



Jack R. Marks

October 9, 1936 - March 11, 2026

Jack Richard Marks, 89, of Lake, Michigan passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Mt. Pleasant Comfort Care Assisted Living Facility from a short-term illness. He was born on October 9, 1936, in Warren, Michigan to the late Richard Raymond and Evelyn (Rudel) Marks. He was one of three children raised in Warren and later in Sterling Heights, Michigan. His sisters are Beverly (Marks) Shooltz (deceased) and Elaine Marks. Jack joined the US Navy in 1956 and serviced proudly for 22 years aboard 2 Destroyers and a Presidential Communications ship. Some of his shore duty was in Washington DC, Maryland, Norfolk Virginia, Newfoundland (Canada), Athens Greece, and Glenview Naval Air Station in Illinois. After the Navy, Jack worked at odd jobs around the Clare area. Jack was a Life Member of the VFW Post 5738 in Clare, MI, and a Charter/Life Member of the American Legion Post 558 in Farwell, MI. He also served his community on the Honor Guard at Veterans' Funerals. He married his first wife Betty Kate (Walker) Marks on September 12, 1959, and spent 47 years with her until her death on June 20, 2007. Jack later married Kathleen (Jaynes) on October 1, 2011 and was with her until his death. They liked to go on Cruises to the Caribbean and visit the Islands. Jack was predeceased by his Parents, Richard and Evelyn Marks; his son, Daniel; his first wife, Betty Kate (Walker) Marks; his sister and brother-in-law, Beverly (Marks) and Edward Shooltz; his nephew, Kevin Shooltz; his niece's husband, William Hair; and his granddaughters, Lacey Marie Marks and Julie Marks.

Jack is survived by his sister, Elaine Marks (Sterling Heights); his sons, Robert and Karen Marks (Sanford); his grandchildren, Richard Marks (Shelly Kuhn) (Midland) and Shawn Marks (Sanford); his great granddaughter, Addison (Midland); Brian and Tracy (Baker) Marks (Allegan); his grandchildren, Emily Marks and Jack W. Marks; his step daughter, Donna (William) McNeill; his nephew, Duane (Kelly) Shooltz (Warren); his nieces, Terri (Shooltz) Hair (Arizona) and Jacquelyn (Shooltz) Shaw (Arizona); and his great nieces, Megan Shaw, Holly and Alvin (Sprowly), and Katie Shaw.

Visitation For Jack will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home at 165 South Hall Street in Farwell, MI 48622, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The service will start at 1:00 PM. Led by Pastor Brian Comiskey. After the service, interment will take place at the Surrey Township Cemetery 101 W. Ludington Dr., Farwell, MI 48622.

Following the interment, there will be a luncheon provided by the Clare VFW Post 5738, 145 Wilcox Parkway, Clare, MI 48617. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Surrey Township Cemetery

101 W. Ludington Dr.
Farwell, MI 48622

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
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Funeral Service

MAR 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jack R. Marks.*



March 17 at 08:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack R. Marks.

March 17 at 01:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack R. Marks.*



March 17 at 01:38 AM



“ *Kathy and Jack are my favorite snowbirds and awesome donators to the Patriot service dogs... Always a smile from Jack and such a wonderful loving couple. So sorry Kathy.*

Susi whopper - March 16 at 07:30 PM

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“ Our condolences to Kathy and your family. We only met Jack a few times but he was the sweetest man ever. The love he had for you was everything. I know how much you will miss him. We all will. Tom and Beth Borowski

Beth - March 16 at 04:58 PM

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“ Condolences to Kathy and family. Jack was one of the special friends you have in life. Always a gentleman and a twinkle in his eye. We will miss you Chief. Fair winds.

Ken & Nola Owen - March 12 at 08:15 PM