



Jack George Bremer

July 28, 1929 - October 12, 2020

Jack George Bremer, 91, of Traverse City, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Monday, October 12, 2020 at his home. Jack was born on July 28, 1929 in Traverse City to Nellie (Livingston) and George Bremer. He married the love of his life, Mary Jamison, on November 3, 1947 in Flint, Michigan. He earned his Associates Degree at General Motors Institute and apprenticed at Buick Motor Division from 1948-1951. One of his first tasks was helping manufacture jet engines at Buick during the Korean War. Jack was employed with General Motors as a machine repairman, retiring in 1984 after over 34 years of service. He was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He loved to sing in the church choir. Jack and Mary spent over 35 winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama. While there he enjoyed playing volleyball and wallyball and he was a member of the North Winds Barbershop Chorus. Jack was a talented craftsman who could fix anything. In his spare time he enjoyed clock repair and woodworking, making beautiful furniture and other items for family and friends. He also loved teaching and cueing round dancing for many years. Above all, spending time with his family was his greatest joy.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Mary, two sons and a daughter, Richard (Paulette) Bremer, David (Marcia) Bremer and Kathy (Edward) Tokarek. Also surviving are seven grandchildren; Kevin (Kendra) Bremer, Tim (Summer) Bremer, Rachel (Bryan) Harris, Kelli DeGood, Michael (Alison) Bremer, Colin Tokarek and Nathan Tokarek as well as 14 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Shirley Dilsworth and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two brothers; Herman Bremer and Chuck Bremer.

A memorial service honoring Jack will take place at 11:00 a.m., with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1003 S. Maple St, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684. Rev. Michael Goers will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 1003 S. Maple St, Traverse

City, Michigan, 49684 or Heartland Hospice, 4020 Copper View, suite113, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Jack's family at his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
1003 S. Maple
Traverse City, MI 49684

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Dear Dave & Marcia: I want to send you our condolences, you look very much like your Dad, Dave; he sounds like a wonderful Christian man. I see he reached the ripe age of 91, how blessed you were to have your Dad for so long. Our sympathy to you from Kathy & Bruce Bond

Kathy Bond - October 19, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JM

“ Jack was a good friend of my parents who passed years ago. I still recall the many nice things he did. I remember his friendship when my Dad suffered a serious case of shingles in Gulf Shores. His support to them was so special that I remember it after all these years. Jack was a caring Christian who set an example for others on how to live

Joe Meredith - October 14, 2020 at 03:39 PM

AH

“ I'm Alan Houtaling from the last house on the other side of Drummond Rd. I remember Bremers fondly, as I do all the wonderful adults who watched over the Drummobd Road kids in the 50s & 60s. I remember Jack as the Treasurer of the Hoover School Board, when my uncle Jim Drummond was on it too. They were wonderful leaders in our community, & expanded the district, adding 2 new elementary schools! Those were wonderful times, & we were blessed to have the Bremers as neighbors! God rest your soul, Jack, & blessings to the family. Alan

Alan Houtaling - October 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM

DD

Adding to what my cousin, Alan Houtaling, has written. Jack was on the school board of Hoover School in Flint Township . . . along with my dad and other good citizens. Not only were two elementary schools built (they were named after my first and second grade teachers!) but also a significant addition was made to the high school in 1958. Mary and Jack and family lived on Drummond Road which was named after Alan's and my grandparents, Hugh and Jane, who emigrated to Flint from Scotland in 1912. Condolences to Mary and to the Bremer children who were so much younger than me . . . I can only remember seeing them playing in their yard! One more thing: My family and I have lived in nearby Northport for the past 18 years, not knowing that Mary and Jack lived so close by . . . am saddened to not have renewed acquaintance. Plus he could have taken me for spin on his boat! Blessings to all.

Douglas Drummond - October 14, 2020 at 06:23 PM

CL

*"For My Dear Cousins,
Jacks sense of hope, joy, meaning and purpose taught us all a deeper appreciation of compassion for others . He taught us how to love and play. His sense of kindness and empathy toward others was exceptional. On a personal note I never knew a man that ate more oatmeal--with raisins and North West oysters. Now his hand made gifts of a back scratcher, a child's rocking chair and a Christmas sleigh take on more meaning. I find great joy in all the memories and we now become the historians of his contributions to this life. Let the tears flow.*

Carolyn Livingston, Seattle, WA

Carolyn A Livingston - October 15, 2020 at 05:40 PM

HG

“ *Dear Mary and family,
We are blessed to have known Jack as a kind and courteous patient in the Munson Coumadin Clinic. He lifted our spirits with his sense of humor! It was a joy to know Jack was coming in for his anticoagulation visit. We pray that you will be comforted in knowing that Jack is in the loving arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ! Peace be with you now and forever and know that we are lifting you up in prayer. Heidi & Theresa*

Heidi Grebe - October 14, 2020 at 06:41 AM

SA

“ *What a blessed man! Family was always important to him. Our girls grew up calling him Grandpa Bremer, and to this day, that is how we talk about him in our home. We were the recipient of several of his woodworking skills and they are cherished. As a close neighbor, he was always willing to help us with whatever we needed. He was also very eager to share their waterfront for swimming and boating. He was a blessing to many and will be missed by many. Thank you to the Bremer family for sharing this awesome man with our family. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
The Arnot family*

Sandy Arnot - October 13, 2020 at 05:13 PM

BB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Brian Bremer - October 13, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DH

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family Kathy. Hang in there. Dan Heitzman

Dan Heitzman - October 13, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MW

“ Your dad was a dear, sweet man. I know he will be missed. Thinking of you Kathy and your entire family.

Love,

Martha and Al

Martha J Wiltse - October 13, 2020 at 03:34 PM

SC

“ Thanks for the memories Uncle Jack!

Sherri Bremer Cindric - October 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM