



Jack C. Pringle

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Jack C. Pringle, 74, of Clinton found comfort being at home and was surrounded by his loving family as he finished his journey home on March 30, 2019, following a courageous battle after being diagnosed in 2017 with PSP progressive supranuclear palsy.

Funeral Services will be 11:00am, Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the First Congregational Church - Clinton. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00pm, Wednesday at the church. A Rose Croix service will conclude the visitation at 7:00pm. Private family burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeff Lakin, Pete Scarano, Dwight Royer, Jim Thompson, Kevin Keister, and Chuck Edelen. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Ron Garrison, Denny Duerling, Peter Gluck, Ray Shackelford, Dave Romont, Don Overland, Dick Roberts, Scott Khwaja, Tom McEleney, and Dick Kissack. Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Clark Pringle was born on August 22, 1944 in Mason City, Iowa, the son of Verne and Maxine (Bower) Pringle. He was raised in Garner, Iowa and graduated from high school there in 1962. He would later graduate from the University of Iowa in 1966 with a bachelors degree. He continued his education with a masters degree in 1971 and earned his education specialist degree in 1979 from the University of Iowa.

Jack met Joan M. Stephenson at the University of Iowa in 1963. They would later be married on August 6, 1966 in Mediapolis; from their union two great sons were born. He would start his career in education starting as a junior high teacher in Lisbon, and would eventually become a principal from 1966-1972. He and Joan would move to Clinton in 1972, and he was the principal at Elijah Buell for 30 years retiring in 2002.

Jack was an avid reader, Dodger and Hawkeye fan. He loved to play cards, traveling, especially enjoying 8 winters in Destin, Florida. Music was an integral part of each day and played the tuba for the University of Iowa marching band and the Riverside Brass, and drums for the KAABA



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Shrine Oriental Band. He enjoyed gardening and was a master gardener at the Bickelhaupt Arboretum.

Jack was very active in the community and church. He enjoyed volunteering and was apart of many organizations including: the Optimist Club, the Eagle Point Nature Society board, First Congregational Church trustee, church choir, Western Star Lodge #100, and Clinton Scottish Rite Bodies. He was named in 1974 as the Clinton Kiwanis young educator of the year. Through the years Jack remained in contact with his former pupils and called them by name.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 52 years: Joan of Clinton; two sons: Jason (Julie) Pringle of Waukee, Iowa; Joshua Pringle of Des Moines, Iowa; two grandchildren: Jameson and Josephine Pringle of Waukee; two brothers: Jerry Pringle of Mason City, Iowa, and Joe Pringle of Desoto, Wisconsin; three nephews and a niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, step sister: Verna Ruth; mother-in-law; Violet Stephenson, father-in-law: John M. Stephenson; brother-in-law: John A. Stephenson; two sisters-in-law: Carolyn Pringle and Suzy Pringle.

Memorials can be contributed in Jack's name to Genesis Hospice, Shriners Children's Hospital, First Congregational church, or Cure PSP.



Events

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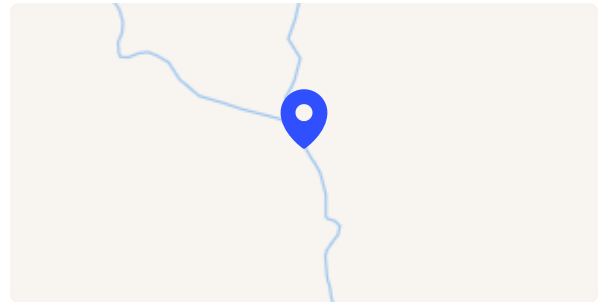
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Visitation

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

First Congregational Church
Clinton IA 52732

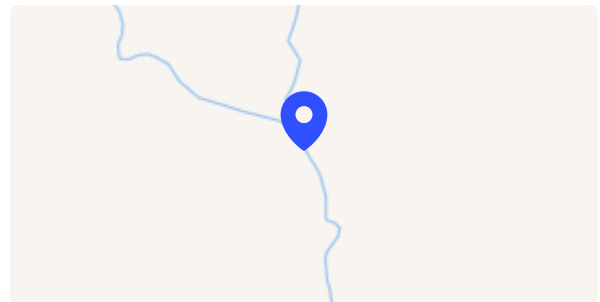


Service

Thursday, April 4, 2019

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM CT

First Congregational Church
Clinton IA 52732



Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery
Clinton IA





Tribute Wall

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KK

Kristin Kusmirek posted:

