



Jack Chandler

October 2, 1939 - December 24, 2018

Jack Chandler of St. Helena, California died on December 24th, 2018 after a brief illness. For almost 50 years, Jack created distinctive landscape designs, metal sculptures and furniture in the Napa Valley and earned a national reputation for his work.

In 2012 Jack was awarded the designation of Fellow by the American Society of Landscape Architects, one of the highest honors a landscape architect can receive.

Born in Tustin, California on October 2nd, 1939 he attended California State Polytechnic College in Pomona, where he received his B.A. in Landscape Architecture. He then began his practice in Orange County, California. In 1969 Jack and his family moved to the Napa Valley where he went into private practice. His work graces many wineries, vineyards, hotels, restaurants and residences in Napa Valley, elsewhere in California, as well as abroad.

In 2013 Jack designed the Kenzo Healing Garden at Queen of the Valley Hospital. With elegant steel walls, large hand tooled boulders, rock benches, a pond, his natural garden speaks volumes about his sense of space and his artistry in many media. Metal, rock, glass, plants, trees and paint. As Jack said "my healing garden has strength and elegance. It is beautiful and simple, a spot of tranquility. There are places to rest the eye. It is a self-sustaining

natural garden with grasses, tall trees and water.”

In addition to landscape architecture, Jack was an accomplished sculptor, furniture designer and also designed a number of residences. He founded Jack Chandler & Associates in 1976 and later partnered with his daughter Jennifer, also a landscape architect, at Chandler & Chandler.

Jack is survived by his wife Sandy, his daughter Jennifer, sons Josh (Mary Beth) and Jared (Inger Marie) as well as his grandchildren Heather Baker (Travis), Ryan (Maddie), Grey and Margot and a great granddaughter Raleigh.

Donations to his memory can be sent to either Rianda House or The Family Center in St. Helena.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Chandler*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Jack Chandler*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM

“ Sandy, Jennifer, Josh and Jared-

We are so sorry to hear the sad news of Jack's passing. We lost my brother and mother a few years back, and Nancy's mother last year. It's a big blow and not quickly or easily accepted.

I had a nice reconnection with Jack two years ago, after years of little contact. He attended our office opening, and had kind things to say about our work, and about our years working together. We talked about getting together for lunch but sadly never followed through, assuming we had time.

I first saw Jack's work in Landscape Design Magazine, when JCA was running those beautiful 2-page ads. I looked at those images and thought 'that looks like what I would design if that were my project', and set my mind to gaining an apprenticeship in high-end residential design. Even though I was living in Davis at the time, I contacted JCA, interviewed with Chris, and then waited to hear when they might have an opening. I started out part-time and then full-time, and stayed for 10 years (I'd never worked anywhere for more than 2 years prior to that).

Jack was one of the key mentors in my career, taught me a great deal, was supportive (in his gruff way) while I was going through my divorce, and was generous with his input and his guys' fabrication time when we remodeled our house (people still comment on our steel kitchen and bathroom counters). Through our involvement in the S.F. Flower and Garden Show, he made it possible for me to meet my wife Nancy 20 years ago. We had fun JCA dinners at his houses, and shared some 'road warrior' days circumnavigating the Bay Area to visit various project sites. He modeled what and who I wanted to be ...and who I didn't want to be! He was larger than life, and I'm sorry to know he is gone.

His signature is all over the Napa Valley and beyond, his influence spread by the many books and magazines that featured his work

nationally and internationally (pre-internet), and through the many landscape architects like myself who had the privilege of working with him, and now run our own offices. My trips up and down the Valley are now a pleasant mix of my own projects, and projects that remind me of Jack (Cakebread Cellars, Groth Vineyards and Winery, Calistoga Ranch, and too many estates to list).

I will miss having Jack in the Valley, and will never be able to think of the Valley without thinking of Jack.

Dave Roche - February 11, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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“ *All our love and best to Jack's family. His spirit will remain with us forever in our beautiful garden, fountains, gates, arches, and tables. Our garden is 20 years old and always brings us joy! Thank you, Jack! Rest in Peace as you float on your magical spirit boat!*
Marc and Marian LeBrun

Marian E LeBrun - February 03, 2019 at 03:57 PM

GC

“ *To The family of Jack Chandler,*

My love and condolences to the family, Jared, Josh, and Jennifer. I have your Father to thank for his talent and generosity. What a very gifted man Jack was, and my family and I have been the beneficiary of his talents and generous nature.

I also observe that his talents have become a part of his off-spring-- how wonderful to have inherited those "creative juices"

Fondly,

Gaye Cook

St. Helena, Ca.

gaye cook - February 01, 2019 at 03:54 PM

TP

“ Jack was my first landlord in Youngsville in the whistle stop building he was great he’s a fabulous architect sculpture etc. and a funny man you will be missed and remembered in the Napa Valley , miss Terrii

terri pohrman - January 28, 2019 at 10:16 PM

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“ JACK DID OUR LANDSCAPING AT 1201 SAINT HELENA AVE SANTA ROSA IN 1992. HE DID A GREAT JOB AND THE BEST PROOF IS THAT IT HAS MATURED BEAUTIFULLY. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM AS A ROBUST, ARTICULATE YOUNG MAN. DONNA BORN

DONNA BORN - January 28, 2019 at 07:24 PM

GE

“ Dear Sandy,
Our thoughts are with you. Tom Edwards and Gloria Gutierrez

Gloria Gutierrez/Tom Edwards - January 28, 2019 at 12:31 PM

RS

“ Dear Sandy.

My heart is heavy, I hadn't heard of Jack's passing until just now. He & I emailed on an art matter late November and agreed the four of us would get together after the first of the year.

Jack meant a lot to me over the many years I knew and worked with him on art projects. He was an amazing man and I can still see that twinkle in his eye as he was deciding whether to go with the flow or against it :) on the project we were working on. Though we would loose contact intermittently, it was always great to renew our friendship over a new and fun project.

Our thoughts are with you & your family.

We send our love.

Ronda (and Michael) Schaer



Ronda Schaer - January 27, 2019 at 05:32 PM