

# Jack Merlin Taggart

March 20, 1938 – November 11, 2026

Jack was born in Glendale, CA on March 20, 1938, to Merlin & Vida Taggart. After graduating from Delano High School, he attended USC for a year, spent 5 years in the Army Reserves while building a career in the fruit brokerage profession, working for numerous companies throughout Kern, Tulare, Kings & Fresno counties. Nothing though was more important than the beautiful German fraulein he met on a train in Geneva Switzerland while heading to the Olympics: Karin Eberhard whom he married in 1966. Outside of work, Jack loved to fish as well as the outdoors in general and was known to drive up to their beautiful Shaver Lake cabin even for a day trip. He was a devoted member of Christ Lutheran Church as well as a funder of missionary outreach programs in Rwanda where he and his wife helped open a school and a medical clinic.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Merlin & Vida Taggart, and his brother in-laws, James Andreas and Christan Eberhard.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Karin Taggart; his sister, Jill Andreas, sister & brother in-law, Antje and Wolfgang Winterstein; Nephew, Mark Andreas & wife Jan; Niece, Jennifer Andreas & husband Frank; great nephews & nieces: Elizabeth & Kyle Beczkiewicz, Mark Andreas Jr., Austin Williamson, John & Selina Andreas, and Ashley & Chis Kmiec; 4 great-great nephews & nieces; and cousins, Dr. Richard & Peggy Taggart and their children, Lance, Lisa & Steven.

A Christian funeral will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd from 10 to 11 am at Dopkins Reedley Funeral Chapel, 2200 S. Reed Avenue, Reedley, CA. The graveside service will follow directly across the street at the Reedley Cemetery. Following both services, family and friends are invited to a luncheon reception at Christ Lutheran Church, 1254 N Frankwood Avenue, Reedley, CA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church of Reedley or Central Valley Teen Challenge of Reedley in Jack Taggart's memory.

The family is grateful to the entire CareMax staff for their kindness, patience, and devoted care.