Sincere heartfelt condolences to Mr. Pringle's family and friends. He was an amazing soul. I was a student at Elijah Buell in the 1970s, and his influence and actions as a principal were life-changing for me. My family was in distress during those years, and he scooped me up--as I'm sure he did for so many other young people--and provided safety, comfort, and hope. He taught a handful of us extra math lessons, teaching us some basic stats to apply at school sports events. He seemed genuinely excited to show me the large art work from my generation, still proudly resident in the stairwell when I visited the school in my early twenties, my name painted in the corner, I believe. He was so happy that I'd gone on to college--a natural outcome in my mind, but not for him and others who knew the potential impact of life's challenges--and it's not lost on me that my graduate degrees in education were, no doubt, a product, in part, of the impacts he'd made in my early years. Thank you so much, Jack Pringle, for everything. You'll live on in so many ways.

April 25 at 7:22 AM

SC

Sandi Campie posted:

Jack was the kindest principal I had the pleasure of working with. I will remember his smile and great love of children always. My prayer for him and his family.

April 4 at 12:55 PM

JU

Judy posted:

My deepest sympathy to all of you. I went to school a lot of years with Jack and we graduated from Garner-Hayfield together in 1962. Jack was always such a good guy and so much fun. Seemed like he was always laughing about something or making us laugh!! Enjoyed him so much at our last class reunion. He will be missed so much by all. God bless you, Judy Schlawin Wellendorf, Elkader, IA

April 4 at 6:38 AM

CE

Chuck Edelen posted:

Jack was my best friend in High School and beyond. We did sports together, traveled long distances, worked together, got into trouble together and played together. We were in each others weddings. I know you are going to a much better place with out pain but i'm still going to miss you Jack. Love to Joan and the Family. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace.Chuck Edelen

April 3 at 7:50 AM



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Sherri Dewitt posted:

I was a student at Elijah Buell grades k-5 and i remember how his kind smile would be very comforting and joyful to me. One time I and another girl had done a 4th grade art project and he admired it so much that he put it up in his OFFICE! I was so thrilled! I was so honored that he would be proud enough to display OUR project. He kept it up for YEARS! Such a sweet man. He will be missed by many.

April 3 at 7:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Pringle family.



April 2 at 8:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Pringle family.



April 2 at 3:44 PM



Lynnette Murphy sent a virtual gift in honor of Jack.

Dear Joan and Family, I am so sorry about hearing of Jack's passing. I remember working as a Sub-Paraeducator at Buell, when I would come into the office, he would smile and greet me. He always say, "Thank you for coming in, Have a Good Day." When you started coming to FBC, I was on the Fellowship after church. I would make sure he would get a cookie. He would smile and was always polite. I would see him when I sang in the choir, he seemed to love to hear us sing. What memories I will always have of Mr. Pringle. Love You All, Lynnette Murphy



April 2 at 5:39 AM



Lori A Snyder lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Joan and familyl will forever remember the years of working at Elijah Buell as cook! And seeing his smiling face every morning. Jack is someone who was a great leader in his career of being there for all of his kids throughout the years as a principal. His family is in my prayersLori Snyder



April 2 at 4:16 AM



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Debi Van Sant posted:

Joan and family I never saw Jack without a smile on his face and that is how I will always remember him! Thinking of all of you. Debi Van Sant

April 1 at 8:39 PM



Kirby Hall posted:

I love that picture of Jack. It truly captures the spirit and joy he exuded. He was a great educator, leader and positive influence on all around him. It was an honor to work alongside Jack for four years in the mid-eighties. God rest Jack's soul and support and comfort those left behind. Kirby Hall

April 1 at 6:53 PM



Shari Ruehling posted:

Joan and family, Chuck and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of Jack. He will truly be missed by all. If you need anything, please let us know. We are praying that you find comfort in the memories that he has left behind. Sincerely, Chuck and Shari Ruehling

April 1 at 5:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pringle family.



April 1 at 4:47 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Pringle family.



