



## Mr. Jack Clayton Rosenau

October 26, 1919 - April 20, 2019

Jack Clayton Rosenau went West on April 20, 2019. He was born on October 26, 1919, in Detroit, Michigan. He is the oldest son of Arthur Henry Rosenau (1900-1980) and Florence Muriel McNally (1896–1993). The Scot-Irish McNally family migrated to London, Ontario, Canada in the 1890s where Florence McNally was born to Louisa L. Stevenson and Robert J. McNally. Jack's grandparents are Gottliebe Pannick and Gottfried Rosenau, who migrated from Germany to Detroit in the 1880s.

Jack graduated in 1939 from Cass Technical High School's Aeronautical Curriculum and joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1937 while still a high school student.

His fighter squadron was called to active duty in 1940. He served as weather forecaster for the First Marine Air Wing in the South Pacific during World War II, stopping at Noumea, New Caledonia, and Espirito Santo as part of the Guadalcanal Campaign. Upon his return to the States in 1943, Master Technical Sergeant, Jack's assigned responsibilities included operation of the weather office at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Ana, California. It was here he met and married his wife, Marine Sergeant Jean L. Aitkenhead (now deceased), and was honorably discharged in 1945.

While in the Marine Corps, Jack flew in several military aircraft, including the

S.B.D. Dauntless Dive Bomber. He earned his private pilot certificate in 1964, flying out of Wheeler Field, Oahu, Hawaii. His Instrument Rating was earned in 1978.

Jack earned a geology degree at Michigan State College in 1949 and was commissioned in the Army Field Artillery. His commission was transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1950, where he then served as a weather forecaster, and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1970, and retired in 1979 after 30 years of military service.

Jack was employed with the Michigan Geological Survey until hired by Dr. D.B. Steinman, Consulting Engineer, for construction of the Mackinac Straits Bridge, joining Upper and Lower Michigan. On completion of the bridge work, Jack was hired by the U.S. Geological Survey's Ground Water Branch serving in New Jersey, Hawaii, and Florida, where he coauthored Springs of Florida. Jack was a member of several scientific organizations, including the Geological Society of America.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has been a special organization for Jack. He joined Flotilla 13 at Shell Point, Florida, in 1974, and flew his Cherokee (N-192FC) for search and rescue patrols. Over a span of twenty-five years, Jack flew 550 patrols and Tallahassee inducted him into their "Aviation Wall of Fame" in 2006.

Jack was a member of the Military Officer Association of America, the Experimental Aviation Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was an active member of both the Quiet Birdmen and the Marine Corps League. Jack was also a member of the Tallahassee Saint Andrew Society since 1979.

Jack's children include: Andrew Rosenau (Tosh), Ann Stanton (Greg), James Rosenau (Terri), Robert Rosenau (April), David Rosenau (Jan), Steven

Rosenau (Delane), and Sandra Rosenau (John Dorian). Jack has 16 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Visitation is 10:30 until 11:30 AM, Thursday, April 25, 2019, at Abbey Funeral Home, 4037 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32303, with the funeral service beginning at 11:30 AM. Interment, with military honors, will follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, 850-878-5310. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 25.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bob and April (and the other Rosenau kids),*

*Jack was just a great person--I always enjoyed just hearing him talk of some of his previous adventures. There was no doubt that he truly loved his spouse. I know that he could not have been in better hands than with Bob and April as his health declined. A life well lived with service to others being a huge part of who he was. He was in my mind a perfect example of what made up America's greatest generation. He has to be immensely proud of the family he has left behind to follow in his footsteps. What a patriot! One of my idols. An example for all others to follow. Godspeed.*

*Adrian Bambini (son-in-law)*

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**Adrian Bambini** - April 29, 2019 at 08:33 AM

DA

“ *Steve, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your father sounds like an amazing human being. I would have enjoyed having conversations with him and learning form him. I'm praying for you and your family. Big hugs to you and DeLane during this time of great loss.*

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**David** - April 23, 2019 at 09:33 PM

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“ *I am Jack's cousin Tom's daughter, Kathy (Saunders) LaCombe. I met Jack several times when he visited my dad, and fell in love with him. I could easily see why he was Dad's favorite cousin. Jack and I shared an interest in genealogy, and we communicated a few times about Rosenau information. He was a sweetie, and I think of him often. He was an amazing guy and will be missed.*

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**Kathy LaCombe** - April 23, 2019 at 07:30 PM

DS

“ *Big hugs to Steve and DeLane. Your Dad's life was amazing. Thinking of the entire family as you go through this loss.*  
*Scott and Donna Spencer*



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**Donna Spencer** - April 22, 2019 at 04:45 PM