



## Jack Bruce Orr

June 14, 1952 - November 11, 2024

YPSILANTI- Jack Bruce Orr, age 72, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly at home Monday morning, November 11, 2024.

Jack was born on June 14, 1952, in Adrian, MI, the middle child of Bruce D. and Beulah “Marie” (Nash) Orr. He graduated from Adrian High School in 1970 and went on to attend Siena Heights College earning his bachelor’s degree.

It was during high school that Jack first noticed a pretty underclassman, Melissa Mitchell. Jack and Melissa dated off and on over the years until they made it official on September 24, 1977. They were married for 47 years during which they raised a family, traveled and created many lasting memories.

Jack started his career in law enforcement where he was a police officer in Chelsea and Kalamazoo. Always up for a challenge, Jack moved on to be a special agent with the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration); and for over 20 years he was committed to making a difference in the communities he served and the fight against drugs in our country.

After Jack retired from the DEA, he went to umpire school in Florida. This training allowed him to be active in one of his favorite sports, baseball. He was an umpire for many of the local schools in the area and truly enjoyed his role with the athletes. For many years he was an active member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. He liked spending time outdoors whether it was hunting or fishing. Jack was a loyal fan of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions, even in the rough years. The Florida Keys was a favorite destination for Jack and

Melissa during the cold winter months.

Jack will be missed by his loving wife, Melissa; children, Katie (Rich) Birmingham and John (Brooke) Orr; and grandchildren, Jackson and Rebecca Orr. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Loren Orr and Sally McKinney.

Following Jack's wishes, cremation will take place and a memorial gathering of family and friends will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fraternal Order of Police or the DEA Survivors Benefit Fund.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

NOV **18**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)

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# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Pat B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Bruce Orr.

Pat B. - November 18, 2024 at 02:34 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of Jack's death. Though it has been a long while since I have seen him, I have fond memories of him from high school. Certainly thinking of Melissa with thoughts for peace and healing. Doug Van Doren

Doug Van Dore - November 17, 2024 at 07:12 PM

TS

“ Jack was a good man and always took care of his people. Rest in peace brother.

DEA Lexington, Kentucky

Troey Stout - November 17, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Bruce Orr.



November 16, 2024 at 01:23 PM

RA

“ Ryan & Melissa Adrounie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack Bruce Orr.



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**Ryan & Melissa Adrounie** - November 15, 2024 at 10:23 PM

RA

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**Ryan & Melissa Adrounie** - November 15, 2024 at 10:23 PM

DG

“ Very sorry to hear of Jack’s passing. He lived life well & was great fun to be around! Behind that loads of fun & silly personalty was a very caring guy! I will never forget a time (long time ago) when a group of us were at at El Chapulin where Jack got a little crazy and I nearly got arrested in a case of mistaken identity. Will miss him but will always have that visual of that mischievous smiling face!  
Dave Germond

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**Dave Germond** - November 14, 2024 at 09:18 PM

TR

“ Todd & Bree Ridgeway purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jack Bruce Orr.



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**Todd & Bree Ridgeway** - November 14, 2024 at 07:12 PM

VG

“ Val, Quaila, Heather, Katie & the guys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Bruce Orr.



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**Val, Quaila, Heather, Katie & the guys** - November 14, 2024 at 05:50 PM

AR

“ I knew Jack from the time he applied to become a DEA Special Agent. He was always fun to be around. He lived his life well.

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**Alan Rose** - November 14, 2024 at 12:47 PM

ST

“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Our sincere condolence to Melissa, John, Katie and their families.

Your Neighbors,

Shirley, Abbie and Trevor Tarvis

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**Shirley Tarvis** - November 14, 2024 at 12:25 PM

JB

“ Drug enforcement is serious and dangerous work, for federal prosecutors as well as agents. Jack took his work as a DEA agent seriously, but he always had a smile on his face. Jack made serious work tolerable, if not downright fun. I pray for the repose of Jack's soul. My condolences to his wife and family.

J. Michael Buckley

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**J Michael Buckley** - November 14, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JT

“ Sorry to hear of Jacks passing. He was an enjoyable person to talk to. One of our original Caren Dr neighbors. I just waved to him Saturday when I was back. Your friends Caren Dr will always miss him. Prayers to the family.

Joe Tarvis - November 14, 2024 at 11:31 AM

BH

“ Jack was always the life of the party. Many of my fondest childhood memories include “Uncle Jack”. He was a great man and I will miss him dearly.

BJ Harrington - November 13, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MN

I served for many years with Jack in DEA Detroit office. Great agent and guy. RIP my brother.



Michael Nussbaum - November 14, 2024 at 03:18 PM

BR

“ Britt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack Bruce Orr.



Britt - November 13, 2024 at 05:07 PM

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Britt - November 13, 2024 at 05:07 PM

JD

“ *I worked with and was friends with Jack for many years especially while he worked as a volunteer reserve police officer for the city of Adrian  
He will be missed*

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**John Dull** - November 13, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jack Bruce Orr.*



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November 13, 2024 at 03:25 PM