



Mr. Daniel Jack Downs

August 30, 2016

In loving memory:

Daniel Jack Downs passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. He will be terribly missed by all who knew him. Loving the outdoors, he was adventurous and caring of his wife of 37 years, Cindy and his loving dog Bella.

Cindy and Jack backpacked extensively through the Sierras with their dog Mac. They enjoyed going to most of Candace's ski races around the Tahoe area and to her Junior Olympics competition at Mount Bachelor, OR. They would travel to Italy on their anniversary every couple of years. The relatives in Italy loved Jack. Jack would teach them hand signals only his CalTrans coworkers and him would use. Jack loved to cross the road from their home in Truckee and fish the Truckee River. He enjoyed backcountry skiing and watching major sporting events with his very good friends Duncan and Craig. Cindy and Jack enjoyed many, many good friends in Truckee. They lived in the Tahoe-Truckee area for over 37 years and had a wonderful life together.

Jack worked at Amerigas Truckee for 20+ years, and then for CalTrans for the last 15+ years as a plow operator, keeping roads such as Emerald Bay safe. Jack was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1955, went to Bishop Grimes High School and graduated Drexel University as a TKE.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Cindy, loving daughter Candace, grandson

Braden, his loving mother Jill Downs of Saint Louis, MO., his brother Chis, wife Judi and their son Kevin and daughter Maureen, sister Teresa, husband Van and their son Alex. All of the Saint Louis area. Sister-in-laws Aunt C of Truckee and Denise Schick and her son Colin of Sacramento, and including many more loving family members of the Downs family.

Viewing Tuesday September 6, 3-7PM, at the Truckee Mortuary

Service September 8, 3PM at the Assumption Catholic Church
10930 Alder Drive, Truckee.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Downs aka Nona - July 23, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CN

You would be so proud of your grandson Braden! He is quite the ball player at 8 years old . Life is crazy . We miss you ❤️ we love you ❤️

Cynthia Downs aka Nona - July 23, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CD

“ Hi my love , Heavenly anniversary today 41 years Candace Braden and I and Sydnie went to Olive Garden !! No they didn't have the never ending pasta bowl like you would liked but nothing else is open so I know that would've been the pick for us to go to dinner it was nice it's just not the same without you so many beautiful memories of you Jáck so much I want to tell you I wish I could call you I wish I could hug you I wish I could kiss you I just wish I could wrap my arms around you and hold you💔 I wish you could hold me tight like you used to and tell me it was OK I missed that !!! our house is in escrow and Truckee it should've closed on 30 September but with this Covid stuff no appraisers are available so we're hoping to close it on October 12 such a hard thing going through this alone !! I know you'd like the couple their newly engage and they want to live there and start their life there they love the fact that it has a creek and just so happens it's someone that we kind a know so I hope you're OK with that I know they'll take good care of the house and ruin it !! I wish you were here I'll always love you with all my heart💙 Please keep us safe and kiss Bella boo for us I love you Jáck XOXO

Cynthia Downs - October 08, 2020 at 01:22 AM

CD

Hi my love , it's been a while since I've come to this page it's so hard it brings tears to my eyes every time no matter what💔 My heart will never be whole again I hope you took Bella Boo fishing yesterday she would've been 16 it was her birthday I know you guys were together doing something fun .. I talked to Jim Byrnes a lot it's usually about you he misses you as well!! Umpy Joe is doing a lot better I'm so glad.. The people that bought our house in Truckee have built a big fence around the back end of it you might think it would be ridiculous but it will keep their animals safe I wish we had one to keep our safe when we live there but it's OK they love the house and that's all I can ask for because you are there and they are taking good care of you I know we always talked about that time if one of us was gone and what I would do if it were me that ended up being there and I had said to you many of times I would sell it or tear it down Selling it was the best option and the love they have I'm sure will keep I love alive ❤️ our grandson is going to be six this year I talk to him every day about you every day you get mentioned I hope you feel the love we have for you he starts kindergarten this year please keep him safe from the school bullies I know that every bus every school has them so please help him control his self his temper and he will be safe with you watching over him with you watching over all of us we will all be safe you'll always be in my heart my love for you will never end !! I love you Jack Downs forever and a day💕XoXo

