



John "Jack" Frederick Luepnitz

June 22, 1940 - January 7, 2022

John "Jack" Frederick Luepnitz, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, January 7, 2022. His family and friends had the opportunity to say goodbye and were with him in spirit.

Jack was born June 22, 1940, on the Brevort Lake family homestead. The Luepnitz family settled there in 1882. They cleared and cultivated the property for crops and livestock. This hard-working lifestyle instilled beliefs that lasted his lifetime. Mainly, 'if you want something, you have to earn it. To earn it, you have to work for it.' Upon graduation from high school in 1958, he entered the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) apprenticeship program. After receiving his journeyman's card, he worked many commercial and industrial projects in the Upper Peninsula. In 1968, he started work at the Midland Nuclear Plant. He worked there 16 years for the IBEW and the Bechtel Power Corporation as a field engineer. In 1984, he moved back to Brevort Lake and returned to the IBEW. He retired after 41 years of being an electrician, in 1999. In 1987, he married the love of his life, Mimi Bentgen, and they were together thirty years until her death in 2017.

Playing cards, pool, bowling, and watching Pro Wrestling were some of his hobbies. His favorite though, was playing sports with his children. For nine years, he coached little league and was an integral part of the construction of the Midland Southtown Little League fields. He enjoyed working with his

excavation equipment, making many paths on his property. It gave a great sense of pride riding these trails on his four-wheeler with his beloved dog Sparky. Wednesday card games were Jack's treasured best friend time. He looked forward to these days and the competitive, spirited fun with these friends. It is well known that his euchre strategy was sometimes not appreciated by his partner.

Jack was a lifelong parishioner at Moran Immaculate Conception Church and Knights of Columbus member for over 40 years. He enjoyed volunteering at fundraising and community events whenever he was needed. These events included building fish cribs in Brevort Lake with the Straights' Area Sportsman's Club and helping kids catch their first trout at the annual Fish Fest in St Ignace.

Surviving are his daughter, Marybeth Webb (Bill Owens); daughter, Janet (Dave) Whiddon; son, John (Tammy) Luepnitz; son, Andy (Ann) Luepnitz; daughter, Melissa Bentgen (Tom Sheran); brother, Carl (Lori) Luepnitz; sister, Lois Carr; sister, Mary Miller; brother, Bill Luepnitz; brother, Fred (Debbie) Luepnitz; grandsons, Trevor Whiddon and Will (Samantha) Whiddon; granddaughters, Brooke Luepnitz, and Abby Luepnitz; many nephews and nieces; and card buddies, Ray and Polly Lowetz, Tom and Mary Burris, Louie Colgrove and Levi Moses.

Jack was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Luepnitz; father, Fred Luepnitz Sr.; brother, Dale Luepnitz; brother, Ken Luepnitz; sister, Ruth Houdek; brother, Art Luepnitz; brother, Frank Luepnitz; and wife, Mimi Luepnitz.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 14, 2022, from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Galer Dodson Funeral Home & Cremation, 240 McCann Street in St. Ignace.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 12:00 Noon at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, W1934 Church Road in Moran.

Burial will be in the Spring in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery in Moran.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you join the Straits Area Sportsman's Club by going to this site and paying \$25.00. (<https://straitsareasportsmensclub.net/get-involved>) Our goal is to increase membership and fund several key projects in our local area.

Galer Dodson Funeral Homes & Cremation in St. Ignace, Michigan is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

Dukes Road
Moran, MI 49760

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - St. Ignace
999 South State Street
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-7711
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<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Frederick Luepnitz*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *John "Jack" Frederick Luepnitz*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *John "Jack" Frederick Luepnitz*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

SB

“ Mary, Janet, John and of course Andy, I am truly sorry that I will not be able to attend the events for this upcoming weekend in supporting you during your Dad's showing and funeral. I am truly sorry, but with both COVID and flight challenges coming from Virginia, I am unable to provide my "in person" condolences to you all this weekend. I extremely respected your Dad. He not only made me smile, but his passion and support for you all made me envious. Between his brass spittoon next to the stereo near the big-drafting table, half tore apart TV in the basement, pool table, and chicken coop in the backyard, he always made me wonder as to what project was next. His time supporting my family from the very beginning (building our home in 1968), baseball batting practice, basketball in your backyard, high-jumping into your pool, to fish-fries at the K of C's, his presence ALWAYS brought comfort. When spending a summer break at Brevort Lake circa ~'82, he drove me back down from St. Ignace to Midland in world record time because of a fever I had due to possible "scarlet fever." With this said, your Dad and you all were a huge part of my "growing up" years. I am so sorry for his passing, but I believe he is in a more comfortable place. I love the memories that I have with you all and wish you all comfort and the best during your upcoming times in missing your Dad. Trust me, I have gone through it with the loss of my Dad. I love you all!!!
Steven Bailey

Steven Bailey - January 13, 2022 at 10:45 PM

VT

“ Things I LOVED about Uncle Jack...I loved the twinkle in his eyes. I would often catch his eye at family events where he'd sit quietly not saying much but taking it all in, not missing a beat. Our eyes would meet and he'd raise an eyebrow as if to say "and what do you think about it all, Valree?"

