



John Comer

March 8, 2012

John Patrick "Jack" Comer, 86, of Iron Mountain passed away on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at HCR Manorcare in Kingsford. He was born on August 10, 1925 in Buffalo, NY, son of the late Joseph and Anne (Connolly) Comer. Following graduation from high school at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, Jack enlisted in the United States Navy during WWII and served 2 years as an aviation cadet. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he attended college at the University of Michigan, School of Forestry and Conservation, receiving a B.S. in Wood Technology, followed by an MBA in Industrial Relations. His career included various positions of management in furniture and wood working factories. He served 20 years as Vice President and General Manager of the Foley Martens Company in Kingsford, retiring in 1995. He married Joann Pederson in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1976, and they have had more than 35 wonderful years together.

Jack served for 23 years on the board of Trico Opportunities, 10 years on Dickinson County Hospital Board of Trustees, plus 12 years of volunteer work at the hospital and 3 years of service at the Medical Care Access Coalition. He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. He loved time spent with family, grandchildren's sporting events and the annual week-long Comer family reunions for 29 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Burke in 1968, brother and sister in-law, Hugh and Dolores Comer, brother, Thomas Comer, brother in-law, Donald Leopold, and a niece,

Susan Leopold.

Jack is survived by his wife, Joann Comer of Iron Mountain; daughters, Elizabeth (Tom) Zentz of New Palestine, Indiana, Pamela (Dennis) Carney of Traverse City, Michigan, Amelia (Cyrell) Baldwin of Perry, Michigan; sons Patrick (Linda) Comer of Clarendon Hills, Illinois, John (Donna) Comer of Plymouth, Minnesota, Timothy (Dawn) Comer of Niagara, Wisconsin; 15 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; stepson, David (Joelle) Swan of Forest Lake, Minnesota; stepdaughter, Elizabeth Cisne of Lincoln, Nebraska; 3 step grandchildren; sister, Sarah Leopold; sisters in-law, Eileen Comer of Williamsville, New York, Jane Jensen of Plainview, Nebraska; numerous nieces and nephews

Visitation will be held on Saturday, from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain The funeral service will follow at 11:00am at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

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

Online condolences may be expressed to the family of John "Jack" Comer at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ Our thoughts and more especially our prayers are with each of you on the loss of Jack. Bruce served several years with him on the Trico board and Jan on the MCAC board. His mild manner and expertise were a great asset to both organizations. May you find comfort in the many happy memories of your time together.

Bruce and Jan Collins - Kingsford, MI - March 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ All our thoughts and prayers are with all the Comers. We can't forget Uncle Jack's kind, gentle ways and soft smile-- a wonderful man. All our love!

Kate Comer Helm - Winston-Salem, NC - Niece - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were sorry to hear about Jack. He was such a nice man. I enjoyed visiting with him and Joanne at Fontanas and Standard Printing.

Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Jill & Nick Romagnoli - Williamsburg, MI - Friend - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Dearest Joann, My thoughts and Prayers are with you, You will miss him but know he is Safe in the Arms of Jesus. Bless you, Venessa

Venessa Kuzak - Sagola, MI - Church Family - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Joanne and Family*

Sorry to hear about Jack. Wish we were there to express in person but we are in California until late April. Sure enjoyed our mail delivery days. Take Care and God Bless

Bill Roberts - Mail Partner at Hospital - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Joann: "My sincere condolences concerning the loss of your husband."*

Bob Johnson

Bob Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family*

Peter and Nicholas Dishaw - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend/Coworker of Tim Comer - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Jack's passing. I have such wonderful memories of Uncle Jack. He and my Dad seemed so alike to me. Quiet, and strong. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family.....*

Love,

Don and Mary (Comer) Machowski and family

Mary (Comer) Machowski - Mt. Pleasant, NC - niece - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ We are all so sorry to hear of your loss. Uncle Jack was a wonderful man, and we know how much he will be missed. The entire Comer family is in our thoughts and prayers.

With love,

Mike and Anne (Comer) O'Neill and family

Anne O'Neill - Buffalo, NY - niece - March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM