



Jack Howard Roach

February 6, 1953 - January 11, 2026

Jack passed away on Sunday, January 11th, 2026, at his home in Lindale, TX. He was born February 6, 1953.

Jack was born in Tyler. As a youngster, his mother would call him “Little Mouse.” Jack was a graduate of Lindale High School and took agricultural classes at TJC. Jack worked many jobs in his lifetime; Brown Derby, raised cattle, bailed hay, raised fresh produce and sold it at his stand, Duck Creek Produce.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Bill and Mildred Roach, by his sister Maribelle Wilson, and his brother Joe Roach. He is survived by his sister Ann Watts and Ed Watts, by his brother John Roach and spouse Donna Kaye Roach, Donna Ruth Roach, widow of Jack’s brother Joe, David Wilson, widower of sister Maribelle Wilson, Meredith and Daniel Wilson, niece and nephew, and many other nieces and nephews.

Jack loved working, spent much time at his fruit stand, and enjoyed fishing and cooking.

Jack was a lifelong member of Harris Chapel Southern Methodist Church in Lindale Texas.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Jack and my husband swapped recipes for Jack's tender spring greens. He and I traded stories of caring for our mothers. While it was business, it felt more like a comfortable friendship that came with produce on the side. They were good years.

Darlene & Larry Sorrels - April 09 at 09:08 AM

DW

“ As his Nephew I was thankful that I spent as much time with him as I did every summer I was always looking forward to hanging out with him and picking for him etc.

He was always very funny and I loved how he would always call me every single day and night almost 24/7.

He was Truly a blessing to me and I'm thankful that I spent as much time with him as I did.

He was a very kind man and I'm thankful that i was able to always be there for him whenever he needed anything.

Love now and always your Dearest Nephew Daniel.

Daniel Wilson - March 06 at 02:08 AM

TV

“ Gonna miss you Catus Jack Roach.

Tony Vickery - February 21 at 12:59 PM

CP

“ Jack, hands down, had the best Texas drawl ever! Loved listening to him. Such a sweet man. Condolences to his family and all who knew him.

Camelia Payne - January 31 at 07:36 PM

LK

“ Cactus Jack will be dearly missed along with his stories. Pam, Lisa, Kevin Kennedy

Lisa Kenndy - January 30 at 06:47 PM

NB

“ NATHAN BROWN lit a candle in memory of Jack Roach



NATHAN BROWN - January 29 at 08:48 PM

KS

“ Kevin Sterne lit a candle in memory of Jack Roach



Kevin Sterne - January 29 at 02:25 PM

JM

“ For 28 years, Jack would drive his van up and down our road, waving slowly to us as we acknowledged each other as the friendly neighbors we all are to each other. Larry always referred to the little white rental as, "the little house that Jack built." Us older folks will know what that means. One time, I absent- mindedly left my purse on the top of my car and drove off. The contents of my purse scattered in between the newly divided highway on 69. Jack must have been the first on the scene, but being the gentleman he was, didn't want to look inside a woman's purse to find who it belonged to. So, he gathered up everything and took it to the police department. I am so thankful for kind neighbors like Jack and his whole family. Blessings to you all as you grieve the absence of this good man.

Jackie McFadden - January 29 at 10:16 AM

CR

“ I remember the great fresh pinto beans he sold. He was one of a kind.
Sorry to hear of his passing.

Carolyn Roller - January 28 at 11:45 PM

KJ

“ We will miss Cactus Jack so much. He was a super sweet, decent man and we were blessed to know him all these years. Kristen James (Hickey) family, neighbors

Kristen L James - January 28 at 10:21 PM

GM

“ I remember Jack fondly. We were in the same grades, 1-12 in the Lindale School System. He had a good sense of humor, and was equally good natured. A free spirit, he had no qualms about raising vegetables and selling them beside the road. His family would sometime stay with him at the stand. I had the pleasure of telling his dad, Dr. Roach, that the head of the Dental School at Boston University worked on my teeth and commented, "You have had excellent dental care". That comment was repeated often. Jack, like his family, provided a tradition of public service in Lindale. In his case, being a fine man and a free spirit was his contribution to the public good.

Glenn Mallory - January 28 at 10:19 PM

JB

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Jack at his produce stand. Many sweet memories

Judy Brown - January 28 at 08:44 PM

KD

“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Jack Roach



Karen Damon - January 28 at 06:07 PM