



Jack O. Taylor

Jack was born in Carl Junction, MO on March 29, 1926. He moved to Redondo Beach, CA with his parents in the 1930's. Upon graduating high school, Jack enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 18. He served aboard the USS Barr for part of his 3-year enlistment and traveled to Japan.

In 1950, Jack met his wife Dorothy on a trip to Catalina. They were married three months later on June 5, 1950.

Jack was one of the original Club 55 members. This was a club exclusively for men and women who worked for Disneyland from the day it opened in July 1955. He started as a ride operator on the Jungle Cruise and ended his career 40 years later as a merchandising supervisor.

Jack and Dorothy moved to Tustin with their two children in 1963. At that time there were less than 2000 residents and the city had one gas station, one supermarket, and one traffic light. I remember having an orange grove directly across the street. While Jack continued to work for Disneyland, Dorothy went to work as a secretary for Guin Foss School and later became the Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent. She worked for the City of Tustin for over 20 years. During that time, she also co-founded the Tustin Arts Council.

In the mid-1980s, Jack and Dorothy moved to North Tustin. After retirement, Jack spent most of his time listening to his vast vinyl collection, comprised mostly of jazz musicians from the 1940s and 50s. He was always the outdoor type, enjoying bicycling, boating, and skiing when he could. He passed away on April 22, 2014, due to a respiratory problem. He was 88 years old. His ashes were buried at Santa Ana Cemetery with Military Honors. Dorothy still resides in their home in North Tustin.