Cynthia Downs - July 09, 2021 at 11:32 AM

CD

“ Jack you are the love of my life and I miss you so much.. I can't believe it's been 6 months and it seems so long ago I was able to tell you how much I love you and miss you, not a day goes by that I do t think about you .. our grandson Braden is growing and says your name and kisses your photo every time we show him your picture !! Please watch over us and keep us safe always and forever in our hearts ❤️ We love you 💙 We miss you 🧸XOXOXOXO

Cynthia Downs - March 08, 2017 at 04:31 PM

CD

Think about you my love ❤️ every day I miss you more and more !! I really need to hold you and you to hold me to tell me it's all going to be ok ... I play your voice every day so I can hear you say you love me..7 long months have passed and so many things I need to ask you !!! I / we love you we miss you so much !!! I'll never be the same without you 🍷
🍷🍷XOXOXO🙏❤️💙🙏😊please keep us safe 🙏😊

Cynthia Downs - April 01, 2017 at 03:39 AM

CD

Jack , it's now over a year and I still haven't moved on 💔 my heart still hold you close as if it just happened !! I can't go in our home because it's just not our home it feels so wrong there !! I know you loved that house and like your Dad you died there as your Dad died in the house he liked !! I'm building a new house out by bordertown and tootsie and joe live out there I really like it out there .. our dog Bella is sick with cancer and the vet gave her 8 months or sooner 💔 AGAIN my heart is ripped out !!! As you know she is the best dog ever 💔 I have so much to tell you and I so need you to talk to !! Please send me a message that you are watching over me and Candace and Braden and Aunt C !!! P/S Your Mom is doing ok I promise I will go see her and Zia Maria is no longer walking real far but my cousin's are looking after her !! My heart is never going to be the same without you 💔 remember I will always love you 💙 I hope your fishing in heaven and telling lots of great stories about us as you always did !! I love you Jáck 🙌 The 4 finger wave just so you know .. Cal-Trans takes good care of the plowing at our house it's helps a lot !!! I love you Jáck Down forever and a day 🍷💔🙏🍷XOXOXO My love 🍷🍷

Cynthia Downs - December 11, 2017 at 07:12 AM

CD

Type -O : Jáck Downs lol no I haven't forgot how to spell our name lol I can hear you now !!! 💔🍷XOXOXO

Cynthia Downs - December 11, 2017 at 07:18 AM

CD

Hi my love it seems like a life time ago sense you left this world 💔 my heart is still in pain and I have never missed you so much !!! It's so hard to get on with life not a day goes by that I don't say your name or talk about you or just kiss your photo and I'm so thankful to have your voice on a old message on my phone, I will keep that forever !!! Our grandson Braden is growing so fast and knows how to count and read at age 2 & 1/2 wow he's got your brain so thank you for that !! How'd you get so smart lol READING YAY !!! As you always said !!! He reminds me of you in a lot of ways 💙 he has a hat with a snow plow on it and says he wants to ride with you in the plow 🙄 he knows about you I tell him stories about you all the time !!! It's been 17 months and I still cry every day ,I just miss you and love you so much !!! I have been trying to keep busy I'm buying a new house in Reno and thinking about selling our house in Truckee or not , just not sure what to do yet !!! I need you I miss you I love you and will always cherish you and our life together !! Please watch over us all and keep us safe 🕶️ I LOVE YOU JÁCK 💙

Cynthia Downs - March 29, 2018 at 09:11 AM

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Cynthia Downs - March 29, 2018 at 09:11 AM

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Hi my love , last night I know you called for Bella to come home 💔 she was 13 and her cancer tumor took over her and she was in pain , I know you missed her as much as she missed you 🐾🐾 so remember when you take her fishing 🎣 that you promised me you would never come home with out her if she ran off you would find her 😭 I know she is now with you and as much as that hurts me it's got to be ok 💙💜 she missed you as much as I do and now I have lost the last thing in life that we have of corse I love our daughter and our grandson Braden !!! But Bella was the BEST DOG EVER unconditional love she gave us all !!! I know when you put MAC down how you felt that is how I felt last night when Bella needed help crossing the rainbow bridge so please watch over us and orotect us as Bella did when you left us 💋 Braden pulled on her mutly foot and she pulled it back just like when you used to do that to her, Bella gave Braden one last kick to both of us and joined you 😭 I miss her already and I will always love you both forever and a day !! Please remember to watch us all you will forever be in my heart 💔💜💙💋🎣🐾🐾 I miss you my love take good care of our dog as she did us 💜💙🎣🐾🐾💔💋

Cynthia Downs - July 28, 2018 at 09:29 AM

CD

I just have to say at age 2 and a half our grand son loved Bella as much as we do he would say that's my Bella and she loved that 💜💙💔🐾🐾