April 1 at 1:59 PM



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MH

Mary Gleissner Halverson posted:

Though I had moved on to the military when Jack and Joan joined our neighborhood, they created such a warm presence that it was like my parents and I had always known them. As my parents approached their nineties, there were inevitable health problems, and I was living in Texas. I could not have managed their needs without all that Jack and Joan did...it's really a debt that can never be repaid...but they were and are so very forthcoming in offering to help...including providing leadership in anticipation of future required action. Joan, I am shocked and can't even find the words, but thanks to y'all for everything; Mary and I are so very regretful in receiving the news. Thanks for your superlative hospitality upon our past visits...all the best to Jay and Josh. Don and Mary Halverson

April 1 at 12:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pringle family.



April 1 at 9:20 AM

DN

Dorothea Steege Ollenburg Neumann posted:

Jack was a classmate of mine. There are many memories: listening to the Dodgers baseball game during school in 6th grade (might have been recess or lunchtime- he was a Jackie Robinson fan), as my 'little' brother in our Jr class play, band contest etc...the list goes on and on. My sympathies to Joan and the rest of the family. His loss will certainly be a big void.

April 1 at 8:32 AM

EH

Ed Hupfer posted:

We have known the Pringle family every since we moved to the area in the 70's. Our paths crossed in many ways. Our daughter had Joan as her kindergarden teacher, when I started subbing Jack was an excellent principal (always checked on how a sub's day was going). Jack and I (ed) were members of the Kaaba Shrine Oriental Band. We had the honor of being the youngest members of the band. Many years Jack and Joan opened up their home for the annual brat supper. What fun we had! The Pringles were devoted to their family. For many years they were caregivers to Joan's mother. What a joy to have know her! What a loyal Hawkeye fan Jack was! Prayers to Joan, Josh and Jay. Jean and Ed Hupfer

April 1 at 6:33 AM



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Rita Schaeffer lit a candle in honor of Jack.



April 1 at 5:55 AM



Rita Schaeffer April 1 at 6:03 AM

My sincere condolences to all of Jack's family. He was an amazing and truly loved-by-all man. I worked at Elijah Buell while my 2 children attended there and PTA was first and foremost in my life. Jack made every day fun and always ;had a smile on his face. Everyone loved him, especially all the students. He always spoke when I ran into him and asked how my two children were and what they were up to. He would call them by name! (Travis & Tonya) He truly was a gift from God for us all to know. He will be missed tremendously. Rest in Peace and God bless you Jack.



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Pringle family.



April 1 at 5:37 AM



Scott Khwaja posted:

Jack and Joan were essentially my second parents. I did not have luxury of having Jack as my principal but got to really know Jack delivering his Des Moines Register and talking about baseball and the Hawkeyes! Jack's sense of humor, kindness and ability to have empathy for others made him a one of kind. His ability to manage through complexities with staff, students and parents were text book. He always found time for others and was so much into making the world a better place. Jack, I'll miss the great times with our baseball cards, your special connection to Jackie Robinson and all your worldly advice. I do blame you for adding greatly to my Hawkeye love affair, however! Joan, Jason and Josh, please cherish the wonderful memories and tributes that are being shared. Jack meant so much to so many. The Hawkeye Marching Band is playing loudly this morning in Heaven! Scott and Chris Khwaja

April 1 at 4:58 AM



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MR

Marl Ramsey posted:

I was supertendent of schools for 8 years in Clinton that included part of Jack's long and distinguished. There is no doubt about Jack' competence as Principal and educator, he was excellent and it was a pleasure working with him. The most outstanding part of Jack, the Principal was the high quality manner in which he treated students, parents and staff - he was many steps ahead of the norm. Jack the man was also a fun person, and whenever he was around the quality of all conversations got noticeably better. Unless Jack changed his loyalties when he got older, the Hawkeyes lost one of their most enthusiastic boosters. Our deepest symathy to Joan & family. he will be missed by allmarl and gretchen ramsey

April 1 at 4:32 AM

MR

Mark Revland April 1 at 4:51 AM

So it begins as we march forward to the Heavenly Gate.Jack was a terrific class mate and a friend. Heaven is richer today. We miss a wonderful man.My Condolences to the Pringle family. RIP Jack. May the Lord bring comfort to your family. Amen

KN

Karen Nelson posted:

Jack was a wonderful leader, with a quick smile and an easy manner. I am so glad he was part of my connection to the Clinton School system.Karen Nelson

April 1 at 3:13 AM

KP

Kristen French Pelon posted:

I attended Elijah Buell and Mr. Pringle was such a wonderful elementary school principal. I will always remember how special he made me feel each birthday and how funny he was on the morning announcements. I now have a child of my own and I hope he has educators who care as much as Mr. Pringle cared about us. What a wonderful gift he gave all of us.

