



## John A. Fortier

September 6, 1933 - May 28, 2024

John A. “Jack” Fortier passed away on May 28, 2024, at his summer home in Spread Eagle, Wisconsin.

He was born on September 6, 1933, to Arthur R. and Marion (Vicory) Fortier in Iron Mountain, Michigan. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1951 and from Michigan State University in 1955 with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Corp of Engineers, honorably discharged in 1964. He married Sally Frickleton on December 25, 1953, at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. Together they shared 70 beautiful years of marriage and raised three children.

Jack spent his entire professional career working for Bacco Construction Company, the last 23 years as President, retiring in 1996. Jack was past president and board member of the Michigan Road Builders Association, AGC of America and many local service and charitable organizations. He also served as a Director for the First National Bank for 16 years and has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder for many years.

Jack’s hobbies were hunting, fishing and golfing. Jack and Sally enjoyed traveling, but their favorite places were Spread Eagle Wisconsin and Barefoot Beach Florida, where they spent many years enjoying friends, beach walks, and sunsets. They especially loved family gatherings where Jack would

marvel at what he and Sally had started.

John is survived by his loving wife, Sally; his children, Darcy Kassin (Rich Sorenson), John (Teresa) Fortier, both of Iron Mountain, and Jill (Eric) Sesselmann of Muskegon, MI; his sister, Marylee (Frank) Oatley of Marquette, MI; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Fortier of Iron Mountain; ten grandchildren, Michelle (Sam) Sharp, Joe Kassin, Russ (Joy) Kassin, Dana (Mike) Cook, Jenna (Todd) Buckley, Kyle (Jackie) Fortier, Kristen (Adam) Kosidowski, Sarah (Jeff) Chilman, Meagan (Eric) McPherson, and Eric (Brooke) Sesselmann; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Marion Fortier; and his brother, Art Fortier.

The family would like to thank the dedicated caregivers who were such an important part of their daily lives: Colleen, Heather, and Carol.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the First United Presbyterian Church in Kingsford, MI. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am at the church with Pastor Bob Malsack officiating. Burial will be in the Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
395 Hamilton Avenue  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Memorial Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
395 Hamilton Avenue  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Dear Sally and family,

*Jack and Sally have been our neighbors at Barefoot Beach for 20 years, and for many years during the winter season we looked forward to seeing them on an almost daily basis. Over the years, they have not been merely good neighbors; they have been great friends who helped make our building a true community. We always looked forward to seeing them, and we will miss Jack very much. But we will always remember his sharp sense of humor, his innate kindness and his complete devotion to Sally. Please accept our condolences for your great loss. Jack and the entire Fortier family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Steve & Cathy Bedell*

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**Steve Bedell** - June 01, 2024 at 03:52 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all during your time of sorrow and loss 🙏🙏

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**Larry and Carol Trevillian** - June 01, 2024 at 01:16 PM

BS

“ I met Jack in 1997 when I started at BACCO, many fond memories. Our condolences to Sally and the Fortier family. Brady and Polly Schaefer

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**Brady Schaefer** - June 01, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DM

“ My condolences to all of Jack’s family He was a great man and so fun to talk to. I have had the greatest respect for him in all of his endeavors rest in peace Jack. 🙏🙏 Don and Monica Maule

Don Maule - May 31, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Fortier.



May 31, 2024 at 12:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Fortier.



May 31, 2024 at 11:44 AM

KS

“ Kim and Glenn Strehlow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Fortier.

Kim and Glenn Strehlow - May 31, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John A. Fortier.*



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May 31, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dear Sally and family,  
We were saddened to hear of Jacks passing.  
Please accept our deepest sympathy. Jack was a great neighbor and friend of ours at Barefoot Beach. Steve has great memories of long conversations with Jack as well as fun fishing excursions with him.  
Please know you are in our thoughts and are sending you our love and prayers.  
Steve and Mary Giambruno*

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**Mary Giambruno** - May 31, 2024 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Sally and the family. We remember Jack fondly and will miss him. John & Kristin Muntean*

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**Kristin** - May 31, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ *Kristin M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Fortier.*

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**Kristin M.** - May 31, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Fortier.



May 31, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Love, Your Friends at Give 'Em A Brake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Fortier.

Love, Your Friends at Give 'Em A Brake - May 31, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John A. Fortier.



May 31, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ Acrisure ( VAST and Jay Hillier) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Fortier.

Acrisure ( VAST and Jay Hillier) - May 31, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John A. Fortier.



May 30, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ Joe & Jordan Barley, Barley Excavating planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Fortier.

**Joe & Jordan Barley, Barley Excavating** - May 30, 2024 at 08:22 PM



“ Deborah G. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of John A. Fortier.



**Deborah G.** - May 30, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ The Walbec Group and Payne & Dolan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John A. Fortier.



**The Walbec Group and Payne & Dolan** - May 30, 2024 at 11:52 AM

ML

“ *Much Love, Bruce and Julie Lowing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John A. Fortier.*



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**Much Love, Bruce and Julie Lowing** - May 29, 2024 at 07:07 PM

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“ *Much Love, Bruce and Julie Lowing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John A. Fortier.*

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**Much Love, Bruce and Julie Lowing** - May 29, 2024 at 07:07 PM