I LOVED hearing stories our mom would tell us about her and Uncle Jack. They were partners in crime growing up and had a friendship that lasted a lifetime ❤️

What I LOVE most about Uncle Jack is his legacy. His kids. Uncle Jack's kids and their spouses have been an example of how to love and take care of our loved ones. He was blessed by their love and devotion to him. The past 2 summers have been a whirlwind of family dinners and family projects with Uncle Fred and Aunt Deb pitching in to help. Uncle Jack was kept busy!

In his quiet moments I believe his heart was happy as he'd look out the front window knowing how much his kids loved him. And now he's in heaven with Jesus, reuniting with family who have gone before us. Keeping that twinkle in his eyes, knowing he'll see us again one day as well. Rest in peace Uncle Jack,
Love, your niece,
Valorie

Valorie Triemstra - January 10, 2022 at 06:57 PM

LS

“ I'll always fondly remember Jack sitting in my parent's kitchen while drinking coffee and shooting the breeze. He would arrive on his four-wheeler with his beloved dog, Sparky. My parents loved those visits, especially my father, Wes. They used to have lots of good laughs together. Laurie & Dean Steiner

Laurie Steiner - January 10, 2022 at 02:28 PM

GG

Jack and John spent a lot of time playing Cribbag,, at our dinning table. Many Saturday afternoon would stop for John and go play Euchre at the Moose. He loved playing Cards. Him and Mimi was fun to be with. We mixed them when we moved. They are together agsin May they both RESI IN PIECE,,,

Gloria & John Gold - January 10, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DW

Rest In Peace brother. Jack and I worked together on many projects during the 80's. The nuclear project being one of them. Always had good things to say, jack was one of the last "Soo" boys in the IBEW. Those boys taught me how to play euchre "the hard way!"thanks jack.

david wyers - January 11, 2022 at 10:52 AM

JJ

Dad was certainly a one of a kind.Ill never forget our hunting and fishing trips.Love seeing him just being Jack and in his realm.He love all his kids and made sure he got us out of bed in the worst mornings.Ill certainly mis talking with him every day.I know he's in a better place and Mimi is with him.Slab and his other buddy's are close by.Dad I miss you but I know things are going to be fine.Your kids rock and we will never forget the Rock star dad we had.If you don't mind can you find some hunting and fishing spots for me.Love you always dad

John Luepnitz jr - January 11, 2022 at 10:58 PM

PS

What an amazing man my Uncle Jack was. I believe he is my God Father, although none of us can remember for sure. I lived the first 2 weeks of my life at his has as my mother was visiting from the Soo, went into Labor and had me in St. Ignace. I believe the weather was awful so Uncle Jack let the 5 of us stay at his house. Seems to have always been there for us (especially for my mother Lois Ann Carr (Luepnitz) We visited Uncle Jack this past summer and he was so sweet. I noticed him enjoying watching old Westerns and watching the birds in the bird house on the tree in front of his window. He liked to keep Johnny busy cutting down trees. Marybeth, Janet, Johnny and Andy loved him very much, visited him often and take after him as far as being so generous, so helpful and loving to all of our family! May we meet again in Heaven someday. With love and Thankfulness. Your niece, Patti Simab (Wartella)

Patricia Simab - January 13, 2022 at 03:38 PM

PS

*I lived my first few weeks at his house****

Patricia Simab - January 13, 2022 at 03:40 PM

LW

Having cousins is truly a gift in life, and Cousin Jack was certainly one in the lives of ours, especially Patsy's. To be close in childhood/young adulthood and then to reconnect in later years is meaningful in so many ways; looking forward to a lifetime of the unknown and then reflecting back with someone who was there in the beginning is special. Jack, over those years, proved to be the model of a good man who meant so much to so many. He was well-lived and well-loved, and will be greatly missed on our trips up north.

Cousins Patsy, Gloria, and Linda

Linda Wolf - January 14, 2022 at 08:52 PM

MB

I thought of Jack and the family all day today. I'm so glad I was able to pay my respects and also visit a little with each of you. Jack was always smiling, always positive. He did try to give me some tips to be a better bowler, I remember that. I also remember he and I actually canned tomatoes together way back when we were neighbors on Poseyville Rd. You were blessed to have a caring, loving Dad. I know you all have so many good memories, and that will help you now. My love to all of you.

Marsha

Marsha Bailey - January 15, 2022 at 10:33 PM