



Joseph Frank Svacek III

February 19, 1947 - October 17, 2018

Joseph Frank Svacek, III, 71, of Midland, Texas passed away in Midland Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, after a brief illness. He was born February 19, 1947 in Lubbock and grew up in Seminole, Texas. He was the son of the late Joseph F. Svacek, Jr. and Larue Barrier Svacek.

He attended the University of Texas and was drafted in to the army. He served as an instructor at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. After an honorable discharge he moved to Waco, Texas, to attend Texas State Technical Institute and received a degree in Laser Electro-Optics Technology. After graduation he accepted a position with Bell Labs (now AT&T) in New Jersey. After four years at Bell Labs, he took a job with Los Alamos Labs in New Mexico. From there he was recruited by several startup companies involving fiber optics. He holds several patents from his work.

He is survived by twin daughters Anne Svacek Engelbrecht of Escondido, CA, Katherine Larue Svacek of San Diego, CA, grandchildren, Luke Daniel Engelbrecht and Ava Larue Engelbrecht, sister Jana Svacek Able, nephew Nicholas Able and niece Carrie Able.

A service will be held Saturday, November 17, at 11:00 AM at the American Heritage Funeral Home, 4100 FM 1788, Midland, Texas, immediately followed by burial. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the

American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“Dad, it’s been seven years since you’ve passed. I miss you every day. I miss your wisdom. I miss your guidance. I miss your intelligence. I miss your humor. I miss talking to you about the weather or politics. I miss being able to call you because I knew that you would answer and fix or have a solution to any problem that I might have had. I miss the way you would light up when you would see your grandchildren. You would be so proud of Luke and Ava. They love you so much. I was there to hold your hand as you took your last breath. I am grateful to have been by your side to witness your soul go to heaven. You are my best friend and I miss you very , very much. ❤️

Anne Engelbrecht - August 10, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“I remember when Joe Frank fixed the Christmas tree lights so they would blink. Also the time when he started his own radio station out of his bedroom! Dave Fulenwider

Dave Fulenwider - November 17, 2018 at 12:38 AM