



## John M. "Jack" Butler

March 23, 1917 - July 7, 2017

John Mann "Jack" Butler passed away July 7, 2017 at Bell Trace Health & Living Center in Bloomington, Indiana. He was 100 years old.

Jack was born on March 23, 1917 in Dabneys, Virginia, the son of William Doggett Butler and Mabel Guild Butler. On June 28, 1942 he married Doris Jean Marquis at the Grace Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio. He had a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Richmond in Physics and Chemistry and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in Chemistry.

Jack's professional career was spent as an organic chemist at Monsanto Research Corporation where he retired as Managing Director of the Monsanto Dayton Laboratories. His work included the development of synthetic fibers used in textiles, creation of sealants for fuel tanks in high speed aircraft, and the extract of anti-cancer agents from tropical plants. He also helped develop fire proof materials for the NASA space program and was a member of the Fire Safety Committee for the National Materials Advisory Board.

In retirement Jack was a consultant at the University of Dayton Chemistry Department. Along with his son James, Jack co-founded the Butler Winery and Vineyards in Bloomington, Indiana in 1983.

He is survived by his son, James L. Butler (Susan); his grandsons: John J. Butler (Amy), William P. Van Valer (Megan), Joseph H. Butler, John R. Van Valer (Jenny) and Andrew L. Butler; and his great-grandchildren: Ian P. Butler, James G. Butler, Noah L. Butler, Rory D. Van Valer, Graeme B. Van Valer, Bobbi G. Van Valer, and Marian J. Van Valer.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Doris J. Butler and his daughter, Judith Butler Van Valer.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencare.com](http://www.allencare.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the entire Butler family,

*I extend my deepest sympathies to all of you over the loss of Jack. What a tremendous man who will be terribly missed at Bell Trace. I will always have a special place in my heart for Jack, along with my greatest admiration.*

*With much love,*

*Joy Harter  
Bell Trace*

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**Joy Kahn Harter** - July 14, 2017 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Jack and I shared Bell Trace as our home for a few years. Whether we were at a social event, a meeting of the Resident Council or any other event, I found his comments pertinent to the topic, and on target. While he lived in a cottage and I in an apartment, our paths came together frequently. It was a pleasure to know him and listen to his comments on any topic. He made his mark at Bell Trace. May his family find solace in Jack's long life, one filled with many contributions.*

*Harmon Baldwin  
Richmond, Virginia*

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**Harmon Baldwin** - July 10, 2017 at 09:00 AM