

Jack Robert Wheatley

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Mr. Wheatley was an extra ordinary man. I appreciated his intelligence and business acumen. I also appreciated his generosity and concern for others. He always thought of others first. I worked with Mr. Wheatley for a few years and was always treated with extreme kindness. He was always an example of a Christlike person. His generosity has enriched the lives of many people and especially the students and Brigham Young University. Many people will say of him," Well done thou and faithful servant."

- Kathryn Judd

So sad to hear about Uncle Jack. I am sure there was a wonderful reunion. He was such a Christ-like person. He surely will be missed. May you all be comforted at this time of loss. We are so grateful for our knowledge of life after death.and that we can see our loved ones again if we love righteously. Love you all. Karen

- Karen Wheatley Mendenhall

Dear family, the video was such a lovely tribute to such a nice man and wonderful Uncle. We will always cherish our memories of him and the visits we had with him as he would visit us at our home and on the farm. Jack was always a great example the way he lived his life and concern for us. We appreciated all his kindness to us. May you as a family be blessed and comforted at this time, as you pay tribute to him and honor is legacy. Our love Marshall and Tammie.

- Marshall and Tammie Wheatley

Dear Wheatley Family, I am thinking about you. I was uplifted by the well-tribute to Jack in the obituary. It would be difficult for me to imagine capturing such a devout and legacy filled life as Jack’s in words—but you have succeeded brilliantly in articulating which, of his many accomplishments, was most important to Jack. I came to know Jack as we worked together on The Tech Museum. This project had a steep climb to reach fruition. Jack chaired our building committee after having selected Riccardo Legoretta as the architect with Lucille Packard. Jack steered the course of the building program through the complex San Jose city requirements and the result was

something all associated with the project were proud of. His encouragement to me throughout fundraising trials was one of the main pillars of my success. He accompanied me and another board member, Yvette del Prado, in a call to ask David Packard for a major gift. As we got into the car to drive to Dave's home, Jack said, "We should have a prayer" and then he offered a powerful humble prayer. I never felt more ready to approach a donor— that made a big impression on me and on Yvette. And, yes, Dave said a Big Yes. The lesson from Jack's prayer propelled and inspired me to call upon the Lord in prayer to help me raise the remaining money. Jack's influence and contributions were wide ranging and profound, but as you reflect on his life, I wanted to share with you this example of Jack's faith and courage in making a big project happen with a small gesture of faith that reverberates still 20 years later. I am grateful beyond words for the life and friendship of your father and grandfather—and for the magnificent example of the complimentary partnership of Mary Lois and Jack's life together. Peter Giles

- Peter B Giles

Sorry to hear about the passing of President Wheatley. He was my mission president in the Colorado Denver Mission. I always enjoyed talking with him and seeing his great example on life. He was a great man. Sincerely, Terry and Brenda Hart

- Terry Hart

I'm sorry the virus prevents so many of us from being able to meet with the family & extend our great praise for this wonderful man. Bishop Wheatley was my bishop as a teenager in Palo Alto 1st Ward & he was so kind to me. I loved dancing in the Oakland Temple Pageant, knowing he had been on the team that built it. And sometime while I was in college he came into Provo & found many of us from Palo Alto & took us all out to eat. Such a kind, generous man. I know he spent his life serving others & sharing his talents & money for wonderful causes. It's been nice to reconnect with Tori in Oakley. Condolences to all the family!

- Joanne McGhie Aplanalp

We send our heartfelt condolences to the entire Wheatley family. Foremost in our mind's eye are the kindness, faithfulness, and generosity that Jack and Mary Lois made the core of their life's work together. They will forever be remembered on campus at BYU, and in so many other places and settings. The world is changed because of who they were. We feel so blessed to have had a share in their lives and influence.

- Fred & Robyn Axelgard

To the Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley family, we extend our condolences and best wishes to a wonderful exemplary family. Our Uncle Jack was a quiet pillar for those of us in his extended family. Always kind, always dedicated to what he knew to be right. The world is, without question, a better place because our dear Uncle made a difference in every way, both small and large. We will all miss him but hold hope in re-unitng with the entire Wheatley family eternally.

- Alan & Karla Wheatley

I recall meeting with Jack and Mary Lois at their home in Palo Alto in the late '80s. I was visiting alumni for the University of Utah. Mary Lois was in a wheelchair and Jack was so tender with her. It was evident that they adored each other. We had a wonderful visit. I saw Jack occasionally at various University of Utah functions and was happy when the Wheatleys moved to Utah. Jack was such a dignified gentleman and it was evident that he was a

person of high character. I feel privileged to have known him and know that the University of Utah appreciates all he and Mary Lois did to advance education at the U. I send our condolences and warmest wishes to Charles and the rest of the family. I am sure Mary Lois has welcomed Jack home with a wonderful reunion of family and friends.

- Stephen Warner

It was a pleasure to associate with Brother Wheatley when I was employed by the BYU Development Office. Jack was a straight shooter and knew what he wanted to accomplish with his gifts to the Y. He thought through what he wanted to accomplish in a very concise manner and shared them openly. His desire was always what was best for the University. Mary Lois kept him balanced and they were a powerful couple who served the Lord faithfully. I appreciated getting to know his son, Robert and his wife Lisa, during that time and pray that the comforting influence of the Holy Ghost will be with them and the entire family.