Cynthia Downs - July 28, 2018 at 09:33 AM

CD

Hi My love on August 27,2018 as you know Bella Boo joined you and it ripped me up as if it was our teenage daughter 💔 I know she's a dog but as you know she was a great dog and she loved you and loved going fishing with you so please I hope you met her at the rainbow bridge with your fishing pole in hand because she never stop looking for you and now she has found you so go fishing and be with her and think of us , please take good care of her don't lose her and never come home without her she depends on you now and I'll miss you both forever , you're always in my heart 🐾🐾💖💙 I can't believe we're coming up on that two-year anniversary of when you were taken for bigger and better things 💔 please take good care of her don't lose her and never come home without her she depends on you now and I'll miss you both forever you're always in my heart I can't believe were coming up on that two-year anniversary of when you were taken for bigger and better things 💔 my heart is so empty 💔 yes I have Candace and our grandson Braden but my heart is not full !!!! I love you forever and a day as we always used to say to each other , now you have Bella someday we will all meet again and be a family I love you with all my heart please take good care of our dog 🐾🐾💖💙😘 xoxo 😭

Cynthia Downs - August 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM

CD

July 27th 2018 Bella joined you correction as you know to the above note !! I so miss her and I miss you more than ever 💔XoXo

Cynthia Downs - August 28, 2018 at 09:26 AM

CD

Hi my love here we are going on 2 years in two days on the 30 of August the day that changed my life forever 💔 I talk about you so much and our life together I really miss you and now Bella is gone , yes I know I still have our daughter and grandson Braden but our life in Truckee I miss together we had a lot of adventures and fun not always good but always made up for those times !!! You always took such good care of us THANK YOU FOR THAT !!! I will forever love you and I play your voice so much it helps me hear your always there 🙏😎💋😭 xoxo 😭

Cynthia Downs - August 28, 2018 at 09:33 AM

CD

Happy 40th wedding anniversary Jack 🥂💙 !! Today will always be special to me 😭 I will always love you and I will FOREVER hold a special place in my heart !!! I hope your going to Chinese food and fishing today read the paper play in your recliner and do what you love 💙 I love you Jáck more than words can say please watch over us my love 😘 forever and a day 💙 I love you xoxoxo 🥂💋

Cynthia Downs - October 07, 2019 at 08:38 AM

CD

I want to tell u so much !! Happy Birthday yesterday and can u believe the 2nd our daughter turned 40 wow she said a plow came down her street for the first time ever in reno lol so made her day she knew you were with her on her 40th !! Yesterday was hard you would have been 64 and you always said you would be younger than me well your right again FOREVER YOUNG !!! I made you guys your favorite carrot 🥕 cake cream cheese frosting and did a birthday song , our grand son Braden is 4 now and he knows all about you lol we talk about you all the time and he knows your watching over us and keeping us safe !!! I love you and will Cherish you forever and our memories will never die !!! Our home in TRUCKEE is almost empty now and I asked Ritchie to help fix it .. I'm going to sell it !! It's bitter sweet you would be proud of how it looks empty lol !!! I love you tons and miss you every waking minute .. keep us safe my love 😘😭💋 xoxoxo I LOVE YOU

Cynthia Downs - December 04, 2019 at 10:19 AM

CD

I love you Jack Downs my angel 😇 xo

Cynthia Downs - December 04, 2019 at 10:20 AM

CD

Hi my love , always thinking about you 💙 and Bella 💋 well so much for growing old together my 60 BD was nothing like my 50th I miss you so much !!! I still cry for you a lot I don't think this is ever going to stop !! Our TRUCKEE house is getting a inside makeover and is better than when we bought it !! It's almost ready to put on the market and I told you I'd be doing this if something ever happened to you and I guess you had bigger problems than I or you ever dreamed with your health !! Had I known you were sick we could have fixed it I don't know it's still so shocking your not here with me !!! So much more going on in life and the world today !! Our grandson Braden is getting so big and he's always asking questions about you and I show him pictures of you / us and he loves hearing the stories !! Your dodge will live on I donated it to a 24 year old guy who I know you would like who wants to restore it !!! I wish you were here so bad .. I want you to know how much I love you and miss you and I think about you tons 💙😭 forever in my heart and on my mind !! I love you JACK DOWNS 💋 Fish a lot and kiss our BellaBoo for us 💋💋 XoXo

