



Jack G. Swope

June 27, 2012

Jack G. Swope, 79 of St. Ignace passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning, June 27 surrounded by a loving family following a lingering illness. He was born February 9, 1933 in Clarendon, MI to Ren and Marjorie (Gea) Swope. He graduated from Homer High School in 1950.. He and his wife Bev moved to St. Ignace from Homer, MI in 1977. Jack owned Rennco Packaging Co., employing over a hundred people, after developing the machine to package everything in plastic. He showed the machine in 1969 at Cobo Hall, and marketed and sold it world wide and sold Rennco in April, 2000. In 1987 he purchased the Budget Host Inn in St. Ignace and owned it until 1995, selling to his son, David and his wife Lisa. Jack was very active in the community and state tourism; was a member of the Board of Directors of the 1st National Bank of St. Ignace; former member of UPTRA Board; State of Michigan Tourism Board; School board in both Homer and St. Ignace; was Citizen of the Year in 1995 in St. Ignace; formerly; owned the Radio Shack on State Street in St. Ignace and purchased the Marina Pub; recently.. .. He loved to hunt and made several trips to Africa, and also Canada and South Dakota. He was an excellent skeet shooter, even though he had one eye. a loss since childhood. Jack also loved to fish, but hunting was his favorite passtime He was a member of St. Ignace Sportmans Club; Ducks Unlimited, and Rough Grouse Society.. and Mackinac Straits Shooters Association. He will be missed in St. Ignace, and was always doing something to promote tourism in the community., and not a self serving person. He was an active member of

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church and a member of the Finance Committee., to share his expertise to his church.

On December 4, 1970 he married Beverly Gregg in Homer, and she survives; one son, David T. and Lisa Swope, St. Ignace; 2 grandchildren, Corey and Chelsea. 3 brothers, Ren and Gerry Swope, West Bloomfield; David M Swope, Homer; and Stan and Judy Swope, Homer; a sister, Mary and George Eros, Howell; and father in law, Bob Gregg, St. Ignace.

Friends may call at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace on Thursday from 4 to 7 pm. Parish prayers will be at 7 pm with Fr Pawel Mecwel officiating. Mass of Christian burial will be on Friday, June 29 at 1 pm at St. Ignatius Church with Fr. Mecwel officiating. Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be family; Ren, David M. and Stan Swope; George Eros; David T. Swope and Cory Swope.

Memorials may be directed to the Mackinac Straits Health System Oncology or St. Ignace Area Community Foundation with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack G. Swope*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Jack G. Swope*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Jack G. Swope*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I am so very sorry about Jack's passing. So many of our "class" are leaving us. Would love to convey my thoughts and condolences to the family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Pauline Howe Murphy Lint - July 21, 2012 at 09:29 AM



“ *Roger and I just returned from vacation and learned of Jack's passng. Jack gave us many memories. We were saddend to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Roger and Cindy Higbea - July 01, 2012 at 06:50 AM

GL

“ We were so saddened to hear of Jacks passing, he was one of the best people I have ever known. I thought of him often over the years and all the good times at the shop and the Chirstmas parties. He was a mentor and friend to me and I will never forget him. Yours and Daveys families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gary & Mary Leayman - June 29, 2012 at 03:00 PM

FH

*“ Dear Bev & family,
Although we are unable to be with you at this difficult time, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have so many fond memories of Jack. Not the least of which was how humble he remained through all his successes.
With our love, Frank & Lesley*

Frank & Lesley Hilder - June 29, 2012 at 10:21 AM

SS

*“ Our deepest sympathy to Bev, Dave, Lisa, and family. Jack will be greatly missed by friends here in Santee, SC as well as in St. Ignace. We loved Jack dearly and are so sorry we could not be there. All our love and Prayers are with you.
Susan, George, and family*

Susan and George Stroman - June 28, 2012 at 08:31 PM

RJ

“ Dear Bev and family, please know that you are all in our prayers at this time. We loved Jack and will miss him very much, we feel so blessed to have known such a sweet and caring person. May God Bless you and we love you!

Ron and Sarah Jackson - June 28, 2012 at 05:48 PM

TB

“ *“Uncle” Jack will be greatly missed by all of us, especially my father, Jim Murphy, whom I think of Jack more as a brother and best friend than a cousin. I especially enjoyed hearing Jack's excursion stories. My love and prayers to Bev, Dave, Lisa and the kids.*

Teri (Murphy) Bonnett - June 28, 2012 at 07:21 AM

MG

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Bev and her family. We truly enjoyed Jack's friendship over the years and admired his contributions to the community. We will definitely miss his smile and his laughter.*

Mike & Sandy Grisdale - June 28, 2012 at 04:30 AM

FC

“ *We are saddened by the passing of Jack. All of our memories of him over many years are that he was a friendly, caring person. We send our sympathy to all of Jack's family and wish the well.*

Fred & Becky Cutcher & Rachel Cutcher - June 28, 2012 at 02:15 AM

PS

“ *You will be missed, thanks for everything "Gentleman Hunter", you are always in our prayers
Love Pam & Dave*

Pam & Dave Simrell - June 27, 2012 at 04:29 PM

SE

“ *Dear Bev. We are so sorry that we cannot be there but be certain that our thoughts and prayers are with you and with all the family at this sad time. We are so fortunate to have had Jack as a friend and will miss him very much. Love to all of you, Gen and Stuart*

Stuart and Gen Everett - June 27, 2012 at 03:21 PM