



# Jack T. Chidister

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## **Jack T. Chidister**

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**J**ack Chidister, 91, passed peacefully from this life to the next in Spring Lake, Michigan on the morning of December 13, 2019. He was born in Ligonier, Indiana on July 4, 1928 to Adin and Edith (Stack) Chidister and grew up in South Bend, Indiana.

Jack married Jeanette Heckaman in Bremen, Indiana on June 4, 1949 after which they settled in South Bend. In the early 1950's, Jack served his country in the Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean conflict. Jack and Jeanette raised three children and were active at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Jeanette preceded him in death on August 30, 2001.

Jack worked in sales for companies that drilled and maintained municipal and industrial water wells. Along with two partners, he established Peerless Midwest, Inc. of Mishawaka, Indiana in 1972 where he was co-owner, vice president, and chief salesman until his retirement in June 1988.

On August 28, 2004, Jack married Betty Everling whose husband, Don Everling, had also recently died. They resided in Spring Lake, Michigan and spent many good years traveling and enjoying life together.

Jack enjoyed golf, fishing, hosting fish fries for family and friends, Notre Dame sports, new cars, and giving people Hubs peanuts. Throughout his life, he was pretty sure that the 4th of July fireworks were for him.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, Adin and Edith Chidister, his first wife Jeanette Chidister, and his sister-in-law Berdine "Dean" Asper. He is survived by his wife Betty and her loving family; son Mark (Peggy) Chidister of Ames, Iowa along with their children and grandchildren; son Randy (Bobbie) Chidister of South Bend, Indiana along with their children and grandchildren; and daughter Katherine Chidister of Elkhart, Indiana along with her sons and grandchild. He is also survived by his sister Sally Unsicker, sister Patty (Bill) Hupp, sister-in-law Dorothy Anderson, and brother-in-law Marshall (Sharon) Heckaman.



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The family would like to thank all of you who have shown us so much love and support in recent months and to thank the many wonderful caregivers at Comfort Keepers of Spring Lake, American House of Spring Lake, and Hospice of North Ottawa Community Health System. A memorial in Jack's name has been established with Hospice of North Ottawa Community Health System.

The funeral for Jack will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 51490 Laurel Road, South Bend, IN 46637 with Rev. Jeremiah Jording officiating. Friends may meet the family 1-3 p.m. Friday, December 20, at The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 213 E. Savidge St, Spring Lake, MI 49456 and one hour prior to the funeral at church. Interment will be in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com)

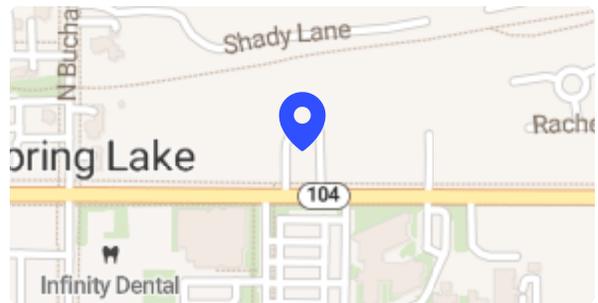


# Events

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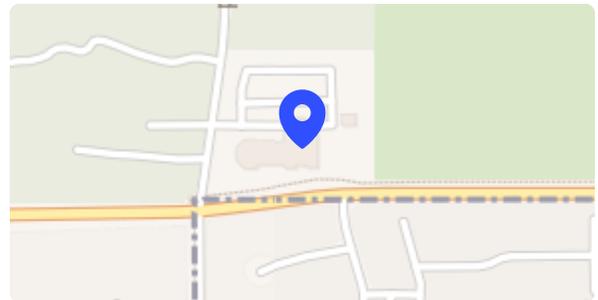
## Visitation

-  **Friday**, December 20, 2019
-  1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
-  **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Spring Lake Chapel**  
213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI 49456



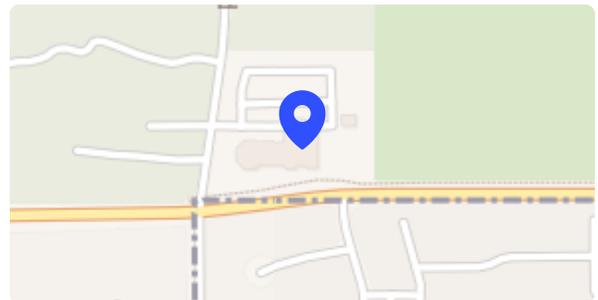
## Visitation

-  **Saturday**, December 21, 2019
-  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
-  **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
51490 Laurel Road, South Bend MI 46637



## Funeral Service

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-  2:00 PM ET
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## Cemetery Details

-  **St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park Cemetery**  
375 West Cleveland Road, Granger MI 46530





## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Julie Rager** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Randy, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tom & Julie Rager

December 19 at 3:54 AM



RK

**Robin Kealy** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Randy, I am thinking of you and Bobbie and your whole family at this time. I am praying you have peace and comfort knowing your dad is with Jesus. It is a pleasure working with you and sharing your faith! Robin Kealy

December 19 at 3:51 AM



DH

**Don Huber** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Chidister family.

December 17 at 10:03 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Chidister family.

December 17 at 6:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Chidister family.

December 17 at 4:22 AM





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JW

**Jim Williams** posted:

Jack, along with my father and 9 other courageous individuals, started Peerless-Midwest in 1973. He was instrumental in building a company that provided opportunities for many families to make a good living while providing safe water for the public. On behalf of the Peerless family, Jack will always be appreciated and missed. Jim Williams

December 16 at 12:16 PM

KC

**Kathy Chidister** December 16 at 11:23 PM

Thanks Jim, Peerless meant so much to Dad.

DM

**Denise Murray** posted:

I am sorry for the loss of this great guy. I worked for he and Jeanette. I met him through North Shore Marina when he bought "Cracker Jack" I became his personal detailer. We became friends for many years. He told me once I saved his life, because I showed him how to get out of the water by climbing on the out drives of his boat. He fell once off the dock and saved himself. He had to come and tell me right away. I will forever remember him fondly. Denise Murray

December 16 at 11:51 AM

KC

**Kathy Chidister** December 16 at 11:27 PM

Thanks for taking care of Dad and his boat! We had a lot of great memories on the "Cracker Jack"! I remember his fall...so glad you showed him how to get out safely!!!

LI

**Livingston Pipe And Tube Inc.** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Chidister family.



December 16 at 9:49 AM



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PC

**Paula Chittenden** posted:

Jack will be missed by all. I will never eat peanuts, watch John Wayne movies and other of his favorites without thinking of him. It was a pleasure to know Jack and take care of him. Paula Chittenden

December 15 at 5:59 PM

KC

**Kathy Chidister** December 16 at 11:25 PM

Thank you for taking such loving care of our Dad!

DZ

**Darla Zwiers** posted:

Condolences to Jack's family. He was an amazing man who led an amazing life and he will be missed by many. A final "thank you, Jack, for taking such good care of my birth mother".

December 14 at 1:14 PM

KC

**Kathy Chidister** December 16 at 11:24 PM

Thank you for being a part of his life!



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jack by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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