



Jack Reidy
November 1, 1923 to May 8 2022



Helen Reidy
July 7, 1930 to January 7, 2019

Jack was born in Denver, CO and raised in Berkeley and San Francisco. He left U.C. Berkeley after two and one-half years to enlist in the Army Air Corps and served in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to Cal and earned a degree in journalism. Jack spent 12 years as a newspaper reporter on the Peninsula and in San Francisco, then earned a Masters in Communications from Stanford and taught at Washington State, Illinois and Colorado Universities.

Helen, born in San Francisco and raised in Burlingame, had completed three years at San Jose State when they met. After they married, she returned to school to complete her degree and embark on a teaching career of thirty-plus years--most of them in San Mateo, but also in Washington State, Urbana, IL, Newport Beach, CA, and Africa. Helen earned her MA at the University of Colorado.

In 1965 Jack accepted a college post in newly independent Zambia where the government was establishing a program to train people in communications. At the same time he served as an advisor to the Ministry of Information to train news reporters and editors. Helen became director of the primary division at the Lusaka International School.

Returning home in 1968, they settled in San Carlos where they lived for 30 years. Jack worked for public information agencies, and he also spent two years in Saudi Arabia as an editor while Helen returned to teaching in San Mateo schools. Helen's interests include traveling, theater and knitting.

Jack is interested in jazz, photography and the mass media. They just returned from Colorado where Jack was searching out his historical roots, and where his mother, as a small child, once sat on the knee of Buffalo Bill.