March 31 at 6:33 PM

CS

Cassie Spenny (Schwartz) posted:

I have so many great memories with him! I guess many of us can all say that a lot of our friendships started with our "Buell" family and he was a major part of it. He meant a lot to me... always believed in me, encouraging me (and all of us) to rise above and be the best we could be. Much love and prayers to the family... Gods bless and rest well Mr Pringle... until we meet again in God's grace.

March 31 at 5:29 PM



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PD

Peggy Lackore Dominguez posted:

Jack is my cousin. I remember him from Garner , Iowa. He is from my grandmother's side of the family. Her name was Hazel Pringle Lackore. The two things I remember most was his wonderful laugh and the great relationship he had with his mother Maxine. Rest in peace and condolences to his families and friends. Love, Peggy Lackore Dominguez

March 31 at 5:20 PM

BR

Bill Rode posted:

My condolences to Jack's family. He was a very great man for sure. He and Joan were always smiling and happy to see you and always there to lend a hand if you needed one. I am proud to say he was a friend and know that all who knew him will feel a great loss of a great man. He walks at God's side now looking down at his flock of young and old that came in contact with him. We will meet again Sir on the other side. Peace to you my friend.

March 31 at 5:13 PM

AR

Allan Rathje posted:

Jack gave my sons their first job at Eagle Point Nature Center. Only Jack could convince them to drag a hose 500 feet to water the deer in mid-winter. As the boys grew and moved on, Jack followed their education. His confidence and support followed them as they became a veterinarian and geneticist. Francie and I remember the research he did for phone-in plant questions as a Master Gardener. Respectfully, he responded to even the most elementary queries. He will be missed and remembered. Allan Rathje

March 31 at 4:53 PM

BB

Bruce Bothwell posted:

Jack was always good to the Lincoln staff. He will be missed much.

March 31 at 4:19 PM

KW

Karl Wolf posted:

Joan and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss but know that Jack now rests in the loving arms of Jesus. May our gracious God grant you and yours a sure and certain hope of the promised resurrection!

March 31 at 4:12 PM



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MC

Misty Cox posted:

Jack was a awesome person.

March 31 at 3:49 PM

LW

Lenny & Sue Weih posted:

Jack Pringle - What a wonderful role model for every school administrator - he stood for everything that is good in educators, no matter what the level!! He touched every child with a smile and a lesson to be learned! Clinton was so blessed to have him in the care and leadership of their children. I know my children were touched so positively by him and they remember him so fondly! Sue and I were so blessed to call all the Pringles our friends! God bless you in this time of sadness but yet joy!!

March 31 at 3:42 PM

LL

Laura Liegois posted:

I enjoyed my years working with him when I was at Clinton County Area Solid Waste Agency during 1997-2007. He would take the tour with the kids. He brought a tire once to get rid of on the school bus! I always loved my conversations when I would be at the school. A wonderful man who touched so many lives! Prayers to his family, friends, and all in the Clinton community who have been touched by Jack Pringle.

March 31 at 3:23 PM

AS

Anne Schmidt posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He always set a wonderful example for his students, their teachers and the entire learning community. He will be remembered by generations of appreciative people. Rest In peace, Jack.

March 31 at 2:59 PM

SM

Sonja Mennenga posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss at this time. Jack was such a neat guy, and did lots for kids.

March 31 at 2:55 PM



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AD

Abby Dietrick posted:

I used to love it, at Elijah Buell, when he would say on the announcements that it was "raining cats and dogs out there"...thank you for making my childhood such a wonderful experience

March 31 at 2:47 PM

KR

Kim Rekemeyer posted:

Jack was a great principal to work for! R.I.P.! He will always hold a special place in my heart

March 31 at 2:32 PM

SH

Sonja Housenga shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



March 31 at 2:30 PM

GM

Gina Miller posted:

Sorry for your loss. Jack gave me my start at teaching and was there for me and my family when my son was born. He introduced us to Shriners. Best thing ever. RIP Jack! Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.

March 31 at 2:21 PM

LP

Lou Parker posted:

So sorry for your loss Joan and family. Jack did so much for so many and touched so many lives.

