



Jack M. LaChapelle

March 26, 1932 - October 2, 2021

Jack Maurice LaChapelle, 89, of Iron Mountain, MI, died Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the home of his grandson, Joseph Sabatini, whom he resided with for over a year. The two became very close and enjoyed each other's company, creating many memories together while battling a long illness of lung cancer.

His parents, George and Henrietta (Raucher) LaChapelle, met and married in Langres, France after WWI. The couple moved to Florence, WI, where they raised their family. Jack was born on March 26, 1932, in Florence, WI, and was the second youngest of seven children. Jack attended Florence schools and joined the US Navy during the Korean War. He served as the Radio Man on the USS Salem, which was the Flagship with the Admirals aboard. He loved the sea and loved touring all of Europe while being abroad. After his service, Jack moved to the Detroit area and became a police officer. There he met his first wife, Caroline Maniaci, and they had 25 years together and raised 9 beautiful children, Linette, Belinda, Rene', Felicia, Marco, Georgette, Odette, Danielle and Nicole. Jack and Caroline both instilled a deep faith in God in their children. They raised their family in Grosse Pointe, MI, and summered at their family cottage on Cosgrove Lake in Spread Eagle. Jack had an engineering mind his entire life and was an entrepreneur. He owned and operated several businesses during his career including United Engineering Co. and B & L Rubber and Plastics Co., both downstate, and Custom Windows in Kingsford.

Jack married Norma Capra on November 6, 1983, and had 36 years of marriage until her death on December 1, 2019. Both Norma and Jack loved their dogs they had over the years.

He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and was active in community and civic affairs. Jack's love for Christ was strong his entire life. He made a Cursillo in 2005 and was an active member of the Ultreya community. Jack had brought many people to Christ and was proud of that fact. He always had a smile on his face and saw good in everyone. He had a positive attitude and even though he battled cancer three times, when asked, "How are you doing, Jack?" His response was "I feel great!" A couple of his favorite sayings were, "Don't sweat it" and "Bend with the grass and sway with the wind." He is with the Lord right now and he is great! Rest peacefully now Dad and watch over all of us...

Jack is survived by nine children, Linette (John) Hiller of Breitung Township, MI, Belinda (Wayne) Youngblood of Highland Michigan, Rene' LaChapelle of Iron Mountain, Felicia (David) Schaible of Dunedin, FL, Marco (Michelle) LaChapelle of Sterling Heights, MI, Georgette (Colby) Cantrell of Columbus, OH, Odette (James) Stankawich of Dunedin, FL, Danielle (Jim) Kitz of Dallas, TX, and Nicole (Jamie) Horn of Madison Heights, MI; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and great-great nephews, relatives, and cherished friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Raymond (Irene), Rene', Dolly (Dan), Lillian (Ernest), Betty(Norb), Maxine (survived by his brother-in-law, Eugene).

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021, from 10-11:00 am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Memorial services will be held at

11:00 am Tuesday at the church with pastor Paul Strom officiating. Burial will be in the Commonwealth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church maintenance fund.

Condolences to the family of Jack LaChapelle may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Commonwealth Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Jack LaChapelle Service Live in memory of Jack M. LaChapelle*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - October 19, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack M. LaChapelle*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - October 19, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *To the LaChapelle Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss! We have been thinking about the great Cosgrove Lake memories we have with all of you. We wish we could be with you. Our thoughts are with all of you, and we are praying for you as you as going through this very difficult time.

Love, the Hamari Family

Patti Lidbeck - October 17, 2021 at 05:02 PM

DK

“ Dad -

Although I'm heartbroken beyond words, you will always be forever in my heart and mind . I could always count on you to see the positive in a dark or sad situation and you added humor to my life when I needed it the most . I will miss spending time with you and being able to pick up the phone and sharing special things that have happened (about me or grandkids ,Devin and Lilah) to laughing about silly quotes from our favorite movies . You will be missed by so many who loved you .

*Your daughter ,
Danielle (your Dani wani, and Dani girl) ❤️*

Danielle Kitz - October 17, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack M. LaChapelle.*



October 16, 2021 at 07:34 PM

NI

“ *The Martz, Griebe and Bayly families sent a donation in memory of Uncle Jack to St. Jude. So many happy memories of family get togethers throughout the years. Rest In Peace Uncle Jack!*

Niece - October 16, 2021 at 06:15 PM

BW

“ Brian Wilmoth purchased the Loved One Vertical Blanket for the family of Jack M. LaChapelle.



Brian Wilmoth - October 14, 2021 at 10:37 PM

JC

“ Joy Carlson lit a candle in memory of Jack M. LaChapelle



Joy Carlson - October 14, 2021 at 08:12 AM

DK

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Danielle Kitz - October 16, 2021 at 10:05 PM

JD

“ I remember one summer on Moon Lake standing outside looking at the lake and a meteor went by. It looked so close We could see the flames. The tail lasted a while. Uncle Jack said. I'm glad you were here because otherwise no one would believe me. Haha. Love you Uncle Jack 🥰🥰🥰🥰

Jacqueline Dreary - October 11, 2021 at 05:18 PM

TG

*Our Brother in Christ Jack...
We shared the Lord together once a week for 16 years and every week was special. We know you will save some seats for us in Heaven with you. :) Love,
Tom Gary Torv & Jay 🙏🌟*

Tom Gursky - October 19, 2021 at 09:58 AM