



# Jack W. Yeck

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Jack William Yeck, age 75, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on May 28, 2024, following a short illness. Jack was born on July 24, 1948, in Mount Clemens, MI to Gordon and Ann (Luskin) Yeck. Jack spent his early school years in Ypsilanti and Ludington. He graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central in 1966. Soon after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served two tours in Vietnam as a prop and rotor mechanic and door gunner in the 7th of the 1st Air Cavalry Division. When he returned home, he ended up in the V.A. hospital in Saginaw, MI due to a knee injury. His friend sent a beautiful, dark-haired nineteen year-old to pick him up. That woman became his friend and soulmate, Julie Schuch. Jack and Julie were married at St. Mary's Cathedral in Saginaw, MI on April 17, 1971. Within a year of marriage, they had their first child and they moved to Muskegon, MI, where the happy couple had two more daughters. Jack worked for Sealed Power until his retirement. In 1984 the family moved to North Muskegon into their dream home, where they celebrated many events including numerous motorcycle hill climb parties where Jack was the entertaining host. Jack and his son became professional motorcycle hillclimbers, and one of Jack's goals was achieved when he made it up Mt. Garfield. He is well-known for his gregarious nature and his love of motorcycles and could often be found tinkering in his garages on multiple projects and bikes. Jack also loved spending time hunting and "carousing" with his son and buddies including Mike Sadler, John Miller, Kevin Yeck, Sam Williams, Harry Bearup, and Frank Sokolowski. In recent years Jack loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren, writing and telling his stories, and keeping up with his MCC Class of '66 Friends Forever group. Jack had an affinity for using quotation marks and date stamping EVERYTHING. A life-long Lions fan, Jack was blessed by going to the Lions vs. Vikings game with his brother and family in Minnesota last December. He also enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers play. On May 4, 2024, he



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walked his youngest daughter down the aisle and was so happy to see her married to a wonderful man. It was the last time the family was together, and it was a day filled with love, smiles, joy, and laughter.

Jack is survived by his three children and their spouses: Jack (Laura) Yeck, Christine (Scott) Fry, and Carolyn (Scott) Buckmaster; four grandchildren and their partners: Natalie Yeck (Isaac Varela), Summer Yeck (Eric Vreede), Chloe Fry (John Collison), and Gabriel Fry; siblings: Doug (Linda) Yeck, Sheryl Flannery, and Kevin (Kathy) Yeck; additional family: Chuck (Kris) Schuch, Ralph Schuch, Wayne Schuch, Ann (Mike) Bauer, and Jim Harryman; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. Jack was predeceased by his parents Gordon and Ann Yeck; his loving wife of 49 years, Julie Yeck; sister, Joan Harryman; sisters-in-law, Nancy Rembish and Janice Schuch; brothers-in-law, Joe Rembish and Mike Flannery; and his sweet pets Shirley, Lucy, and Sunny. Jack's family would like to extend special thanks to Robin Swanson for her help with housekeeping and for being a great friend, and also to the Trinity Health Team of doctors and nurses who helped to care for Jack. The family is having a celebration of life on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 3:00 PM, with the Military Honors taking place right at 3:00 PM. Please contact the family for details. We would love everyone to wear something that reminds you of our father, whether it is a motorcycle shirt or Honolulu blue, please help us celebrate his life, love, and passions. Those planning an expression of sympathy are encouraged to consider donating to Pound Buddies of Muskegon, the Muskegon Rescue Mission, or the Salvation Army. In addition, to honor our father, he would love to have you spread kindness by buying a stranger dinner or thanking a Veteran for their service. Share memories with the family at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com). Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442.



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SA

**Sandy** posted:

Fifi, Ginny, and I would like to attend Jack's memorial. Could you please send me details about the celebration of life service. oneils2007@att.net. I will pass the information along to the girls.

June 22 at 5:07 AM

FM

**Frederick J Monroe** posted:

Kevin :: Sheryl:: and the complete Yeck family:: Jack was a good man a very good man:: Full of LOVE and compassion to everyone, he came in contact with:: The good Lord gave all the Yeck's wonderful hearts of LOVE To touch the lives of others, I happen to be one of them and touched by the complete yeck family. I'm lifting everybody up in prayer for peace at this time.... We have to remember that Jesus Christ is the prince of peace.. Love is the greatest gift on earth.. amen...

June 6 at 9:55 AM

MS

**Mike&Judy Stonex** posted:

Judy and I are sorry to hear of Jack passing. What a fun guy he was. He will be missed by many.

May 31 at 2:57 PM

TC

**Tom Calkins** posted:

My fondest memory of Jack ( who somehow got tagged with the moniker 'Bohunk') is our hunting trip up to his uncle's cabin in Freesoil way back in the '60's. Tim DeMarse (upon who Jack hung the moniker 'Benarse'), Jack and I had just passed through Custer and there was a big, muddy ominous looking dip in the road ahead and Tim hollered out "just gun it!", and those words lived in infamy as a rally cry for tough times ahead. Needless to say, we spent that rainy night axle deep in that mud hole. We were rescued the next morning by a farmer headed to church with his young daughter who said "no daddy, we'll be late!". The 3 of us had some fun times together. Godspeed Jack, 'just gun it!'.

May 31 at 5:00 AM

MS

**Marilyn Fox Stuart** posted:

Jack and I went to St. Michael's School, and Catholic Central together. I lived a few blocks from when he was on Jefferson St. We've shared many experiences and he will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family he dearly loved.

May 30 at 2:09 PM



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MF

**Marian Fraser** posted:

Such fond memories of Jack and Julie. Peace and prayers for the family.

May 30 at 12:19 PM

BW

**Barb W** lit a candle in honor of Jack.



May 30 at 11:46 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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