- Paul Warner

The summer I was 17 I worked for Wheatley Construction in California, for almost 3 months, before going back to finish my senior year in high school in Pocatello, Idaho. Uncle Jack coordinated everything and took me to the hardware store to get my first framing hammer and some other tools. I was an apprentice carpenter for him. He had me work on an apartment building starting from the foundation up. Uncle Jack came to the job site a few times and treated me as one of the "men". He also took me to San Francisco a couple of times that summer. That summer's experience was one of the highlights of my life! I have many fond memories of my Uncle Jack. He was also very good to his sister Helen, my mother; and to my younger brother Grant. His generosity to their health and well being was much appreciated. Thank you Uncle Jack for everything. My condolences to the family. Michael Caldwell Michael Caldwell

- Michael Caldwell

While Pres Wheatley made a significant impact on the Colo Denver mission where I served as a missionary, yet his obit only briefly mentions his vast charitable giving that impacted as many lives as his missionary experiences. The Colo Denver mission was the largest mission in the US at the time, covering 1/3 of Wyoming, panhandle of Nebraska, 1/3 of Kansas, a tiny portion of Oklahoma and New Mexico, and then Colorado -- so he had his work cut out for him. But after his missions, he didn't stop and say "I'm done." You may not be aware that he and Sis Wheatley donated generously to BYU helping build additional buildings for the University's expansion, endowing a professorship chair & setting a scholarship fund for children of Colo Denver missionaries - which fund my son benefited. He & Sis Wheatley's efforts laid the groundwork for many people to hear and accept the gospel, but also helped members by increasing BYU's ability to accept more students who studied while increasing their faith and preparing to serve missions. I am grateful for the Wheatley's efforts and know that he has now joined with his wife where free of physical complaints, they are now serving the Lord once again by teaching those who died without hearing the gospel.

- Chuck Newton

Dearest Cousins, Thank you so much for making today's service available to us! I was grateful to "be there" for this tribute to gentle, kind and brilliant servant, Uncle Jack. His is the Christmas card I've saved each year. His inspired me to send the same greeting of Christ and art at Christmas. I've been thinking about each of you missing your sweet dad since he passed and I know Jesus is right there comforting you. Love you all! Andrea

- Andrea Sharp

To the Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley Family: We grieve with you at the passing of your father, Jack Wheatley, but rejoice in his joining your dear mother, Mary Lois. Jack Wheatley's career was beyond unique. It was incredible. Thank you for the wonderful obituary you published, which we read and admired and rejoiced in his wonderful example of service to family, Church, and community. We know that your faith and love for the Savior will sustain you at this time. Without the hope of the resurrection and a life after death, the loss of a loved one would be intolerable. But knowing what we know about the Lord and His divine plan of salvation helps us endure temporary separation from our loved ones. We are sorry that the current restrictions and our own vulnerabilities prevent us from being at either the viewing or the funeral. We trust you will understand. President Dallin H. Oaks Kristen M. Oaks

- Dallin H. Oaks

I was so saddened to hear of Jack’s passing.He was one of the most kindest and gentlest people I have had the privilege to know.Each year we would attend together the annual West Point Founder’s Day Celebration where we would reminisce about our days at West Point with many of the graduates who attended.He was so proud of West Point.During the sports season we would both root for the Army and BYU teams.Please extend my sympathy to your entire family and let them know how much we share their pain at this sad time- Recalling a phrase from our West Point Alma Mater- “And when our work is done, Our course on earth is run, May it be said,”Well done” Be thou t peace.” Well done Jack Wheatley- Be Thou At Peace.

- Jim Beierschmitt

This earthly world has lost a true gentleman and wonderful example of hard work, deep love and service to so many others in through the various parts of his life. We loved reading his beautifully written obituary, that was an indication of the deep influence for good to so many people, wherever he went. and the part of his life when or wherever they knew him . We knew him through several activities at BYU. As new members of the PLC he was so welcoming and kind to us. As new members of the BYU PLC, Jack repeatedly supported and welcomed us. He was always so friendly and pleasant to us. We will miss him and his smile and strong handshake. He seemed to live a exemplary life, influencing others for good by leading, teaching and loving and giving to other people. He was a hard charging worker and leader and through his generosity and philanthropy he has influenced so many others. We are impressed with how many ways he served and loved others. We send his family our love and respect, as we have met and interacted with a number of his posterity. Sincerely, Russ and Nina Booth, Salt Lake City, UT (We were out of town for 10+ days and missed seeing the Obituary, or would have offered our thoughts earlier)

- Russ and Nina Booth

Often I ponder about the many kindnesses and love that I have learned from President Jack R. Wheatley from serving my mission in the Denver Colorado Mission. His example of leadership, commitment to doing our best in any circumstance. At times I wonder if I measure up and ask if I am doing the best I can to make the world a better place. Am I invested in the right things and making a contribution to this world? It is this compass that I reflect upon. Jack will always be a standard and example that helps me on my journey of life. Thank you and peace be to all of you his family.

- Marvin Alspaugh

May Peace Be with You…. And All of us Around the Wiorld■■■ Indeed Grateful to have been Welcomed in Carmel & a Joy to Remember Times shared. What an Amazing Journey! I live in Mississippi & I was invited to spend Time with Mr & Mrs Wheatley in their Home, having shared Conversation while walking on Beach ….. He said…. I want you to meet my Wife. On subsequent Visits we shared Time as I was in the area for continuing Education, in the Classroom & Bedside….Community College Faculty Member.. . World Traveler….Calked to meet the People of the World, GRATEFUL Gift of Friendship Shining Light■. Thank You!! That I was Taught to Love. GRATEFUL …. Treasured Memories Thank You■

- Kasandra Reynolds