



Jack Thomas Lockridge

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Jack Thomas Lockridge, 80, of Manchester, MI passed away peacefully, October 30, 2021, at his home after a battle with brain cancer, with his loving family by his side. Jack's family and friends will gather Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Eineder Funeral Homes- Manchester Chapel and Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am with the funeral service at 11:00 am at the Emanuel Church of Christ (324. W. Main St) Manchester, MI. Pastor Chris Kurtz will serve as celebrant. The Burial of Ashes to follow, Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester.

He was born December 27, 1940, at Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park, MI. He married the love of his life of 56 years, Diane Esther (Grossman) Lockridge, on August 21, 1965, at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester, MI. Jack graduated from Manchester High School in 1958. After graduation, he served in the United States Navy for 1959-1963 where he was stationed on the USS Forrestal CVA 59 Air craft carrier and served over in the Mediterranean Sea with Cannes, France as his home port. He visited Spain, Italy, Greece, Lebanon and Turkey. Jack was also stationed on the carrier in Cuba during the Bay of Pigs.

After the Navy, he was employed by the University of Michigan Elevator Department of which he retired from in 2002. He was a member and deacon of Emanuel United Church of Christ and a Manchester Senior Center Volunteer.

Retirement was fun for Jack. It allowed for him to make time for fishing, driving dune buggy's on Sand Dunes, watch Nascar, writing in his diary, biking, going up north with his best friend, Dave and working on cars. Jack loved going to McDonalds and getting a coffee and a roll. He was a master "MacGyver" and could make anything out of a little of this and a little of that and duct tape. Jack enjoyed Adult Coloring and he framed many of his colorings and gave them to other people to enjoy. He enjoyed talking to new people and was always first to make one feel welcomed. Storytelling was one of his favorite things to do, and he was never at a loss for words.



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Jack enjoyed family holidays. Before each meal, he hand wrote prayers and put them under everyone's plate. When it was finally time to feast, each family member would look under their plate, pick up their portion of the prayer and wait for their turn to read the moments of reflection and blessings. We always said he should have been a pastor.

When grandchildren came, it was all about them. Jack would take them to his favorite McDonalds and they would grab a snack together. He worked on five lawnmowers, so each one of them could ride them around his yard. Jack never missed a school event or an athletic game. He made books that held special moments in each of their lives and those books were given to each of them at their high school graduations. Jack was a proud grandpa. He enjoyed learning about their friends, which then became part of his family.

Jack is survived by his wife, Diane; his son, Thomas (Paula) Lockridge and his daughter, Kimberly (Jesse) Otto; five grandchildren, Nathan, Brett and Anna Lockridge; and Paige and Connor Otto; two nieces and several cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Lillian (Fox) and his sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Jack Wriska.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Emanuel United Church of Christ or Arbor Hospice. Please leave a message of comfort for Jack's family or sign his guestbook at www.EinederFuneralHomes.com.



Events

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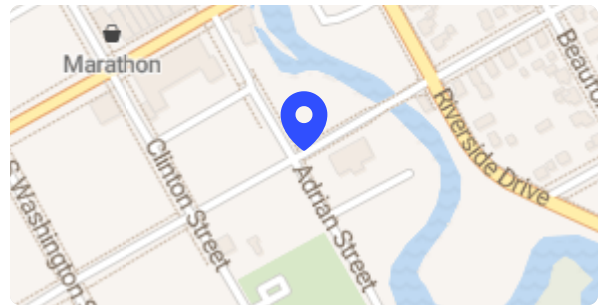
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Family and Friends Gathering

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Eineder Funeral Homes - Manchester Chapel
207 E Duncan St, Manchester MI 48158

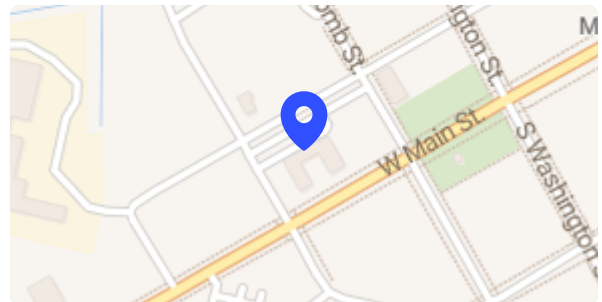


Family and Friends Gathering

Thursday, November 4, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Emanuel Church of Christ
324 W. Main Street, Manchester MI 48158

