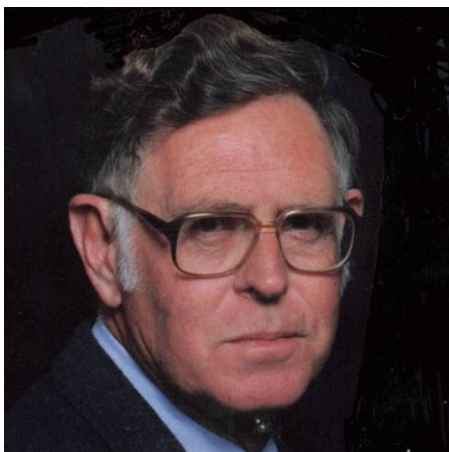




Jack H. Huss

Feb. 5, 1940 - Aug. 7, 2026

Jack H. Huss, 86, of Valdese, NC, passed away Friday, August 7, 2026, with his family by his side.

Born in Lincoln County, NC on February 5, 1940, he was the son of the late Clarence Hillard Huss and Lois Scronce Huss. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 67 years, Ann Wright Huss; son, Brent H. Huss (Mary Catherine); daughter, Lynn Huss Mosteller (Joey); grandchildren, Allison Huss Kneeland (Zach), Katie Huss Robinson (Alex), Isaac Mosteller, Abbey Mosteller, and sister, Susan Huss Eaker.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Huss Jenkins.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, August 15, 2026 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Morganton. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. in the church with Pastor Paul Carlson officiating. The graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Bethphage Lutheran Church Cemetery in Lincolnton.

Jack earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Lenoir-Rhyne College and then taught science and chemistry in the Raleigh public school system. He was later awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship and earned his Masters in Chemistry from Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

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Jack was a charter faculty member at Western Piedmont Community College beginning as chemistry teacher and finally Dean of Science and Engineering Technology. He used his role in the community college to promote good environmental and conservation policies locally and state-wide. Working with the community college, Burke County Agricultural Agency, Soil and Water Conservation, Carolina Land & Lakes Resources & Development, he was able to establish and implement many environmental and conservation projects such as stream restoration, wetland protection, no-till agriculture and more. He set up, established and taught water and waste water classes - the only courses offered in Western North Carolina where employees in industry and water management could study in preparation for their required certification in water technology.

Jack and Ann loved to travel nationally and internationally, ending up with an impressive list - Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama Canal, Columbia, Ireland, England, Austria, Romania, Alaska, and an extensive list of travel in the continental US.

Many of these travels were with Friendship Force, an organization whose goal is to promote international good will. It enabled Jack and Ann to see our magnificent planet. They lived with families from many other countries, usually for one week. Then in turn Jack and Ann hosted families in their home both from the US and internationally.

No one could ever know Jack without recognizing his passion for the out-of-doors. Tractors, machinery, trucks, bush hogs, mowers, balers, and pastures on their Lincoln County farm were part of his daily life. His herd of 40 black angus cattle turned into a business offering his customers beef which was totally free of antibiotics and growth hormones. Perhaps most impressive of all was his vegetable garden. Fishing both salt and fresh water were his favorite recreation as his trophies, a 36 pound striped bass and 40 pound spot tail drum give testimony.

In his lifelong role as a teacher he touched more lives than he will ever know. He will be dearly missed, but his legacy, clever sense of humor and impact on his community will remain.

Memorial contributions may be made by mailing a check to Burke Soil and Water at 130 Ammons Drive Suite 3, Morganton, NC 28655 or Carolina Land and Lakes, Resources Conservation and Development at P.O. Box 2977, Lenoir, NC 28645 or on-line <https://carolinalandandlakes.org/donate/>.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.sossomanfh.com.

Tribute Wall



—Linda and Bob Yutzy

So sorry to hear about Jack. Fond memories of him while teaching at WPCC. Remember his ability to always make me laugh and I enjoyed seeing him so happy. Great teacher and a great man. So glad you guys enjoyed your many years traveling together. Hugs and love Donna Benner

—Donna Benner



So sorry to hear of Jack's passing . I have many fond memories of Jack through our work with Soil and Water Conservation Districts. I often think of my visit to his home and their impressive sea shell collection! So glad I met Jack and Ann. Prayers for all the family.

—Marlene Salyer

Jack was dean when I came to WPCC in 1985. It was not the best of financial times for us, and Jack lent us \$100 til payday. Pretty amazing, since he didn't really know us. Jack and Ann also gave us the use of a dining table for a while (I think it was her laundry folding table). That was also much appreciated. I always

think it was her laundry folding table). That was also much appreciated. I always appreciated the way Jack dealt with me in the department and, separately, with us as a friends. I eventually ended up a Dean at Mitchell Community College and used much of what I'd learned from Jack to help me in that position. Thank you Jack, for being so good to us.

—ron and sherry davis

My most sincere condolences to Jack's family. I met him when I enrolled at Western Piedmont Community College in 1966. I also worked with his wife at the college for many years. May God bless each of you with love, comfort and peace during this most difficult time in your lives. You remain in my most sincere thoughts and prayers

—Diann Thomas Tate

Dear Huss family and friends. One of our own is now in his heavenly home. A true saint and friend. Live on the many wonderful memories made through the years. Those of us that knew Jack will grieve for a time. Our confidence is in the hope the resurrection offers through our Lord and Savior Jesus. Prayers offered for comfort.

—Wayne and Leslie Giese

—Elaine Entzi Huffman



—Paul Jacumin





—Susan Santos

I knew Jack for most of my life. He was so down to earth and hardworking. We found out by chance that he was a Professor, he was too humble to brag with a label. He was happier with his cows than in the classroom, and as a fellow Aquarius, I understand, rather be outdoors with animals. I remember crazy and fun science projects at the kitchen bar, that was normal for Jack. Jack, you were an original. Say "Hi" to Daisy Jean. Susan

—Susan Santos