



Jack Ellsworth Osborne

January 7, 1921 - October 15, 2016

NORWAY- Jack E. Osborne age 95 of Norway, died Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Evergreen Assisted Living in Norway.

He was born in Flint on January 7, 1921 the son of the late Ellsworth and Saraphine (Miller) Osborne.

Jack graduated from Prescott High School in 1939 and received his degree from Cleary College.

He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. during World War II and during his service he married Elaine Erspamer on February 28, 1942 in Flint, Michigan. She preceded him in death on May 8, 1983.

Jack started working for several car dealerships and then for Chrysler in the 1950's, he retired in 1976 and moved his family to Norway.

Jack enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, fishing, and going to camp. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing cards. Most of all he enjoyed the company of his friends and family.

He is survived by his son Mark (Julie) Osborne of Hancock; grandchildren Nolan (Melissa) Osborne, Sarah (Lowell) Ruonavaara, Josh (Kate) Osborne,

Craig (Courtney) Osborne, Laina, Jack, Karen, Steven, Mary and Katie Osborne; 15 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law Lois Vielmetti and Dorothy Hasenburg; brother-in-law George (Grace) Erspamer; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his grandson Vic Osborne.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 21 from 10-11:00 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I want to mention that I unintentionally omitted a special friend of Jack's in the obituary. Theda Goodrich was a special companion of Jack's in later years and they enjoyed many years together prior to Theda's passing in 2013. Theda was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I sincerely regret this omission.

Mark Osborne

Mark Osborne - October 20, 2016 at 09:56 PM

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“ Jack was one of a kind. He brought me much joy and laughter over the years. Loved that guy!

He lived by his own set of rules those rules were set in stone, and I wish all young people could have taken a class in economics from this man, our country would not be in debt.

Although he knew where every penny he spend came from and went and why, he was also one of the most generous men I have ever met.

We had invited him on a group pheasant hunt a few years back and we were all so happy he was able to join us. We all had a wonderful time, and when we all divided up the bill, we were told it was taken care of, and yes, Jack paid for everyone., From that day on, as a hunting joke, I named him "Jack Ass" for paying for everyone. That was his camp name, and he was very proud of it.

Believe me when I tell you, Jack was a part of our "Greatest Generation" The World War II generation. I watch as these great people pass, and it really saddens me, they will all be missed. My life is a little more empty without my, "Jack Ass" not here as a true friend.

Donny Chartier, JR.

Donald Chartier JR - October 18, 2016 at 09:46 AM