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Bruce Johnson posted:

It has been an honor to have known Jack Pringle as principal of Elijah Buell, as a brother mason and a noble. He has received his well deserved place in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Joan and family: you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bruce and Beth Johnson.

March 31 at 1:44 PM



Ethel Waldorf March 31 at 2:20 PM

So sorry to hear of his passing. Through PTA and the boards I got to know him and love him. He is easy to remember. The kids all loved him too. He always said hello wherever he saw you. Ethel and Bob and Karin.



Lorrie Schmidt March 31 at 1:54 PM

Sorry to hear about Mr Pringle passing he was a good man and will greatly b missed by all my prayers to his family



Patricia Baker posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr. Pringle's passing. He was a kind man, and the little I knew him, as a bus monitor, then driver, he always made you feel special. He will be missed.

March 31 at 1:12 PM



Suzanne Jordan lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Sorry to hear about Jack. Sending thoughts and prayers to Joan and family. Tom and Sue Jordan

March 31 at 1:03 PM



Jim Lyon posted:

Sorry to hear the loss of jack Pringle. he was my Principal at Elijha Buell and years after I graduated he still remember me. thoughts and prayers to the family. Jim Lyon

March 31 at 1:00 PM



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Carolyn Aiken lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Jack was a good friend through our music- Riverside Brass and the River City Band. He will be greatly missed.

March 31 at 12:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pringle family.

March 31 at 12:22 PM



Joani Kittoe posted:

I am sorry to hear of Jack's passing, I always admired him so much! God Bless you and your family Joan! I know you will find comfort in your wonderful memories !Love and Peace,Joani Kittoe

March 31 at 12:15 PM



Jeff Keister March 31 at 12:59 PM

So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was truly a generous man in his caring of the students at Elijah Buell. We were glad our boys attended Buell when Jack was the principle. I was glad I got to know Jack much better over the last 20 years. He was a great man and will be missed by many. RIP Jack



Cheryl A Mcroberts posted:

My deepest sympathies Joan and boys. I have so many good memories of your Dad and your family. He was always so supportive of me as a new teacher, as a teacher to his children (along with you too of course Joan), as a principal when I worked with him and as a neighbor to so many I know. The nickname "Happy Jack" really fits!!

March 31 at 11:55 AM



Chris & Jim Voss & Family posted:

Mr Pringle was the type of educator who put kids first and always encouraged them so that they would become successful in Life! It's been a blessing to have him be a part of our Elijah Buell Family and May he Rest In Peace!

March 31 at 11:06 AM



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Lyndsi Hanvey posted:

Mr. Pringle was an extraordinary principal. I went to Buell from K-5 and he was so special. I finished 5th grade in 1992. Anytime my mom would run into him he ALWAYS asked about my brothers and I by name, all these years later. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Pringle family.

March 31 at 10:25 AM



Jim Lyon March 31 at 12:59 PM

Sorry to hear the loss of Jack Pringle. He was my Principal at Elijah Buell and years after I graduated he still remembers me. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Jim Lyon



Kathi Sherman March 31 at 11:29 AM

Such a wonderful, kind man, a true gem! RIP Mr. P!



Jennifer Graf posted:

We're so sorry to read about Jack's passing, but celebrate what a good, loving man he was to so many. He adored his wife and sons and was an incredible educator. Hugs for you Joan. May he rest in our Lord's gentle embrace.

March 31 at 9:58 AM



Todd T Neill April 3 at 4:31 AM

Hard to put into words about Jack. I have known him since Kindergarten. My mom was his secretary. So whenever I got into trouble and had to go to Jack's office, I had to walk by my mom. Errr...But Jack was also a great family friend!!! He was very close with my parents and my sisters. I remember when I was doing the re-grand opening for Farm and Fleet in Clinton and Joan and Jack were in and I took out their purchases to their car...we talked and laughed!! Jack had such an influence on probably thousands of youths during his tenure and I'm honored I was one of them....I'm very lucky!!! You will be missed....but not forgotten!!!!
Todd Neill



Judy Peters April 1 at 4:45 AM

So sorry for your loss Joan. My thoughts and prayers are with you Judy Peters { nurse judy



Sonja Housenga shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

March 31 at 2:30 PM



Elijah Buell 1979 ?



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jack by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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