



## John Parke Channing

November 12, 1927 - June 16, 2017

After a long, full life, John Parke Channing, “Jack”, passed away peacefully on June

16th, 2017 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan. Born the first child and only son of R. John and Ida E. (Wolfe) Channing on November

12, 1927, in Ishpeming, MI, he grew up in several towns throughout the Upper Peninsula. Jack was devoted to outdoor sports and activities and developed what would be a lifelong love of hunting, fishing, camping, boating, hiking, skiing and anything to do with being in the woods. Jack appreciated all of nature and spent many hours observing and admiring the wild life that surrounded him in his home.

After graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1946, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army serving from 1950 to 1952. With the help of the G.I. Bill, he earned a degree in Education from Northern Michigan University in 1955 and a Masters of Education Degree in 1961. He began his teaching career in Port Huron, Michigan but an opportunity to teach at Kingsford High School in his beloved Upper Peninsula brought him back to the area. He raised his own family in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Jack retired from Breitung Township Schools in 1986 after 32 years of teaching Industrial Arts and Driver’s Education. He was proud of his work and

of his students and loved to hear from them as the years went by. He told his family that he wanted to thank all the parents of the young men and women entrusted to his care and instruction during his tenure in the Breitung Township Schools (1957-1986).

As a husband and father, brother, teacher, grandfather and friend, Jack was always loving, supportive and encouraging. He was a man eager to help where he could and took delight in and praised the accomplishments of others.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Howard "Jay" Uren, son-in-law, Dr. Brian W. Alquist, and stepson, Richard Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary of Maryhill Manor, Niagara, WI; sister, Linda Uren of Spread Eagle, WI; his five children, Deborah (Michael) Berger of Marquette, MI; David (Jessica) Channing of Los Angeles, CA; Julie Alquist of Iron Mountain; Paula (Jon) Pryor of Iron Mountain; and Michele (Don) DeShazo of Westerville, OH. His ten grandchildren, Brian (Lydia) Berger, Kimberly Berger, Benjamin Berger, Samara Berger, Jared Alquist, J. Miles Alquist, Sophia DeShazo, Olivia DeShazo, and Abigail DeShazo. His great grandchildren, Jordan Berger and Elaina Berger. Stepchildren, Thomas (Julie) Johnson of Marquette, MI; Julie (David) Rosen of New Port Richey, FL; and Michael (Lynn) Johnson of Marquette, MI and his dog Woodson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 5:00 pm at the funeral home. Dr. Aaron Scholnik will officiate. Burial will be in the Park Cemetery in Marquette, MI.

The family would like to acknowledge and extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Community Living Center for the

excellent care, love and support given to our beloved Father and his family over the last five months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Temple Beth Sholom in Marquette, MI

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John "Jack" Channing online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

NL

“ *Nancy LaFreniere lit a candle in memory of John Parke Channing*



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**Nancy LaFreniere** - June 23, 2017 at 08:22 AM

JD

“ *Prayers going out to you all, so sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man and so welcoming every time we spent time at your house during high school.*



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**JAN DAVIDSON** - June 22, 2017 at 06:31 PM

WZ

“ *Paula, Julie, and Dave,*

*Though it has been many years, I will always remember your Dad as devoted to your family. My condolences.*

*Wendy*

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**Wendy Gagnon Zambon** - June 22, 2017 at 06:05 PM

JM

“ Although I had not seen Jack for many years, I have very fond memories of him...a man who had something special in his ability to respond to others. I'm so sorry to learn of this loss to his family. Yelena joins me in extending to his family our condolences; we're thinking of you. Jerry Zacks

Jerome S Zacks MD - June 22, 2017 at 01:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Parke Channing.



June 21, 2017 at 05:36 PM

SM

“ Dave, Paula and Julie,  
I have fond memories of him, at the ski hill years ago, always willing to help someone who needed it. A very fine human being. My thoughts are with you....  
Shelby (Buford) Merckx

Shelby Merckx - June 21, 2017 at 01:41 PM

TA

“ Terry Awrey lit a candle in memory of John Parke Channing



Terry Awrey - June 21, 2017 at 09:28 AM