



Jack W. Hooper

August 20, 1936 - June 11, 2026

Jack Hooper passed away peacefully on June 11, 2026 surrounded by the love of a family he spent his whole life building. He was 89 years old and every one of those years was lived with quiet generosity, faith, grace, and a warmth that made everyone around him feel calm and loved.

Born in 1936 in Iron Mountain, Michigan, Jack grew to be a man admired throughout his community. He graduated Iron Mountain High School in 1954 and then served his country in the United States Air Force, including a post in Greenland, returning home to build a life and career that left an indelible mark on the Upper Peninsula. For decades, he was a familiar and beloved presence at the Daily News in Iron Mountain, helping bring the stories of his community into homes each day. But if you checked the sports page, you'd find Jack was often the subject himself. A 1955 Class B champion ski jumper and accomplished lifelong golfer, he claimed over 40

golf

tournament victories and held records across the UP, earning his rightful place in the

Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame for both Ski Jumping and Golf in 2015.

He was a

sports legend to many and a fond fixture at Pine Grove and Timberstone.

For all his trophies and wins, Jack was quick to tell you that his greatest accomplishments were his children and his grandchildren. He and his beloved wife

Susie, soulmates and inseparable best friends, built a family and a home full of laughter,

palpable love, and the kind of warmth you felt the moment you walked through their

always-open door. Hoop would greet you with a hello or a whistle from his favorite

chair, a cross word puzzle in one hand, a Diet Coke in the other. Though he never had the

chance to attend college himself, he never once skipped a day of work, quietly demonstrating a work ethic that his children would build upon and flourish from. He

was unrelentingly proud of every one of them.

If you were lucky enough to know Jack, you felt his generosity in everything he

did. Whether it was snow plowing a neighbor's sidewalk or spending hours teaching his

friends to be better golfers, you marveled at his calm under pressure, a man who carried

himself the same way on the golf course as he did in life, measured and humble. He was

also a craftsman spending hours in his basement workshop building custom

golf clubs,
teaching his children the value of making things with their hands. To all those
who got
to play a round with him, sit across a card table from him, be his student, be
given one
of his nicknames, share a hotdog at the turn, or simply be in his quiet,
steadying
company, know that he adored each and every one of those moments.
Jack is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Susan Hooper. Together they
created and nurtured five children that he leaves behind in the wake of life
well lived;
Judy (Dom Buonocore), Kathy (Matt Paupore), Bill Hooper, Beth Linn, and
Sheryl (John Maloney). He also proceeds his ten living grandchildren Jordan
and
Angela Buonocore, Eric and Jacklyn Paupore, Joe, Allen and Emma Linn,
and Jack, Truett and Lander Maloney; and his sister Marilyn Spigarelli, along
with many cherished in-laws, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death
by his
parents, Bill and Eleanor Hooper, and by his sweet granddaughter, Meghan
Paupore, his
angel who greeted him in heaven.

We will miss him and celebrate all he has given to our family and his
community every
day for the rest of our lives. We know he is looking down on us all from the tee
box with
his 1000 watt smile and that special twinkle in his eyes. With Love, The
Hooper Family

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 17 at 11:00 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Michael Chenier will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jack Hooper online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Mass

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

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“ Diane E. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jack W. Hooper.



Diane E. - 1 hour ago



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack W. Hooper.



3 hours ago



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

3 hours ago

JZ

“ Jen and Dan Zoller purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack W. Hooper.



Jen and Dan Zoller - 5 hours ago