



John "Jack" Ericksen Mommer

April 5, 1941 - May 28, 2014

John "Jack" Ericksen Mommer, 73, died May 28th, 2014, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City after a 22 year battle with cancer.

Jack was born April 5, 1941 in Cedar Falls, Iowa to Russell Ernest Mommer and Lois Irene Ericksen. He graduated from Dike High School in 1958 and served as an Airman First Class in the United States Air Force from 1962-1966. After his honorable discharge, Jack continued to be active in his community and in Veterans organizations in Iowa.

On September 1st, 1973 he married Mary Elizabeth Voss in Cedar Falls, IA and the two enjoyed a marriage of 40 years and the birth of eight children. In addition to running a family farm in Dike, Iowa, they started the Oak Highlands Waterpark and Ski Hill in Waverly, IA.

Jack served as the Commander of The Dike Iowa Legion Post 471, Veterans Affairs Commissioner for Grundy County, American Legion District Vice Commander for the 3rd District and was a member of the "40 & 8" Veterans Organization. As a result, he actively served thousands of returning Veterans. Jack was also very active in his local community. He helped to re-start the Boy Scout Pack 108, direct the Iowa Boys State selection committee, and judge the 5th grade Flag Essay Contest for Grundy County inspiring the youngest generation.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his sons Eric Bartlett of Clive, Iowa; Jasen Mommer of Maui, Hawaii; Casey Mommer of Windermere, Florida; Peter Mommer of Basseterre Saint Kitts and Nevis, West Indies; Brett Mommer of

Liège, Belgium; John Mommer II of Windermere, Florida; his daughters Erin Fernández-Mommer of Renton, Washington; Kristi Druvenga of Oelwein, Iowa; Shannon Mommer-Singh of Fargo, North Dakota; eight grandchildren; and sisters Billielee Mommer of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and Jill Fisher of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Jack was preceded in death by his infant child, Ericksen and his parents Russell and Lois.

His Family writes, "To be a Jack is to be a wise man but think of yourself as a dumb farmer, recall stories to exacting detail but spend none of that energy holding grudges, see losing your sense of smell as a chance to include more skunks in your practical jokes, or down-time in a tractor as a chance to call the local radio station to crow like a rooster or yodel like a von Trapp. To be a Jack is to treat a perfect stranger as a long-lost friend and a son or daughter as a greater version of themselves, to know that strangers and sons and daughters alike will rise to the occasion and forget why they doubted themselves in the first place. And a Jack will not expect any credit for it. Most of all to be a Jack is to be all of those things, but then to look at your reflection and see just a man. While his life on Earth is over, his influence is sure to ripple through time for generations to come. May we all follow his example and aspire to be more like a Jack"

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday at Fredsville Lutheran Church, rural Cedar Falls, with burial in the church Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by the Dike American Legion Post #471. Family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church, where there will be a 7 p.m. public Masonic Service. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family. Donations to Jack's memorial fund can be directed to The Honor Flight.

Cemetery Details

Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 AM - 7:00 AM (CT)

Fredsville Lutheran Church
32756 150th Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Public Masonic Service

JUN 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ Hey, Jack, it's your old buddy and brother Ed. I know you may be "gone" but you will never be gone in my fondest memories. I can still see our silly butts roaming the streets of Misawa and thinking we had the "world by the tail." I think we did! You were my family in Japan...my brother....my best friend...all my memories of those times have you there with me. I wish my wife Elaine could have met you...I wish our families could have met...I know it would have been as special as the affection we shared for one another.

Elaine and I are going to Misawa next year. She wants to see where I spent some of my younger years. I'll see you there...around every curve in the road...on every corner!

Thank you for making that time special. Thank you for allowing me in your life!

Love you!

Ed Meyer (Misawa 63/65)

Ed Meyer - September 21, 2015 at 09:48 PM

JC

“ My dearest friend Jack, we were stationed at Wasserkuppe, Germany from 1963-1966. We became friends through the common interest of skiing and ski racing. We ran gates together and made many trips to St. Johann, Austria for the wonderful power snow. We skied many times at Kitzbuhl, Kirchdorf, and really neat out-of-the way places such as the Unterburg and the Gross Gluckner. We partied at different bier kellers throughout the region from St. Johann to Salzburg and the Hofbrauhaus in Munich in Germany. Needless to say, thank goodness Jack had the gunmetal gray 1958 Porche. Because if it wasn't for that car, we never would have got around. Jack was the best all-around great guy I ever knew. He was the kind of guy that would get great pleasure seeing his friends enjoy life and giving everybody credit when credit was due. Jack even loved to hear me play my accordion. Jack was a true leader and inspirational friend with a great sense of humor. I mourn him as I would mourn a brother. He was a wonderful God-fearing person that this nation should have more of. God rest his soul. A true friend forever, Jack Cook

Jack Cook - June 02, 2014 at 08:01 PM

EB

Wow. What a great memory/story about Jack. Seems to sync up with everything we all know about Jack. Thank you so much for sharing. The family really appreciates it.

Eric Bartlett - June 04, 2014 at 01:40 PM

JP

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. May the words quoted from this song bring you a measure of comfort as it did for us.
"If a man or woman should die, can they live again?
Hear the promise God has made:
He will call; The dead will answer.
They shall live at his command.
For he will have a longing
For the work of his own hand.
So have faith, and do not wonder,
For our God can make us stand.
And we shall live forever,
As the work of his own hand "(Job 14:13-15)

Jeff & Peggy - May 31, 2014 at 12:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Ericksen Mommer.



May 29, 2014 at 08:53 PM