayed in our library. This ia how we prefer to remember. Love and condolences. Pat and Mary.*



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**Pat O'Brien** - October 22, 2019 at 07:32 PM

SG

“ *To the Jennett family, so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I had a chance to see Jack a few weeks ago at NewAldaya. After seeing my UNI shirt, Jack gave me a big smile. He was a great man, someone I had a great deal of respect for. I send my condolences. I always enjoyed Jack's company. My thoughts and prayers to the Jennett family! Godspeed.*

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**Steve Gearhart** - October 22, 2019 at 12:58 PM