Cynthia Downs - May 29, 2020 at 08:41 AM

CD

Well my love I hope you know how much I love you and I miss you so much I hope you know how much I love you and I miss you so much!! Today was a rough day I locked our front door for the last time we've sold the house it's a young couple and they want to live there so I hope they can grow there like we did they're super nice I think you would like them when I left I said take a care of you and I put some of your ashes in our creek so you'll always be in cabin Creek 😭💙 I can't believe I actually sold the house but I need to be able to go on with my life as much as I miss you and Bella boo and all of our animals actually I still have to take care of the title to your truck Little man's gonna have that and I know you'll be happy with that because he's going to make it run again I think you would like him he's a good kid pretty much the same age as you got your truck he is now I love that kid !!! Our grandson Braden will be five years old Jáck on the 19th he's growing so fast I wish you could hold him like I can but I hold him extra tight for you he asks about you all the time he wants to be like you and boy oh boy he reminds me of you I love it so just know that our house is gone you're gone Phyllis gone kitty Mac Rambo brown dog China star they're all gone kilo but your memory will live forever in my heart and all of memories together !! I love you Jack 💙💋😭 i'm sure I'll never find another Jáck or anyone close to you you are so smart funny dumb loving mean and who's not I should talk !! The thing that bums me out the most we are growing old together and that hurts so remember to watch over us please and keep us safe we love you Jáck forever and a day XOXO

Cynthia Downs - October 16, 2020 at 12:05 AM

CD

Wow where to begin ... Jack I sold our home today 10-20-2020 at 11:11 escrow closed they say that 11:11 is the angel sign 😇 I know you are my angel and will always keep us safe I miss you so much my house meant a lot to me I know we talked about that it was bittersweet but like I told you earlier last week I was a young couple newly engaged and it was their first home and they wanted to live in it so it's not a Ski lease for them that was why I decided they were the couple... I Will never forget our memories there are our last days there.. I sprinkled some of your ashes in cabin creek and around our home there and I promise to add some in the river soon !! It's been four long years without you I don't know how I've done it or how I will continue doing it but it's time for me to be selfish I guess in a way and start a new life but you will always be the hugest part of my life 💙😇 I love you forever and a day JACK DOWNS 08-30-2016 10-20-2020

Cynthia Downs - October 21, 2020 at 02:06 AM

CD

Hi my love , it now the end of February 2021 and so much has changed .. I thought it would get better after the TRUCKEE house was gone and the burden has lifted but the pain of selling our home is still there so bitter sweet knowing your soul is still there and I'm not 💔 I had to move on and I hope you under stand it's so bittersweet and the best thing is Aunt C isn't always having to dig out the tank and keep the house driveway clear and Maintance what a hugh weight liftoff her I'm sure and off me for sure .. she is amazing as you know and has been there for me / us the whole time as I'm sure you know .. she is AMAZING and so strong .. going on 5 years this year in August it seems like yesterday that we lost you always so fresh in my mind .. our grandson Braden is so smart and is growing up so fast he has lost 1 tooth and is loosing another tooth any day.. I tell him stories about you every chance I get .. you know he wants to wear your Barney's and they are just to big right now lol .. he's always asking questions about you and what you liked and I always tell him how proud you would be of him .. I talked to your BFF Jimmy Byrnes alit and always about you he loves you and misses you also he has great childhood stories of you and him and I love hearing the stories !! Please kiss BellaBoo for me and take her fishing I'm sure you both are side by side and know how much I love you and her always in my heart and for ever in my thoughts .. I so miss you both 💙💜🐾 I love you so much 💋💋 xoxo

Cynthia Downs - February 25, 2021 at 09:14 AM

CD

Sunglasses 🕶 not Barney's lol

Cynthia Downs - February 25, 2021 at 09:18 AM

AB

Cynthia. I never met you. But Jack was one of my best friends in college. And then after college we traveled around the country until we winded up in Lake Tahoe. We ran out of money and had to get jobs at a casino there. It was back in 1977 or so. I ultimately ended up leaving and I guess Jack ended up staying. I miss him very much. We had such an amazing short time at Drexel and then thereafter together. I will never forget Jack. What an amazing man. Best, Andy

Andrew Braun - July 10, 2025 at 08:08 PM

TN

“ *The Byrnes Family, Syracuse NY purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Mr. Daniel Jack Downs.*



The Byrnes Family, Syracuse NY - September 07, 2016 at
03:23 PM