



## Mr. Jack Kelly Gooden

December 31, 1949 - April 12, 2012

After a lifelong struggle with a debilitating condition, Jack Kelly Gooden found peace April 12, 2012.

The son of Garland Graham Gooden, Sr., and Katharyn Connell Gooden, Jack was a 1967 graduate of North Augusta High School. He attended Clemson University and held an associate degree in accounting from Tri-County Tech.

A consummate actor and vocalist, at age 12 Jack sang the lead in an Augusta Symphony production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." He was a graduate of the Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts in London; upon his return from England he lived for ten years in New York City, performing in off-broadway productions and starting a repertory company with his former wife, Celia Barrett of McComb, MS. On his return to North Augusta in 1992, Jack continued to act in productions with the Fort Gordon Players.

He is survived by his brother, Garland Gooden, Jr., of Greensboro, NC; a nephew, Taylor Graham Gooden of Greensboro, NC; cousins James T. Connell of Augusta; Christopher D. Connell of Aiken; Stuart Carlin of Summerfield, SC; Ed Bradshaw of Jamestown, NC; Harold Tatum of White Oak, NC; and Linda Tatum, also of White Oak.

There will be not services, however if you wish to honor his memory, please make a contribution to the Epilepsy Foundation, 6065 Roswell Road, Suite 715, Atlanta, GA 30328.

“Oh Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.”

\_John Henry Cardinal Newman

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jack Kelly Gooden*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Mr. Jack Kelly Gooden*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Great knowing you Jack though only briefly at North Augusta High. I remember you so well at Clemson seeing you on your skateboard all over campus. My condolences to the family.*

*Ron Berry*

Ronald P. Berry - May 03, 2012 at 09:02 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of your passing. I have fond memories of you from study hall at NAHS!*

Dee Robbins Hoffman - May 02, 2012 at 10:38 AM



“ *Today I found a Valentine card that Jack gave to me in the fifth or sixth grade at North Augusta Elementary. He signed it in code: "10-1-3-11; 11-5-12-12-25; 7-15-15-4-5-14," which stood for Jack Kelly Gooden. He & I took social dancing together at Henri Price's. I am so sorry to hear of his premature passing & wish I had known him as an adult.*

*Linda Taylor Caughman, a classmate of Jack's*

Linda Taylor Caughman - April 27, 2012 at 08:39 PM

SH

“ Jack will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

*Stephanie Hammett  
Cynthia Athanaelos' Daughter*

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**Stephanie Hammett** - April 26, 2012 at 04:30 PM

PS

“ Jack was a fellow classmate and we will miss him at our reunion this year. I spoke with him earlier this year and it was the first time we'd talked in 40 yrs. I'm glad we had the opportunity before he passed. I remember the better times of Junior high and I have a great picture of him when we were in the 9th grade together! He was so much fun! I'll always remember and cherish his smile and sweet laugh. God be with you and yours during this time.

*Peggy Jones Story*

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**Peggy Story** - April 26, 2012 at 04:30 PM

MB

“ Melodee Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jack Kelly Gooden



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**melodee briggs** - April 26, 2012 at 04:24 PM

CC

“ *My cousin Jack,  
He was quite a fellow. I have fond memories of our younger days. I  
remember most well how he could be anybody with his acting  
ability. An Englishman, a Scot, French. Spanish, Roman... You  
name it, he could do it well, but the best was when he was just good  
old Jack Kelly.*

*Garland Jr..... we are family.*

*Jack..... I will miss you..... Chris.*

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**chris d. connell** - April 25, 2012 at 04:59 PM

JJ

*MY BROTHER CHRIS SAID IT WELL OF OUR COUSIN JACK KELLY.  
I USED TO RUN WITH HIM SOMETIMES .AND SOMTIMES WE  
WOULD JUST HIT TENNIS BALLS BACK AND FORTH .AND WE  
WOULD TALK ABOUT MANY THINGS. I WILL REMEMBER THOSE  
TIMES WITH A WARM BUT HEAVY HEART.  
HE WANTED TO BE AN ACTOR , AND "HE COULDA BEEN A  
CONTENDA" . EPILEPSY STOLE THAT DREAM FROM HIM.  
WHERE EVER HE IS NOW I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE HE IS IN  
THE SPOTLIGHT , CENTER STAGE , PLAYING HIS ROLE THE WAY  
HE WOULD HAVE WANTED.*

*I WILL MISS YOU CUZ.....JACKIE*

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**james thomas connell jr** - April 25, 2012 at 08:30 PM

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*JACK YOU WILL BE MISSED, YOU LIVED NEXT DOOR TO MY  
PARENTS...THE STILLS. I REMEMBER GOING TO WALMART AND  
LOOKING FOR YOU TO CHECK US OUT, I WOULD HAVE THE  
GRANDBOYS OR ONE OF THEM AND YOU WOULD ALWAYS TALK  
TO THEM...A VERY SWEET MAN WITH THE SWEETEST  
SMILE... YOU WILL BE MISSED DEARLY.*

*MELODEE*

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**MELODEE BRIGGS** - April 26, 2012 at 10:26 AM