



Jack Ingalls

June 19, 1939 - October 29, 2024

Jack Ingalls, age 85, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2024, at his home in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was born on June 19, 1939, to Delbert and Celia (Crain) Ingalls, on the family farm in East Jordan. His courageous battle with serious medical issues over the past year showed his “farmer tough” attitude, determined to stick around a little longer to enjoy precious time with his family and friends.

Mr. Ingalls, aka Coach or Grandpa Jack, was instrumental in his role as teacher, administrator and coach in Vestaburg and Gladstone, Michigan. He also assisted the St. Ignace and East Jordan Basketball programs. Coach Jack Ingalls led his Gladstone Braves Basketball teams to many championships and helped shape the lives of many student athletes. In 2018, Jack was inducted into the UP Sports Hall of Fame, supported by so many of those whom he had a profound effect in athletics and in life. He was also inducted into the Hall of Fame in Vestaburg and Gladstone for his distinguished coaching career and leadership in basketball, football, track, baseball, and Little League. Jack was a fantastic softball player in the Petoskey Fast Pitch League, excelling for 14 years as an outfielder and hitter, and especially known for his drag bunts and lightning-fast speed on the base paths.

Jack attended East Jordan Schools and graduated in 1957. Jack then

attended Central Michigan University where he ran track and met his first wife, Mary Lou (Snyder). Jack and Mary Lou spent many years on the ball fields playing fast pitch throughout the state. They shared a love of sports, coaching and teaching. They have two children, Doug (Dorene) Ingalls of St. Ignace, Michigan and Lyndel (David) Sage of Advance, Michigan.

After Mary Lou's death in 1996, he met his current wife, Margaret (LaChapelle) Ingalls while at a State Finals basketball game and were married in July 2011. Jack and Margaret enjoyed attending ball games, traveling and spending time with grandchildren Luke Sage, Jackson and Jonathan Ingalls. Margaret was by her husband's side every step of the way over the past year and she helped him attend many sporting events and other activities including small trips to the farm in East Jordan and other short excursions.

Jack is survived by his wife, Margaret; two children, Doug (Dorene) Ingalls and Lyndel (David) Sage; two step-children, Andrea (Mark) Palmer and Tim (Lisa) Howey; three grandchildren, Luke Sage, Jackson Ingalls, and Jonny Ingalls; three step-grandchildren, Tyler, Lauren and Will; brothers, J. M. (Charlene) Ingalls, Everett (Linda) Ingalls, and Allen (Colleen) Ingalls; and sister, Ila Cox; and nieces and nephews, Ann, Nancy, Mitch, Mike, Matt, Del, Todd, Joelyn, Brendan, J.C., Jason, John, Brenda, Jeff, Sheila, Brian, and Brad.

Jack was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Lou; parents, Delbert and Celia; brother-in-law, Jerry Cox; sister, Lyndel Vander Ark; and brother-in-law, Keith Vander Ark.

A Visitation will take place at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, 120 Church Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781, on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. The Funeral Service will immediately follow at 12:00 Noon.

The Burial will take place at 11:00 AM at Ellsworth Cemetery, 9870 Eaton Rd. Ellsworth, MI 49729, on Monday, November 4, 2024.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family

Cemetery Details

Ellsworth Cemetery

9870 Eaton Rd.
Ellsworth, MI 49729

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church
120 Church
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Burial

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ellsworth Cemetery
9870 Eaton Rd.
Ellsworth, MI 49729

Tribute Wall

WB

“*Doug, Lyndel, and family - we are so very sorry for your loss. Your father was an amazing man. He had a profound impact on those of us who were fortunate to call him “Coach”. His influence still carries through to this day!*”

Wes Butch - November 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM

DI

Thanks so much Wes 💜 Hope you are doing great

doug ingalls - November 09, 2024 at 10:07 PM

DH

“*Dear Ingalls family,*

I was saddened to hear that Jack had passed. It brought back wonderful memories of Jack and GHS. His smile and sense of humor were infectious. He made me feel welcome from day one. I saw how he was truly dedicated to his students and athletes and how much he was liked by the staff. From Jack I learned that it was okay to smile and be relaxed in the classroom, and a sense of humor made you human. When I think of Jack, I can't help but smile, and I'm smiling now. Thank you, Jack. Thanks for the memories.

To you, his family, my condolences and wishes for the best for you all.

