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Eulogy for Jack Lane - Cottie Friedman's brother

THERE IS, IN THE LIFE OF MANY INDIVIDUALS, A CERTAIN TENSION;
BETWEEN BEING TOUGH AND VULNERABLE AND BEING QUIET AND OUTGOING;
FANTASY AND REALITY; THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE TORN BETWEEN LIVING
LIFE ON THE WILD SIDE AND ACCEPTING STABILITY; BETWEEN LIVING AN
ADVENTURE AND ACCEPTING THE VALUES OF HEARTH AND HOME.

JACK LANE LIVED HIS LIFE IN THESE CONTRAST. BUT HE
ULTIMATELY HE FOUND HIS GREATEST SATISFACTION AS HUSBAND, FATHER
AND GRANDFATHER AND HIS GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AS A SUCCESSFUL HARD
WORKING INDIVIDUAL.

JACK'S EARLY YEARS WAS A RECIPE FOR THE TOUGHNESS HE SHOWED
THROUGHOUT HIS LONG LIFE. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN JACK WAS
BARELY 6 YEARS OLD, AND HE AND HIS 3 BROTHERS AND 2 SISTERS WERE
SEPARATED.

HE SPENT HIS YOUNG YEARS AT AN ORPHANAGE WHERE, EVEN AT THE
TENDER AGE OF 8, HE LEARNED TO STAND UP FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED.
HE WOULD TELL THE STORY OF FIGHTING BULLIES TO PROTECT HIS YOUNGER
BROTHERS. HE RETAINED THIS CHARACTERISTICS ALL HIS LIFE.

IT WAS ONLY 3 YEARS AGO, FROM 8 TO 87, HE HAD HIS LAST KNOWN
PHYSICAL STRUGGLE. WHEN 2 PUNKS DEMANDED HIS WALLET AS HE
WAS TAKING HIS DAILY WALK, HE CHASED THEM AWAY WITH HIS CANE.

BARBARA RECALLS THAT THEY WERE HAPPY TOGETHER, BUILDING A HOME , WORKING TOGETHER AND RAISING THEIR ONE DAUGHTER. HE WAS A LOVING FATHER, EASY GOING AND GIVING. BARBARA RECALLS THAT SHE COULD GET AWAY WITH ALMOST ANYTHING. SHE ALWAYS FELT LOVED BY HIM. HE HAD A GREAT WAY WITH CHILDREN. HIS NIECES AND NEPHEWS WOULD ALWAYS GRAVITATE TOWARDS HIM. HE WOULD TELL STORIES AND DO CARD TRICKS. THERE WAS A PART OF HIM THAT COULD BE THE LIFE OF THE ANY PARTY. HE COULD TALK YOUR EARS OFF ABOUT ANY SUBJECT. YET THERE WAS ALSO A PART OF HIM THAT WAS INTENSELY PRIVATE AND VULNERABLE. HE HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, AND HIS STORIES WOULD MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH, EVEN IF HE DID TELL THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

HIS LOVE FOR CHILDREN BECAME FOCUSED WHEN HE WAS BLESSED WITH JANET; HIS ONLY GRAND-DAUGHTER. JANET RECALLS GOING TO THE MUSEUM TOGETHER WITH GRANDPA, PLAYING CHECKERS IN THE PARLOR, WHERE GRANDPA WOULD ALWAYS LET HER WIN. WHEN IN HIS LATER YEARS HE WINTERED IN HAWAII, HE WOULD WRITE HER REGULARLY, ALWAYS TAKING A GREAT INTEREST IN HER LIFE.

HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL MAN IN HIS CHOSEN FIELD. HE BECAME A MASTER COLOR CONSULTANT AND IN HIS LATER YEARS WAS THE ONLY PRACTITIONER OF HIS FIELD IN WESTERN CANADA. HE KNEW HIS

BUSINESS WELL AND WAS WELL READ IN THE HISTORY AND THEORY OF INTERIOR DECORATING.

WHAT JACK LACKED IN FORMAL EDUCATION HE MADE UP BY BEING A SELF TAUGHT MAN. HE WOULD VISIT MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND CONCERTS AND BECAME A MAN CONVERSANT IN MANY SUBJECTS.

HE IS REMEMBERED BY COREY AND DAVID AS A SWEET AND AFFECTIONATE MAN WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY AND WHO LOVED CHILDREN.

JACK LANE COULD NEVER FORGET THOSE EARLY YEARS OF ADVENTURE. HE COULD NEVER STOP TELLING THE STORIES OF THE GLAMOUR AND THE BIG BANDS AND THE CELEBRITIES, BUT SOMETIMES MOMS ARE RIGHT.

JACK FOUND HIS TRUE CALLING IN BEING A FATHER AND GRAND FATHER -- IN DOING WHAT HE DID FOR A LIVING AND DOING IT EXTRAORDINARY WELL. AND IN HIS LOVE FOR CHILDREN.

THOSE WHO MOURN HIM TODAY REMEMBER HIM FOR ALL HIS CONTRAST AND PARADOXES. HIS SOLITUDE AND GREGARIOUSNESS, HIS ADVENTURES AND HIS HARD WORK, AND MOSTLY THE LOVE AND CARING HE SHARED AS A FAMILY MAN.

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HE WAS DETERRED NEITHER BUT THE KNIFE ONE OF THEM PULLED, NOR BY THE FACT THERE WAS NO MONEY IN HIS WALLET. HAVING BEEN BROUGHT UP IN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK, HE WAS NOT GOING TO BE STOPPED BY 2 BIT PUNKS IN EDMONTON.

PERHAPS HIS SENSE OF ADVENTURE AND WONDER LUST WAS EXHAUSTED BY HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN ADOLESCENT AND ADULT TOURING THE COUNTRYSIDE AND PLAYING THE TRUMPET WITH HIS BAND "THE LOUISIANA 5". HE PLAYED THE VAUDEVILLE CIRCUIT WITH THE BIG BANDS, TOURING THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND CANADA, OPENING FOR THE LIKES OF JACK BENNY, MEETING CELEBRITIES, LIVING A BIT ON THE EDGE.

THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE A TINGE OF REGRET FOR JACK IN LEAVING THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF THE MUSICIAN. HIS MOTHER NEVER APPROVED THE LIFESTYLE AND IT WAS SHE WHO PERSUADED HIM TO MOVE BACK TO NEW JERSEY.

IN HIS EARLY TWENTIES WHEN HE WENT INTO THE DECORATING BUSINESS WITH HIS BROTHER AL AND AL'S WIFE IRENE.

LATER HE MOVED TO EDMONTON TO BE NEAR HIS SISTER CHARLOTTE AND OPENED A HOME GIFT DEPARTMENT IN HER HUSBAND'S STORE. HE MARRIED FRANCES OF NEW YORK CITY AND BROUGHT HER TO EDMONTON. HE MARRIED AT A LATE AGE AND HAD TOO FEW YEARS WITH FRANCES.