



Gary Otto Jech

November 2, 1950 - September 30, 2024

Gary Otto Jech, 73, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024, peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Gary was a devoted husband, father, Papa, and friend to many. He was known for his kindness, integrity, loyalty, and generous heart.

Gary was born on November 2, 1950 in Turlock, California to Otto and Helen Jech. The family relocated to Northwest Arkansas shortly after and made their home in Springdale. Gary was a 1968 Springdale High School graduate. While at SHS, Gary excelled in athletics. He played defensive end for the Bulldogs and was a three-year letterman in football. In addition, he lettered one season in basketball, track and field, and tennis. Upon graduation, he attended Arkansas Tech in Russellville on a football scholarship. While in Russellville he married his wife, Vicki. Gary and Vicki moved to Springdale while he completed his degree in Business Administration at the University of Arkansas.

Always a hard-worker, Gary founded J & J Farms with his dad, Otto. He also purchased Beacon Realty independently. While real estate was one of his passions, he was also interested in the insurance field. In 1993, he acquired Farris Insurance and grew it into a successful, well established insurance agency. Gary loved his employees and treated them like family. He was also blessed to work alongside his son, Jeff, and took pride in teaching him about the insurance industry.

Gary loved the community of Springdale and had the honor of serving on

several boards including Legacy National Bank and Springdale Chamber of Commerce. In 2011, Gary was inducted into the Springdale Athletic Hall of Fame. This was one of many notable recognitions that he received throughout the years. Some of Gary's favorite memories were his high school days and playing for the Bulldogs. He went on to serve as a member of the "Chain Gang" for thirty-five years.

Gary loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. He enjoyed cycling, fishing in Alaska, traveling with his wife, going to Branson & Florida for getaways, cheering on the Razorbacks, and spending time with his family and friends.

Gary is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vicki; his daughter Jennifer and husband Scott of Springdale; his son Jeff and wife April of Springdale; his daughter Allison and husband Clint of Bentonville; his eight grandchildren Peyton, Riley, McKenna, Emry, Abigail, Frank, Hannah, and Samuel; and his sister Cheryl Smith of Gentry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Helen Jech.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. We love and cherish each of you. Life will never be the same without him, but we have peace knowing that he is with our Lord.

Visitation will be Monday, October 7, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, Arkansas.

A private graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at Bluff Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gary's honor to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Bluff Cemetery

795 N. Shiloh Street
Springdale, AR 72764

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall

LH

“ We are so very saddened to hear about the loss of Gary. He was a well respected member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas and served so many in his community and our industry. We will miss his smile, his giving spirit and his sense of humor. Love and prayers to the Jech family.

Lisa Hanshew - October 07, 2024 at 04:57 PM

LH

“ Lisa H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

Lisa H. - October 07, 2024 at 04:57 PM

ET

“ Enid, Taylor and the AC Foundation Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

Enid, Taylor and the AC Foundation Team - October 07, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.



October 07, 2024 at 03:31 PM

SZ

“ Samuel Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

Samuel Z. - October 07, 2024 at 02:41 PM

AF

“ All of the Mawby Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

All of the Mawby Family - October 07, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.



October 07, 2024 at 01:34 PM

BP

“ Betty P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

Betty P. - October 07, 2024 at 01:05 PM

CC

“ Dear Jech family,
We are deeply saddened by the loss of dear Gary. He was such a nice person and we loved watching him at the games doing the “Chain Gang.” We are praying for your whole family.
Love, Jim and Cathy Crouch

cathy crouch - October 07, 2024 at 10:39 AM

WG

“ With Love, Candace & Jerry Geisler purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Otto Jech.



With Love, Candace & Jerry Geisler - October 07, 2024 at 07:53 AM

WG

“ With Love, Candace & Jerry Geisler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

With Love, Candace & Jerry Geisler - October 07, 2024 at 07:53 AM

AU

“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gary he was a very nice man and very much appreciated for all he did for our family

Arleen Underdown - October 07, 2024 at 07:40 AM

TF

“ The Gray family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

The Gray family - October 06, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.*



October 06, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ *To Vicki and the family of Gary,*

I have such fond memories of Gary and he was a special friend to me. He always lifted my spirits with his sense of humor and his words of encouragement. In high school, I was his back up on defensive end and we were on the tennis team together. He was a tough competitor in sports and he was such a success in business; but he loved his family so much. I am grateful for his support for me as I made my run for Congress and Governor. He was always in my corner and I am grateful. I am on the East Coast doing teaching so I will not be at the Memorial Service but please accept my condolences and prayers.

Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson - October 05, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sunstar Insurance Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.*

Sunstar Insurance Group - October 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.*



October 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *MEMORIES OF GARY FROM 1966 FORWARD, CHURCH, SPORTS, FAMILY FRIENDS. ALWAYS AND IN EVERY CONTRIBUTION MADE BY GARY, TOTAL EFFORT APPLIED AND SUCCESSES. WE WILL MISS SEEING OUR DEAR FRIEND OF FIFTY EIGHT YEARS. PRAYERS FOR HIS IMMEDIATE AND EXTENDED FAMILIES FOR COMFORT.*

RON HARRISON - October 04, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ *Gary was a great man! He was very kind and generous, and I am very honored to have worked for him for 24 years. He will always hold a special place in my heart, & I would just like to extend much love and many prayers to the entire Jech family.*

Jama

Jama Ballard - October 04, 2024 at 01:19 PM



I was very fortunate to have worked with Gary at Farris Insurance. My deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to the Jech family. Losing such a big part of your family is never easy. I hope you find comfort in the memories that live on
Kelly

Kelly Garber - October 04, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.



October 04, 2024 at 11:33 AM



“ Your friends at Farris Insurance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Otto Jech.

Your friends at Farris Insurance - October 04, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.



October 04, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.



October 04, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.*



October 04, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ *We are all so fortunate to have known and worked with Gary. With a great mind for business, he contributed so much to our Bains West Insurance organization. I loved watching him in our meetings when the insurance company people were making presentations. He usually had a smirk on his face as they promised much more.*

May God give peace and comfort to his family and close friends.

Jim Beavers - October 04, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Otto Jech.*



October 04, 2024 at 08:50 AM