Duncan Hebbard

Duncan Hebbard - November 06, 2024 at 08:55 PM

DO

“*Doug and family: Sympathy to you on your loss of your Father. I always enjoyed officiating games at Gladstone. Jack touched the lives of many young people. David StOnge. Ishpeming*

David St onge - November 06, 2024 at 01:13 AM

KD

“*Dear Ingalls family:
I'm saddened to read this. I especially remember Jack as one of the best fast pitch softball players I ever knew. I would watch those games as my brother Bob was usually on one of the same or opposing teams. How Jack could lay down a bunt and end up on second base always amazed me.
I knew his family fairly well having worked with his brother at Drenth Brothers, tending masons etc. Have many fond memories of that entire family.
Ken Drenth*

Ken Drenth - November 04, 2024 at 08:12 AM

AW

“*Dear Ingalls family,
So sorry for your loss. I regularly have the fondest of memories of everything Mr.Ingalls taught me in the the classes I had him for at GHS. It was also great to keep in touch with this fine man for many years later. He's missed.
Andy and Brenda Wiltzius*

Andy Wiltzius - November 02, 2024 at 07:59 PM

DI

*Thanks Andy / coach
Great seeing you in Menominee*

doug ingalls - November 02, 2024 at 08:09 PM

NB

“ To the Ingalls family, I was so saddened to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to all of you. He truly was a great man, great teacher, great coach... he was my favorite teacher of all time! Always the most humble man, next to my dad. Will never forget him. He did make a difference in so many lives. Rest in peace 🙏🙏💕💕
Nancy Boyer

Nancy Boyer - November 02, 2024 at 12:38 PM

DI

THANKS NANCY !!!

doug ingalls - November 02, 2024 at 03:37 PM

MB

“ Doug and family sorry to hear of the passing of Coach Jack. Very well respected man in the Rapid River area. RIP Jack. Mike and Nancy Boyer

Mike Boyer - November 01, 2024 at 03:37 PM

DI

Thanks so much Mr and Mrs Boyer
Hope all is well

doug ingalls - November 01, 2024 at 04:02 PM

KP

“ Doug & Lyndel and family so sorry to hear about your Dad. Having him as a coach was an honor. He gave me my nickname "stick "and he will never be forgotten. Thank you for being a great coach! Love Kelly Mcdonough Pepin

Kelly Mcdonough Pepin - November 01, 2024 at 01:17 PM

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*Thanks Kelly
HOPE UOU ARE WELL !*

doug ingalls - November 01, 2024 at 04:03 PM

RC

“ *Coach - I honor you and your legacy of coaching along with teaching and leading boys to men. I appreciate all you did for me and so many others. Rest in peace, Coach. Love R Troy Carlson*

R TROY CARLSON - November 01, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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*THANKS DOC for all you do -
♥ give Shannon our best ♥*

doug ingalls - November 01, 2024 at 04:05 PM

LC

“ *Love - R Troy Carlson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jack Ingalls.*



Love - R Troy Carlson - November 01, 2024 at 12:26 PM

LC

“ *Love - R Troy Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Ingalls.*

Love - R Troy Carlson - November 01, 2024 at 12:26 PM

WN

“ World and Newt purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Jack Ingalls.



World and Newt - November 01, 2024 at 11:14 AM

WN

“ World and Newt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Ingalls.

World and Newt - November 01, 2024 at 11:14 AM

CO

“ I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Coach Ingalls. He was truly a remarkable teacher and coach, who had a great influence on my future life as a teacher and coach. He was a man with the utmost integrity. Thank you Coach for your years of dedicated service to the students and community of Gladstone.

Cory Olson, Woodland Park, CO

Cory Olson - November 01, 2024 at 07:08 AM

DI

Thanks Cory 💜

doug ingalls - November 01, 2024 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jack’s passing. Coach Jack was very instrumental in building Gladstone’s basketball program. He was also a well respected teacher in our school system. I also knew and coached girls’ little league softball with his first wife Marilou. When we took teams to tournaments out of town I would have to bring my two younger children Anne Marie and Matt with me. Jack would entertain them while Marilou and I held practices. He was so good with kids and they loved him. He will be missed by many. My prayers are with your family at this sad time. Judy Tochterman. ❤️

Judy Tochterman - October 31, 2024 at 11:57 PM

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THANK YOU💜
Mrs Tochterman💜 hope all is well

doug ingalls - November 01, 2024 at 04:07 PM

AT

“ AARP Michigan Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack Ingalls.



AARP Michigan Team - October 31, 2024 at 04:50 PM



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



October 31, 2024 at 08:44 AM



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

October 31, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ Doug. Dorene, Jackson and Johnny,

So sorry to hear of your father and grandfather's passing. I didn't know him but knew he was a distinguished coach. Doug, after reading his obit, I see where you get your competitive spirit. Again, please accept my condolences and to Mr. Ingalls, RIP, you will be sadly missed.

*Dave Miller
Retired DeTour Girls BB coach*

David F. Miller - October 30, 2024 at 02:41 PM



Thanks so much Coach Miller

doug ingalls - November 01, 2024 at 04:08 PM