



Jack Kovacevich

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John Francis 'Jack' Kovacevich, 67, of Rathbun, passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at his home. Jack was born August 1, 1949 in Centerville, the son of John M. and Tina (Morris) Kovacevich. He graduated from Centerville High School in 1967, where he is still remembered as one of the greatest athletes in school history. After high school, Jack played football at Indian Hills Community College until 1968, when he and his buddy, Jack DalPonte, decided to serve their country and enlist in the United States Navy. Jack served as a Boatswain's Mate on the USS Coontz until December 28, 1970 when he was deployed to Da Nang, Vietnam, where he was assigned as a Sentry Dog Handler and Military Police Officer in the K-9 Division; Monkey Mountain Security Detachment of the United States Naval Support Facility with his beloved dog, 'Crazy Con.' Jack was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1972. Jack returned home to Southern Iowa after the military and worked for Pepsi, Coke and The Foundry. He began working for Anderson-Erickson in 1987 and worked there for 23 years until he retired. After retirement, Jack enjoyed mowing at the Appanoose County Country Club until his health would no longer allow. On February 10, 1973 he married Susan Breese. From this union were 4 children; Missy, Mendy, Matt and Megan. They later divorced. Jack was an avid sports fan and could be found umpiring countless baseball and softball games and took special pride in coaching his children. Jack loved his family, friends, the Oklahoma Sooners, the Dallas Cowboys and the Cincinnati Reds (not necessarily in that order!). On August 15, 1993 Jack married the love of his life, Debbie Fetters (Mema), at their home in Rathbun. Jack and Deb enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren, dancing, and just being with each other. Jack is survived by his wife of 23 years, Debbie Kovacevich of Rathbun, son Matt (Tarah Moore) Kovacevich of Centerville, daughters Missy (Jerod) Shaffer and Mendy (Justin) Kratofil of Centerville and Megan (Trevor Rennee) Kovacevich of Chesapeake, Virginia. Jack is



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also survived by children Tanya Pershy and Tyson (Jeri) Pershy all of Centerville, Truett (Sheena) Pershy of Corydon, Teather (Andy) Ingold of Storm Lake, and Jada Belloma of Donnellson; sister Mary 'Dolly' Little of Fort Dodge, and brothers Bill (Deedee) Kovacevich of Oceanside, California, and Joe (Linda) Kovacevich of San Diego, California. Also, his mother-in-law Barbara Fetters of Promise City, Danny (Jane) Fetters of Oskaloosa, and his Godfather, Richard Glovas of Rathbun. Papa Jack is survived by his grandchildren: Kelsie (Denver) Walker, Levi (Siara Thompson) Sebolt, Libby Sebolt, Makenna Pershy and London Ingold, Brody and Karlee Johnson, Matty Kovacevich, Irelyn Rennee, Zac Kratofil, Braydin and Hannah Shaffer, Riley (Dakota Susin) Drake, Savannah (Ryan) Trower, Mackenzie (Josh) Owens, Skyler, Chase and Dylan Drake, Kiana Beavers and Kyree Pershy, Teagen, Ellasen and Zayden Seddon, Tralyn Kratofil and Taya Jo Belloma; 3 great-grandchildren, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; John M. and Tina (Morris) Kovacevich, father-in-law Dwight Fetters, brothers-in law Doug Fetters and Dennis Fetters, and sister-in-law Darla Ann Fetters. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Jack Kovacevich please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Oakland Cemetery E. State St. & N. 21st St.

Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(mailto:protected)]
Funeral Service DEC 13. 10:00 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544<http://www.thomasfh.com>



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:04 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:14 PM



Reno Faor Jr. posted:

Jack was a leader among us slow pitch players in the early 80s. We loved listening to him. And his young son of the 80s is now coaching Centerville high school football.

May 14 at 7:00 PM



Debbie Kovacevich posted:

Love you both and you two have been 2 of our greatest friends. Thank you both for everything. It will never be forgotten!!

December 13 at 7:00 PM



Richard H. Keilig Jr posted:

We are very sorry to read about your families loss. We have lost both of our parents. We miss talking to them. Blessings on your family during this time. Sincerely, Richard and Carol Keilig Jr
CHS

December 13 at 7:00 PM



Skip Campbell posted:

deepest condolences to the family of Jack. Went to school with him and played little league baseball when we were kids. Always friendly and a good athlete. R.I.P. Kovac and thanks for your service to our country... Skip and Linda Campbell 'skipper'

December 12 at 7:00 PM



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TW

Tim Wright posted:

Tim Wright lit a candle in memory of Jack Kovacevich

December 11 at 7:00 PM

JR

Jim Rowan posted:

So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Former classmate and old friend. Jim Rowan

December 11 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jim Belloma posted:

Jack will be missed by all who knew him, especially his funny comments, our condolences go out to his family Jim Belloma

December 11 at 7:00 PM

JF

Jim & Sharon Belloma Family posted:

sorry to hear the news, Our condolences go out to his family Jim & Sharon Belloma family

December 11 at 7:00 PM

TM

Tina & Greg Mcburney posted:

When we stopped by yesterday, Just wish we would've had more time to stay -will see you again soon ,honey-- prayers & loving thoughts come your way. heartbeatheartbeat

December 10 at 7:00 PM

TM

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SH

Sherry Smith & Kenneth Hewitt posted:

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MS

Mark And Thelma Smothers posted:

Even though caring for Jack will no longer fill our days, thoughts of him will always fill your mind - and your heart. May memories of better times bring you joy.

December 10 at 7:00 PM

RS

Rick And Karin Sweet posted:

Rick and Karin Sweet purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Kovacevich.

December 10 at 7:00 PM

SS

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Kovacevich.

December 9 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace.

December 9 at 7:00 PM

DW

Dale And Roberta Weeks posted:

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BB

Beautiful In Blue posted:

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CM

Celine Mcmurry posted:

You will be missed by many. So sorry Debbie for your loss. He will be with you everyday.

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GB

Granny Barb posted:

oh jack I will miss you but you were not loving life the way you having to live it and thanks to Debbie you did get to live a little long than you would have had it not been for her. but most of all thank you for being nice to me for all these years ... I love you but goodbye...buddy....

December 9 at 7:00 PM

LS

Larry& Mary Shondel posted:

So sorry,you are all in our thoughts and prayers!

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NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

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KC

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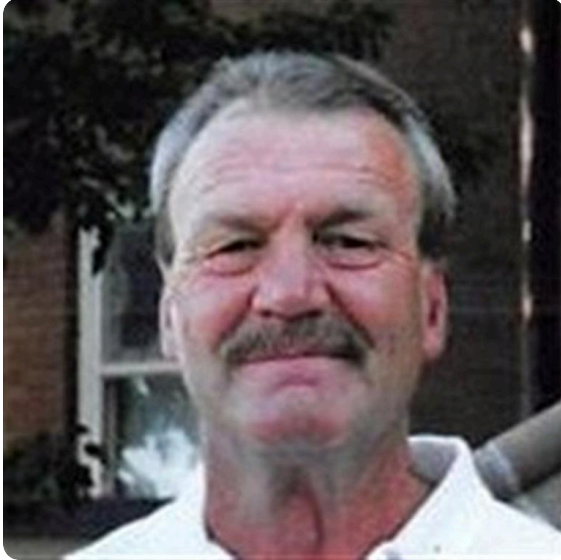
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