



Jack B. Knisel

May 8, 1948 - February 14, 2020

JASPER— Jack Knisel, age 71 of Jasper, died unexpectedly Friday, February 14, 2020, at his home. He was born on May 8, 1948, the only son of Merlin and M. Elaine (Franklin) Knisel.

A lifelong resident of Jasper, Jack attended Sand Creek High School and graduated with the Class of 1966. He participated in FFA while in school and went on to be a farmer. Jack enjoyed living in the country, cutting wood and watching Sunday football with his buddies. It is safe to say, Jack knew a lot of people and a lot of people knew Jack.

Jack is survived by his three loving sisters, Rosemary Rose of Adrian, Joan (Gary) VanNorman of Williamston, MI, and Denise (Michael) Moore of Indianapolis, IN; nieces and nephews, Justin (Angela) Rose, Connie Rose, Mark (Michelle) Rose, Keri VanNorman, Ross (Ashley) VanNorman, John (Ashley) Moore, and Jennifer Moore; many wonderful great nieces and nephews and his four legged buddies, Cooper and Sammy. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Lenawee County Fairgrounds Ag Hall. Family and friends are encouraged to come and share stories of Jack's life. Please dress casually as Jack loved a good party but never saw the need to be formal.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jack's honor to Fairfield Township Fire Department or the Lenawee Humane Society. Online

memories and condolences may be shared at
www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lenawee County Fairgrounds Ag Hall
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack B. Knisel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *“We are heartbroken by the loss of Jack. He was more than our friend, he was family. Glenn fondly remembers a trip he took with Jack to Jamaica. One evening at sunset, Glenn went looking for Jack. He found him sitting on a cliff, legs dangling, overlooking the Caribbean. Jack was talking to the farmer who owned the property and discussing farming like they were old friends. That was Jack – a friend to everyone he met. Carol fondly remembers Jack’s many visits to our home, never arriving empty-handed. Each visit he brought a different treat: a jug of maple syrup (or 2), a bag of apples, a frozen chicken (or 5), steaks and, of course, giant melted milk balls. That was Jack – so generous. Jesse remembers meeting Jack at El Chapulin and sharing many laughs over chips and cheese. That was Jack – fun to be around. Tricia remembers Jack’s love of The Pioneer Woman and good country cooking, with extra butter, of course! That was Jack – living life the way he wanted to live it. We are so grateful to have had Jack in our lives and will miss him dearly. Glenn, Carol, Jesse and Tricia Wotring.”*

David Wagley - February 27, 2020 at 08:38 AM

SP

“ *Very sorry to hear of Jack's death. I saw him in October when the SCHS class of '66 gathered for homecoming and was certainly glad I had that one last opportunity.*

Steve Phenicie - February 26, 2020 at 12:10 PM

KV

“ *My heart breaks. Tell people you love that you love them every chance you get.*

My Uncle Jack was the one who taught me to speak my mind, usually as loudly as possible. He was a kind man with a great big heart and voice. I may not have gotten to say goodbye in person, but I like to think that the letters and postcards we exchanged let him know how much I thought and cared about him.

I miss you already Uncle Jack. Speak loudly on your way through those gates so the angels know you made it 🥺💔

Keri VanNorman - February 24, 2020 at 02:37 PM

BK

“ *We are sorry to learn of Jack's passing. Our condolences to his sisters and extended family. I was in a different side of the Knisel tree, but Jack was well liked and will be missed.*

Bruce Knisel

Bruce Knisel - February 22, 2020 at 09:09 PM

GK

“ Jack, All the fun we had together, I have got over a hundred stories and all of them end up with laughter and very good times. You were always the greatest friend. I pray I will be able to come to Michigan on the 7th but that will be up to GOD. You are so missed in person but never lost on my fond memories! Gerald

Gerald Knierim - February 21, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JS

“ I was both shocked and saddened to hear of Jack's passing. He was always such a voice tress person, that shared his giant malted milk balls with me, when he came into the clinic. He truly loved his dogs. My heart felt sympathies go out to his family in this time of need. I will always treasure his memory.

Julia Spiegel - February 20, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TZ

Jack always spoke highly of Kelly Vet Clinc ! In his eyes all of you were the best !

Terri Vande Zande - February 25, 2020 at 02:24 PM

LH

“ Jo, Rosemary, and Denise: I was so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I will remember his great smile. He'll be watching over all of you. Rest In Peace, Jack. Lee Anne



Lee Anne Harmon - February 20, 2020 at 02:00 PM

PL

“ Prayer and hugs to all. Jack was my neighbour. I. Also went to school with him. Every day Jack would drive by and wave. He was on his way to get his lunch. He always had a big smile on his face. And yes he could gab. At Christmas we would make him a tin of goodies. And blackraspberry jelly. From the berries we picked from his woods. R.I.H. Jack. Ill miss your smile! And kindness.

Pam Iiski - February 19, 2020 at 08:38 PM

TB

“ My heart is broken hearing of the sudden passing of my dear friend Jack. I will never forget he was the very first customer to walk in to my restaurant the morning I first ever opened the doors at Cozy Corner Cafe. He was, by far, my biggest cheerleader, supporter and promoter of my place. Most days I fed him both breakfast and lunch. Jack, you were certainly one of a kind whom I considered a wonderful friend and a member of the Cozy Corner family.

Traci Bovee - February 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM

JG

“ Jack was a good friend and always argued with me at Jasper store will miss him coming in and telling me to be quiet. So sorry for your loss he will be missed

Janet Glisson - February 19, 2020 at 05:32 PM

TV

“ Jack was a wonderful guy ! Loved his Irish terriers, Good food , and maple syrup on everything. Raising his chickens for grilling with his friends and football. Always sharing a story about his sisters and family ! Our condolences , We will miss him greatly
Barry & Terri V

Terri VandeZande - February 19, 2020 at 12:56 PM

BA

*Good memories with him here at LSC
RIP JACK ..
you sure will be missed
My Deepest Condolences to all Family and Friends*

Barbie - February 20, 2020 at 03:15 AM

JG

“*Rose, Joan and Denise, my deepest condolences to you upon the death of your brother, Jack. He slipped out of here without me seeing him one more time for our friendly jabbing match of who had the best life. I always enjoyed Jack and will miss his humor, but I am sure he is spreading his gift of gab with those that have missed him. Fly high Jack, and remember those of us that loved you big guy.*”

Jennifer Griffith - February 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM