



John "Jack" Willard Mirick

November 15, 1932 - March 9, 2026

John "Jack" Willard Mirick (November 15, 1932 – March 9, 2026) lived a life marked by faith, service, and devotion to both his family and the Lord.

Jack was born on November 15, 1932, in South Chatham, New Hampshire, to John H. Mirick and Elizabeth S. Mirick. He spent most of his young life in Simsbury, Connecticut. From there, his life through military service would take him across the country and around the world before settling in South Carolina.

While attending Pilot Training in Greenville, Mississippi, Jack attended Church Training where he met Ann Curtis, who would become his lifelong partner. They were married 66 years during which they built a family, shared decades of faithful service to the Lord, and loved each other well.

Jack served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force, entering the service in 1954 and later being commissioned as an officer. During his Air Force career, he served as both a navigator and pilot, and was assigned to the 41st Military Airlift Squadron operating from Charleston Air Force Base.

During his one-year tour in Vietnam, Jack participated in demanding aerial missions that included coordinating rescue missions and refueling operations for helicopters. During one mission, two helicopters had been damaged and were attempting to return to their home ship. Jack and his crew helped support and escort the aircraft safely back to the ship. For his skill and courage in this mission, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the United States military's highest honors for heroism or exceptional achievement in flight. In 1974, after 20 years of service, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force.

After retiring, he began his second career as a math teacher where he found great joy in educating middle school students. You would often find him tutoring before school, during his lunch, and after school. For 17 years his love for students and his desire for them to

succeed was evident.

As a devoted follower of Jesus, Jack faithfully served the Lord at Summerville Baptist Church. Over the many years he was a part of the church family, he ministered to others through numerous roles, including RA leader, member of the Audio team, Church Training Director, greeter and deacon. In recognition of his decades of faithful service as a deacon, he was honored by the church as a "Deacon for Life."

Perhaps Jack's most visible ministry was faithfully greeting at the church doors for over 40 years, offering a warm welcome week after week to all who entered. In later years, he shared this role with his wife, Ann. Throughout his life, he was truly the hands and feet of Jesus to many.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Ann C. Mirick of Summerville; his children Nina Moede (Chuck), Elizabeth Mirick, Anita Gabriel (Darien), and Judy Mirick; his grandchildren Karen Burnette (John), Melissa Moede, Kelsi Templeton (Ethan), Samantha Dickert (Codie), Jennifer Cheers (Jonathon), and Emma McConnell (Matthew); and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two of his siblings Barbara Mapes of Florida and Paul Mirick of Virginia.

Jack entered the presence of his Lord and Savior on March 9, 2026. His life reflected quiet faithfulness - serving his country with honor, impacting his students selflessly, serving his church with humility, loving his family with devotion, and loving the Lord whole-heartedly.

His funeral will be held at Summerville Baptist Church on Friday, March 13 at noon preceded by visitation hours from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The burial with military honors will follow the service at Dorchester Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Summerville Baptist Disaster Relief or Water Missions International.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Summerville Baptist Church
417 Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Summerville Baptist Church
417 Central Avenue
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

MAR 13 (ET)

Dorchester Memory Gardens
11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Jack and I were close acquaintances in his earliest years of him serving in the Air Force (in Charleston area) and our family were fairly newcomers to Summerville ourselves. My parents purchased a large estate and set up a few apartments within the property and Jack moved into one of those! Our family were members.....and I still am a member of Summerville Baptist! My parents were very impressed with Jack and he was a truly enthusiastic fellow and was obviously quickly in love with Summerville. I became a bit of a little sister figure around him. He was truly kind. We of the youth of Summerville Baptist often had socials in my parents' living room. The fireplace was used for marshmallow roasts and silly games teenagers enjoy who were of the church (decent) crowds. He had a girlfriend for a brief time during this time. He developed future dreams of moving back to Summerville in his future.....and he did exactly that. Prior to his return he found his remarkable wife, Ann, from far away as y'all know. Truly, I've always fully admired her. In my story, I did find a fellow who grew up in Summerville and joined the Air Force after graduating from high school and also was of a family of Summerville Baptist. He was another Jack.....Jack Delk. By the way, I remember meeting Jack Mirick's mother once or twice during the very earliest years of knowing him! Summerville offered the life fulfilled the life that Jack Mirick desired. I can say the same for me. I feel blessed to the fullest from my life as Mrs. Jack Delk. I can imagine Ann would say the same as she became the spouse of Jack Mirick. I love so many special memories of all the decades of life in Summerville! My condolences to all the beautiful family of Jack Mirick!!!!

Joyce Delk - March 15 at 07:52 PM

MW

“ A good and kind man. After many decades I still remember how well Mr. Mirick treated some of us boys in the neighborhood although we probably needed a knot jerked into us sometimes. That would have been well deserved!
We'll understand it all by and by...Rest in Peace Sir.
Mike Weathers

Michael Weathers - March 11 at 07:34 PM



“ He was such a great guy. I was lucky to have him as my Math teacher in school. I'll miss you Sir. May you rest in peace. Lord, please watch over his family and friends!

David Shwec - March 11 at 04:08 PM

TA

“ I'm sure I am one of many who has been honored to serve and thus love Jack & Ann.

Jack taught me many things, but the greatest lesson he modeled was to humbly and completely love your spouse. Once I told him of some of the beautiful lessons I've learned from watching him, and he looked towards me and said, "I'm the man I've become because of the woman sitting in that chair"(as he pointed to his beloved, Ann).

I will miss you, sir, but I am so joyful knowing that Love came to bring you home. You've lived a life... Well Done

terri anderson - March 10 at 04:48 PM

PM

“ My big brother. May you rest in peace.

Paul Mirick - March 10 at 04:39 PM

JD

Dear Paul, I was one to know Jack in his earliest times when he first found Summerville! He rented a small suite of rooms in my parents' home in Summerville. I became a bit like a younger sister as he was six years my elder! My family had discovered and moved to Summerville only a short time prior to him coming here. My parents were really hard workers as members of Summerville Baptist too! I eventually married another fella of Summerville Baptist, and eventually renewed some friendship with Jack and Ann as we raised out families at this wonderful town and this precious church! Jack and Ann were devoted and special. We all suffer loss now. Many special memories to recall. You will find my tribute to the entire family in another part of this collection of tributes. God bless the Mirick family!

Joyce Delk - March 17 at 02:34 PM