



John "Jack" A. Opiteck

August 2, 1937 - March 24, 2020

Sunrise August 2, 1937 – Sunset March 24, 2020

John A. "Jack" Opiteck, age 82, of Traverse City, Michigan passed away on March 24, 2020.

Jack was born on August 2, 1937 in Lincoln Park to the late Andrew and Elsie (Mastie) Opiteck. He attended Wayne State University. He retired from Ford Motor Company after a long career in automotive design.

In his younger years, Jack was very active and walked to work every day. He enjoyed golfing, tennis, hunting, going up north and everything Notre Dame - Go Irish! In his retirement, he was often seen walking his beloved chocolate lab, Irish, down M-22.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Susanne; a son, Dr. Gregory (Nancy) Opiteck of San Diego, two grandsons Nick Opiteck and Sam Opiteck, as well as a sister-in-law, Helen Opiteck. The family is very grateful to Jack's brother-in-law, Guy Chapp, for all his help over the years.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jim Opiteck.

In accordance with Jack's wishes cremation has taken place.

"I'll be looking at the moon, but I'll be seeing you."

In lieu of donations, please enjoy a glass of wine in remembrance of Jack.

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.

Comments



“ I've known Jack since August of 1989, when I moved into Flanner Hall at Notre Dame as one of his son Greg's roommates. At the time my family lived in Hawaii, so Jack and Sue (and Guy) essentially adopted me. I spent many weekends up north at the cabin, at their old house in Dearborn, and I always felt like one of the family. Jack was always somewhat of a larger than life figure.

My favorite memory was moving in sophomore year. Jack had (over) designed this massive double loft bunk bed for Greg and I. I think that thing would have survived a category 5 hurricane. It definitely put up with all the abuse Greg and I could give it that year. I was at their house a week before we headed to school. Greg didn't want any finish to it, and I jokingly said 'well, wouldn't it be great if we colored it all Notre Dame blue with stickers all over it'. Sue took off with it and we had a very colorful loft bed. Greg just shook his head.

I was so sorry to hear of his passing yesterday. My condolences to Sue, Greg, and Guy at this challenging time.

Matt Smith - March 30 at 12:32 PM



“ Sue, this is a sad time for sure! I will be patiently waiting to see you again at the shop! You are one of our favorites! God Bless!
Janet Ramoie
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Janet Ramoie - March 27 at 10:05 AM



“ I worked with Jack at Body Engineering. I survived there For almost 45 yrs. We had lots of fun together, base ball, bowling, beer games it goes on and on. I lift a glass of wine in tribute.....Bob Townsend towndec@yahoo.com

Bob Townsend - March 26 at 01:00 PM



“ Jack and Sue were a great couple. Always fun and ready for a laugh and a glass of wine. My husband, Duane, was a great friend of both of them. Duane died in January of 2017. Thinking of you Sue and Jack's family.

Paula McDermid - March 26 at 12:41 PM



“ Sue, I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. As we all age we tend to drift apart and lose track with our extended families. I remember Jack as a friendly, welcoming guy, always glad to see you. I know you and your children will always keep these and personal memories alive in your hearts. Again my sincerest sympathy.
Jim Baron

Jim Baron - March 26 at 09:59 AM



“ Kathy (Pujdowski) Malvaso

Sue, so sorry to read about Jack passing! I remember when you got engaged & Alfreda & I snuck into your bedroom with a flashlight while you were asleep so I could see your ring. Many happy times spent with your family. Wishing you & your family comfort & peace at this time.

Kathy Malvado - March 26 at 11:47 AM