



## Jack Lewis Totty

August 1, 1943 - February 12, 2026

Jack Lewis Totty, age 82, of Nashville, Tennessee, was born on August 1, 1943, in Centerville, the youngest son of Everett and Thelma Totty. Raised with the values of hard work, faith, and humility, Jack carried the lessons of his humble beginnings with him throughout his life.

A gifted student and talented athlete, Jack attended Hickman County High School, where he was a proud member of the Class of 1961. He excelled both academically and athletically, playing on memorable football and basketball teams that remained a cherished part of his youth. Following high school, Jack attended Vanderbilt University before answering the call to serve his country.

Jack proudly joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Vietnam during his service. His military career was a source of deep pride, reflecting his strong sense of duty and patriotism. After his honorable discharge, he continued his education at Tennessee Technological University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

Professionally, Jack found his calling in horticulture. He owned and operated a nursery in Nashville, dedicating his life's work to cultivating beauty through plants and flowers. His knowledge, care, and love for growing things were evident not only in his business but also in the stunning flower gardens he

personally tended.

A longtime and faithful member of the Church of Christ, Jack's faith was an important foundation throughout his life.

Jack had many interests that brought him joy and connection with others. He loved entertaining friends and family with his guitar, fishing—especially in the Duck River—working in his gardens, and challenging himself with crossword puzzles. His vibrant personality, generous spirit, and genuine warmth will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by his brother, Ellis Walker Totty; his nephews, Steven (Michele) Totty and Kevin (Terri) Totty; many cousins; and his longtime best friend, Ronald McGhee. He was preceded in death by his parents and is lovingly remembered in connection with his late companion, Alice McGhee.

Jack received devoted medical care for several months through the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville, and his family is grateful for the compassion shown to him during that time.

A Celebration of Life and Visitation will be held at McDonald Funeral Home on Monday, February 16, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Totty's Bend Church of Christ Cemetery.

Jack's life was one of quiet strength, steady faith, service to his country, and a deep appreciation for the simple blessings of family, friendship, and the natural beauty he so lovingly cultivated. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Cemetery Details

## Totty's Bend

Duck River, TN 38454

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (cst)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County  
102 West End Ave.  
Centerville, TN 37033  
(931) 729-3561

## Funeral Service

FEB 16. 2:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty* ”



**Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam** - February 17 at 02:10 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Totty* ”



**Michael Bates** - February 16 at 06:23 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte Staggs lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty* ”



**Charlotte Staggs** - February 16 at 03:08 PM



“ *Dorinda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty* ”



**Dorinda Wilson** - February 16 at 02:02 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Aldridge McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty*



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**Joyce Aldridge McDaniel** - February 16 at 11:33 AM

DM

“ *So sorry to learn about Jack's passing. My thoughts go back to the sixties when Jack and I played with the Impalas, a rock and roll band. Jack was the lead guitar and I was on the keyboard. My prayers go to the family. Jack will be missed.*



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**Doug and Mary Meador** - February 15 at 03:16 PM

HG

*Jack was a good friend. We made many memories together I spoke with him a couple months ago for the first time on many years. We had a great conversation and reminisced about times past .We made plans to meet in person but never did. I regret that I didn't follow up.. when it comes to friendship we should never delay as time never waits. Jack was a unique individual and I will never forget him.*

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**Herbert Graham** - February 16 at 06:23 PM

KT

“ *Kevin Totty lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty*



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**Kevin Totty** - February 15 at 03:46 AM



“ James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Totty



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**James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson** - February 14 at 09:26 PM

CB

“ The Totty boys were dear friends to me and Jimmy. They were neighbors to the Bowen family for many years. My sincere condolences to all the family and friends.



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**Connie Bowen** - February 14 at 05:37 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about Jack. It brings back memories of our days in the sixties with the Impalas rock and roll band. Jack was lead guitar and I was on keyboard. He will be missed!

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**Doug Meador** - February 14 at 05:32 PM

RG

“ Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty



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**Ronald Gammons** - February 14 at 09:45 AM

ES

“ *Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Jack Totty*



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**Ed and Melinda Sullivan** - February 13 at 09:18 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Totty*



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**Michael Bates** - February 13 at 09:46 AM