



Jack Edward Speelman

January 15, 1945 - April 29, 2019

Jack Edward Speelman of Cadillac died Monday, April 29, 2019, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 74.

Jack was born on January 15, 1945 in Woodbury, New Jersey to Frank and Alice Speelman who preceded him in death. Jack was also preceded in death by his brother, Bill Speelman.

Jack grew up in East Detroit, Michigan and served in the United States Air Force for four years before beginning an almost 50 year career in the trucking industry. Jack spent 25 of those years with T.J.'s Trucking in Cadillac from where he retired.

Jack loved sports and music. He played hockey and baseball, bowled, fished and watched old Western and war movies. He will be remembered as an avid fan of the Red Wings and UConn women's basketball. Jack's family was the most important thing in the world to him and he was fiercely proud of his wife, children and grandchildren. His son's recent retirement from the United States Air Force and return to Cadillac brought great peace to Jack and he was overjoyed that all of his children were finally home. Jack's kindness and humor made people smile everywhere he went.

On May 17, 1991 Jack married his soulmate and devoted wife of almost 28

years, Peg Petersen. Jack and Peg blended their families into one and spent the next three decades together proudly watching them grow and prosper. Peg survives him along with children: Wendy (John) Divozzo, Becky (Eric Gustafson) Speelman, Beth (Josh) Gottschall, Desiree (Michael) Lumbert and Jack Edward (Julie) Speelman II; 9 grandchildren, Brandon, Jarred, Abby, Jakob, Rachel, Megan, Allie, Elijah and Noah; and a sister, Beverly (Danny) Miller of Townsend, Michigan.

In accordance with Jack's wishes cremation has taken place and a private family memorial will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Munson Medical Center. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *It's so hard to lose the good ones, and Jack was certainly one of the good ones. He always had such a happy, positive attitude and always took the time to converse and listen to everyone's problems" He will be missed by so many people. Ee are so sorry for your loss.*

Terry and Sally Jenema - May 22, 2019 at 05:19 PM

WD

“ *Thank you to everyone for your beautiful words about Dad. There is no one who knew him that didn't love him! He was one of those people who brightened everyone's day. We were blessed that he was ours!*

Wendy Divozzo - May 02, 2019 at 11:11 AM

GP

“ *My heart sunk last night when I read Jack's obituary. I came to know Jack through his picking up Peg from Northern Lakes CMH where we both were employed. Jack always had a friendly greeting and warm smile (especially when he saw Peg!). The world lost one of its good men this week. My prayers to the Speelman family.*

Greg Paffhouse - May 02, 2019 at 07:13 AM

DT

“ *So sorry for your loss. Derek and I always enjoyed Jack's company, we will miss his smiling face.*

Derek and Shirley Tom - May 01, 2019 at 05:53 PM

KS

“ So sorry to hear this news. I know he was truly loved and admired by his children and family. My heart and prayers are with you all during this time.

Kristin Skinner - May 01, 2019 at 02:07 PM

SN

“ Peg: Very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was a good man. He always had time to strike up a conversation when I would see him. Praying for strength during this time.

Steve Nicholas - May 01, 2019 at 08:42 AM

RM

“ Sorry for your loss , prayers for the whole family.

Rich And Claudia Moutsatson - April 30, 2019 at 09:58 PM

SC

“ Uncle Jack was such a great man. Always brought smiles and tears of laughter to our faces. I am so thankful that I was able to have him in my life. Love to my family

Shelley Carpenter - April 30, 2019 at 08:14 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss, our hearts & prayers are with you

Julie & Pete Finch - April 30, 2019 at 04:03 PM

MF

“ Prayers, thoughts and hugs to everyone. Uncle Jack will be missed. Love you guys

Mike Speelman and Family - April 30, 2019 at 03:55 PM

MF

“ *Hugs and prayers to everyone. Uncle Jack will be missed.*

Mike Speelman and family - April 30, 2019 at 02:40 PM

KL

“ *Hugs and prayers for your family.*

Kevin Kent & LCMS - April 30, 2019 at 12:19 PM