



Jack King Storey

November 7, 1944 - March 4, 2022

Jack King Storey, 77, of Sault Ste. Marie and Drummond Island, Michigan, passed away at War Memorial Hospital on March 4 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jane Mason Storey, brothers, and sisters-in-law Thomas P. Storey (Sandy) of Colonial Heights, VA; Alfred J. Storey (Linda) of Drummond Island, MI; James M. Storey (Diane) of Holland, MI. and brother-in-law Joseph G. Mason (Donna) of Mooresville, N.C.

Mr. Storey was born on November 7, 1944, at St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. When the family moved to Saginaw, MI, Mr. Storey attended St. Mary's Cathedral elementary and high school, where he lettered in football, graduating in 1963.

Matriculating at the University of Michigan, Mr. Storey earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration. He continued his education after graduation completing many courses in Native American studies.

Throughout his post-graduate life, Mr. Storey was a proud alum of Michigan and ardent follower of the university's athletic teams.

Embarking upon his professional career, Mr. Storey was a health educator for Saginaw County. He and a partner founded a sporting goods equipment and clothing store, True North, that operated for a number of years on Saginaw's near west side.

In 1979 Mr. Storey joined The (Sault Ste. Marie) Evening News, starting a 29-year journalistic career marked by stellar, clear, and concise writing that

earned numerous awards. These include Associated Press awards for sports, feature, investigative, and straight news reporting in 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1987.

At the newspaper, he was able to realize his dream of working and living close to the Great Lakes and the majestic freighters that fascinated him from an early age. His celebrated column, the Marine Beat, reflected that passion. During a shooting incident at the newspaper, Mr. Storey is credited with gathering fellow staffers into an inconspicuous, locked room to shelter them from the shooter.

Mr. Storey kept on his personal desk a motto that inspired his journalistic career: "It is a newspaper's duty to print the news and raise hell," attributed to Wilbur Storey, the 1861 editor of the Chicago Times.

Throughout his adult life, Mr. Storey developed a passion for building and restoring wooden boats and vintage outboard motors. He and Jane spent many summers sailing the waters around Drummond Island on Estelle, a Beetle Cat which they rescued from Massachusetts and he lovingly restored. In addition to his spouse and siblings, Mr. Storey is survived by stepchildren Michael Romant (Jackie), Jeannie Romant-Richey (Calvin), Carrie Romant (Karl Nibbelink) and nieces and nephews Leslie Pitcher, Susan Storey, A. Patrick Storey, Amy Storey, Annika Storey, Dan Storey, and nine step-grandchildren.

No services are planned at his request.

"Hey, Jack: three long and two short."

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack King Storey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Jack King Storey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Jack King Storey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *On January 10, 1974 Jack and Lee Bjerke and I opened True North Outdoor Equipment on Gratiot Ave in Saginaw. It was a tiny location so we moved to a bigger place in 1975. Sales kept slowly growing, but by 1980 we decided we had to either go all in & get still bigger or close True North and get on with our careers. We picked the careers.*

Jack was a great friend. I never saw him in a bad mood. He could always see the humor, even in a difficult situation- like the time the store was robbed.

Jack, I still have my Class 5 parka from True North. And the little paint brush you left behind when we did the final clean out of the store. I use it a lot.

Goodbye, Jack

Jim Doane

jim Doane - March 21, 2022 at 09:28 AM

JM

“ *Bon voyage, Jack. We all wish you smooth sailing on the big lake.*

Joe Mason - March 15, 2022 at 09:32 AM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to Jane and family. Jack was one of a kind.*

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“ *Jack gave me my first byline. He was a great mentor to budding journalists.*

Shannon Van Ofen - March 08, 2022 at 06:38 PM