



## Jacques Antoine Germain

July 3, 1945 - November 19, 2014

Jacques Germain, 69, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 19th, 2014 of natural causes. He was born in Algeria on July 3rd, 1945. Jacques, born to French parents, traveled extensively during his youth with his father who worked in public administration for the French government. He lived with his family in several remote French colonies. Along the way he learned many languages. He initially came to the United States as a high school exchange student. He liked the US so much that he returned after earning his college degree in France at The University of Toulouse. Upon his return he settled in Spartanburg, S.C., where he met the love of his life, Carolyn Wells Walker. They married a short while later and started a journey that lasted 45 years. Along this journey, they stopped in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Jacques earned his PhD in Romance Languages, his first love. During his doctoral studies, Jacques and Carolyn welcomed the birth of their only child, their son, Sean Germain. Jacques worked as a professor of languages at several colleges, the last of which was Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. As computer technology evolved, so did Jacques' interest. This interest led to work as a software developer. He ended his career as a manager with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in Jacksonville Florida, from which he retired. When Sean and his family relocated to Portland, Oregon in the Fall of 2012, Jacques and Carolyn decided to start the next great adventure in their life and followed them to Oregon. They took up residence just across the river from Portland in Vancouver, WA. Jacques

enjoyed time with his grandchildren and learning new gardening and lawncare techniques. These were the best days of his life. They were just settling into their new home when Jacques passed peacefully in the night. Jacques was always curious, intensely involved in his work and his family. His family was his whole life and he will be sorely missed by his family, his many friends. Jacques was predeceased by his parents, Pierre Germain and Helene Germain. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Germain, his son and daughter-in-law Sean and Maureen Germain and his three grandchildren, Ashleigh, Reagan, and Kevin. He is also survived by his two brothers Daniel Germain and Jean- Louis Germain.

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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 08:43 PM

MO

“ I am awfully sadden by finding out that Jacques had passed away. I was trying to track him down to connect with him, and came across this page. I worked with him at the Sheriff Office in Jacksonville, he was my manager and friend. He used to tell me: you know Mo, you and I are the only African American in this office. I will miss him dearly. Rest In Peace my brother

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**Mohamed Osman** - June 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ On behalf of the entire Sooriash family of Jacksonville Florida we wish to express our deep condolences on the loss of such a grand person in your husband, father grandfather and brother, Jacques Germain. We will be remembering him and all of you in our thoughts and prayers. God bless all of you. Sincerely, Linda Sooriash

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**David & Linda Sooriash** - December 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

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JD

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I always loved going over to Sean's house, as I could chat with his father about politics (much to Sean's distress) and share a giggle about life. Jacques was a kind soul, warm to others, and always up for a laugh. I regret not coming to Portland to see him these last few years; I would have loved to see him with his grandchildren. Jacques -- you are missed.

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**Jason Dittmer** - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Sean, Maureen, Carolyn and Kids...we are so very sorry for your loss. We know there are no words that make this time easier for you all, but we hope you find comfort in the knowledge that all of your friends, both near and far, are praying for you and loving you through this time.

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**Kelly and Jeremy Paterno** - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Carolyn, words cannot express how heavy my heart is at the news of Jacques' passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Carol Brown** - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ To our dear buddy, You are in our thoughts and certainly we pray for you at the most difficult time. Fun memories and happy days spent with the kids this past year surely bring smiles to your face and warm your heart as you look at that beautiful picture you have shared with us of Jacques. What a great picture to show how truly happy this past year has been! Sean, Maureen, Ashleigh, Reagan, and Kevin are there as a great testimony to the love you all share, in life and for eternity. God bless you all. With love, Dee Dee and Steve

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**Dee Dee and Steve Burr** - December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Jacques was truly an inspirational figure pouring so much of himself into all who new him; enriching the lives of those around him with his sage advice, humor and emotional support. Ultimately, he left a lasting and indelible impression on each of our lives. I am greatly saddened by his passing and my heart goes out to Carolyn, Sean, Maureen, the grandchildren and the rest of his family and community that are suffering this loss. My thoughts and prayers are for comfort during this difficult season.

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**Erin Doty** - December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I wish I could be with you. I love you and will always be here for you.

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**Marti Robinson** - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Carolyn I am so sad to hear of your great loss. I am sending love and prayers for you and your family.

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**Marie Howell** - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ May the Lord watch over you in this sorrowful time. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Rhonda Nettles** - November 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My deepest sympathy in your loss. I worked with Jacques from 2007 until he retired in 2012. He always had such interesting stories to tell. Recently we had conversed via email and he sounded like he was enjoying retirement very much. He will be missed.

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**Billie Hightower** - November 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ Jacques was one of my favorite people to work with at JSO. I have always admired his fascinating stories and his endless thirst for knowledge. It was a sad moment for us when he announced his retirement, but I was comforted by the thought that he would be happy devoting his full attention to being a husband, father and grandfather. I know he cherished those roles more than anything. I am truly heartbroken by his passing and offer my deepest sympathies to his family. I will always carry his memory with me.

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**Cory Zawis** - November 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I am so very shocked and saddened to learn of Jacques' passing. I worked with him for about 20 years (first at Alltel, then at JSO). I know he will be missed by me and by many others. Wherever Jacques went, he brought with him an incredible sense of humor, a genuine compassion for others, and a true understanding of the importance of valuing and nurturing personal relationships. Jacques was always ready to share one of his many colorful adages, an entertaining story from his personal life, some sage advice, a recap of some great cinematic moment, and lots and lots of laughter. I know how truly happy Jacques was to be able to retire and spend more time with Carolyn, Sean, Maureen, and his grandkids. I also know that his being able to spend that time with his family in the paradise of the Northwest was a wonderful added bonus for him. Carolyn, my heart goes out to you, Sean, Maureen, and all of your family at this most difficult time. Bonnie and I are so very sorry for your loss.

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David J. Mesick - November 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I was shocked to here this terrible news. I worked closely with Jacques in Jacksonville Fl. for two decades. My condolences to Caroline and the family. I heard from Jacques not too long ago and I know he was very happy to be so near the grandchildren. I am truly sorry for his untimely passing

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Charles A. Cooper - November 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM