



## Jack Weldon Frye

October 13, 1926 - December 8, 2020

Jack Weldon Frye, a member of The Greatest Generation and a defender of our country, passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at his residence at The Village at Bay Ridge.

Jack was born on October 13, 1926, in Traverse City, a place he loved dearly and treasured his entire life. He graduated from Central High School in Traverse City in 1944 and then entered the service of our country, serving in the U. S. Navy. He later served with the U. S. Army until he retired in 1986. Jack would continue his education at Central Michigan University where he earned his liberal arts degree in 1951. He then earned his Master's Degree in social work at The University of Michigan in 1953.

Working as a social worker, Jack began his career with Child and Family Services in Marquette, and later transferred to the Detroit area and then to Saginaw where he served as the Director of Child and Family Services until his retirement. He would move back to his beloved Traverse City following his retirement. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and also was a longtime volunteer at the Traverse City Visitors Center.

Surviving Jack are his children, Lawrence R. (Sharon) Frye of Florida, Laura Frye Veldhuis of Mt. Pleasant, Kevin J. (Donna) Frye of Dayton, OH; his grandchildren, Kevin Frye and Kristin Frye; Blake Veldhuis and Blaine Veldhuis; Traci Nestor and Joshua Frye. Also surviving are his great grandchildren, Cameron and Elliana. Jack's sister, Sally Payton, half-sister Verda Nicolas. and sister-in-law Emily Knapp. Jack was preceded in death by his mother, Presca Elizabeth (Olson) Feiger, his brother H. Charles Frye, half-brother Art Knapp and sister-in-law Nancy Frye.

A time to remember Jack will take place in the spring of 2021. Inurnment will be in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

For a more lasting memorial to Jack, contributions may be directed to Honor Flight (a trip that Jack was able to make and so enjoyed) c/o Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, P. O. Box 385, Mecosta, MI 49332 or online at [www.midmichiganhonorflight.com](http://www.midmichiganhonorflight.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49684

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear family,

*I am so saddened to hear that Jack passed away. I worked with him for many years at the Traverse City Visitor Center. He offered a warm welcome to every person that walked through the door and always lent a hand to support me. I could always count on Jack to lighten my mood with a witty comment! I am grateful to have known him as both a colleague and a beloved friend. I will miss our standing lunch dates at Harrington's to "catch up" on family news and talk about new developments around town:) I hope it brings you comfort to know that I am celebrating the life Jack lived and am thankful for his impact on my life. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Kathee McCafferty** - December 18, 2020 at 07:41 AM

SP

“ Laura and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sandy Panella

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**Sandra Panella** - December 17, 2020 at 04:40 PM

KS

“ Sharon, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My prayers and thoughts are with your family. Kim Weir Snyder

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**Kim Weir Snyder** - December 13, 2020 at 11:15 PM

ML

“ I had the privilege of knowing Jack most of my life as he and my parents were life long friends. I enjoyed the stories and adventures they shared. Up until the virus quarantine we had lunch frequently with the “lunch bunch “ Thanks for the memories Jack.

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**Mary Jo Lance** - December 11, 2020 at 09:13 PM

CK

“ Dear Family,

*So very saddened to hear about Jack.... who seemed indomitable. Jack served as the incredible "Chairman" of the informal "Bored" here at Bay Ridge. We will miss his clever wit, his spirit and knowledge at our mini-group meetings. Memories are forever however and a few precious... will linger. Take care family.... Jack would want that.....*

*Chet Kordel  
Bay Ridge....*

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**Chet Kordel** - December 11, 2020 at 05:29 PM

JW

*I am a resident of Bay Ridge & enjoyed his friendship & often shared dinner with him when our dining room was open.....pre Covid-19. I was a member of our "so called Bored" meeting & shall miss his comments! Always a perfect gentleman & just a "good guy". My condolences to his family. Joyce Webber.*

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**Joyce Webber** - December 11, 2020 at 09:24 PM

RB

*Jack moved into Bay Ridge shortly after we did. We became friends over dinners in the dining room. He always saved us seats at his table. Jack would go to sit in the lobby and Dick would join him to solve the world's problems. Soon others joined in and the "bored meetings" began. Dick would run errands for Jack and Jack drove Dick to a medical procedure not long ago. We will miss him and his wry sense of humor.*

*Dick & Jan Bond*

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**Richard Bond** - December 13, 2020 at 12:13 PM

CH

*We are just hearing about the passing of our father Jack and our friend. We met Jack in silver sneakers my husband Art like to talk to Jack before the class. We are sorry for your loss.*

*Art & Carolyn Hoffmann*

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**carolyn hoffmann** - March 18, 2021 at 01:13 PM