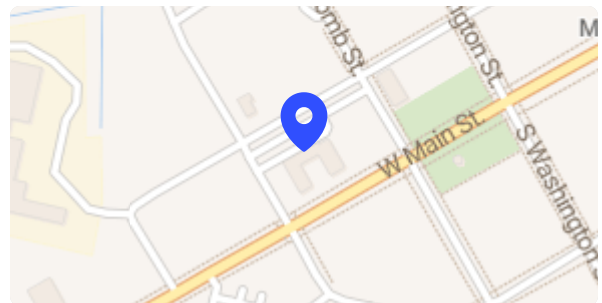


Funeral Service

Thursday, November 4, 2021

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

Emanuel Church of Christ
324 W. Main Street, Manchester MI 48158



Burial of Ashes

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Oak Grove Cemetery
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Cemetery Details

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Jim Vibbart posted:

My sincere condolences to Mrs. Lockridge and Jack's family. I just learned of Jack's passing today and apologize for the delay in posting these words. I knew Jack from our work at the UM. In fact, I hired Jack. Over the course of time we developed a great bond and we counted on him immensely. He was our go-to parts guy and he chased elevator parts all over creation. (Elevator parts aren't sold in stores! He had to be creative!) I remember one time we went to a conference in Indiana together and somehow he knew all the back roads from Manchester to Indiana! I really enjoyed his stories, not only on that trip, but every day we worked together. I eventually moved in to another position at the UM and missed seeing Jack every day. But I know the people who continued to work with him counted on him to keep the place going up and down. Thanks for sharing a part of your life with us at the university, Jack! You are greatly missed.

November 9 at 7:48 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Lockridge family.



November 3 at 6:09 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Lockridge family.



November 3 at 4:52 AM



Nancy Walkowe posted:

My sympathy to his wife and family. He was a nice classmate. Quiet and mature for his age.

November 2 at 7:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lockridge family.



November 2 at 2:13 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lockridge family.

November 2 at 1:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lockridge family.

November 2 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lockridge family.

November 2 at 10:17 AM



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Robert Hartmann posted:

I could never call you Jack, even when to told me to. It just didn't feel right to me to say that to a man I admired & looked up to so much. Besides the memories of events with my family, my best/favorite memories from my younger years involved Jack and Tom. From the three of us crammed into that little blue Chevy Luv truck driving up to Gaylord or camping out in the pop up camper up at MIS for a night or two way back before NASCAR got really big, to lightly scolding me when Tom & I got our first speeding tickets (good story, just ask us) to helping me into the car after Tom & I were involved in a bicycle crash the last day of school (another good story to ask about) Jack Lockridge was a man I cherished dearly. From the time we all started nursery school at church (Tom, Joel, Bruce, Bob, Gary, Erik & I) up to these last difficult months, along with Dave Minick, Mr Lockridge is, and always will be, the Dad I wish I had. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for every little thing that the Lockridge family has done for or involved me in throughout my life. Tom, you are my brother from a different mother. I love you all !!!!!

November 1 at 3:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Lockridge family.

November 1 at 1:13 PM





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Joan Fehr Schindler posted:

Diane and family. You have my sincere condolences on the loss of Jack. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

November 1 at 12:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lockridge family.



November 1 at 9:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Love's Tapestry to the Lockridge family.



November 1 at 8:52 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lockridge family.



November 1 at 7:33 AM



Louis Way posted:

So sorry to hear this He was one of my favs at the U. A Good man

November 1 at 6:26 AM



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Martha posted:

There are so many memories with you both. The one I love best is when we had a scavenger hunt and they had to put the women in a wheelbarrow out at Barleys home and wheel us around the circle, makes me laugh to think of it! We had so much fun playing cards for years! I know how much Dave will miss his trips up north with Jack and the twins? Our hearts are sad for you Diane and your whole family, but our thoughts and prayers are with you every step of the way. Love to you all!

October 31 at 11:48 AM



Dawn Wenk November 1 at 8:47 AM

There are so many reasons why I love to come home to Manchester and one of those reasons has been to go to Emanuel and see "Jack and Diane". Jack always had a ready smile, a warm hug, and an infectious laugh. We joke that my son was named in Jack's honor and I can only hope and pray that my "Baby Jack" will be as genuinely kind-hearted as "Big Jack". He is one of God's truly great people and I will miss him. Dawn



Betty & Gerry Mann October 31 at 4:50 PM

Jack was always such a kind gentleman! He will be missed at Emanuel. He was always willing to help whenever he was asked. Gerry & I will miss him stopping at our home when he was in our neighborhood. God Bless Diane & your beautiful family.



Pat & Liz Wallace October 31 at 1:42 PM

Our deepest sympathy to you, Diane, and your family...Prayers....



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jack by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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