



Jack Kooker

May 6, 1935 - June 17, 2017

Jack L. Kooker, age 82, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Kingsley, Iowa. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 21, 2017 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Jack Leroy Kooker was born May 6, 1935 in Des Moines, Iowa the son of Kenneth and Lenora (Olsen) Kooker.

Growing up, Jack attended school in Des Moines and Merville where he graduated from Merville High School in 1954.

Following high school graduation, Jack enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1956.

Upon returning home, Jack attended Westmar College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1960. He furthered his education at the University

of Missouri at Maryville where he earned a Master's Degree in Education.

While attending Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, Jack met the love of his life, Sally Shearer.

On August 19, 1961, Jack was united in marriage to Sally Shearer in Kingsley. Together, they were blessed with four children: Mark, Jeffrey, David, and Ann.

Jack was currently a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. He participated in Knights of Columbus and was a Grand Knight and also on the CCD Board.

Jack worked as the Elementary Principal for Storm Lake Schools for many years. He served on the Red Barn Board from 1980-1986, Storm Lake City Council from 1990-1993, Lions Club, Elks Lodge Member and was also on the Faith, Hope and Charity Board.

Family picnics, cooking, family gatherings, and watching sporting events for Storm Lake High School and Buena Vista University were a few of Jack's favorite pastimes. He enjoyed being outdoors golfing, fishing and taking photographs. Throughout the day, Jack would check emails and Facebook to ensure he was staying in touch with family and friends. One could find Jack giving advice, storytelling, or making a difference in the life of a child. He thoroughly treasured spending time with his grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children; Mark (Jana) Kooker of Des Moines, Iowa; Jeffrey Kooker (Dawson R. Murchison) of Poulsbo, Washington; David (Renee) Kooker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Ann (Bob) Radvansky of Emmetsburg, Iowa; grandchildren: Taylor Kooker of Des Moines, Iowa; Benjiman Kooker of Des Moines, Iowa; Jacklyn Radvansky of Emmetsburg, Iowa; Ashleigh Radvansky of Anchorage, Alaska; Kari Snetzer

of Cleveland, Ohio; Elizabeth (Adam) Sneitzer of Washington, DC; brothers-in-law: Rex (Darlene) Shearer of Storm Lake, Iowa; Martin (Cathy) Shearer of Luverne, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Shirley Kooker of Spencer, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Kooker; parents, Kenny and Lenora Kooker; brothers: Earl and John Kooker; parents-in-law, Clifford and Dorothy Shearer.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery -- Kingsley, Iowa

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Memorial Service

JUN 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Kooker*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 21, 2017 at 09:08 AM

EL

“ *Mr Kooker was my first principal at West Elementary School. I went to see him while being Naughty in Kindergarten. He gave me a box of crayons to use in my classroom. I miss Mr. Looked very much*

Elizabeth - July 05, 2017 at 03:07 PM

SS

“ *Dear Mark, Jeff, David and Anne - I remember your dad very fondly(and your mom and all of you!) In 6th grade, I was dared to go into the boys' bathroom at West School. Of course, I got caught and sent to the principal's office. I was horribly embarrassed. Your dad just looked at me and trying very hard not to laugh, "what were you doing in the boys' bathroom, Sandy?" I had no good answer, of course and he just sent me on my way.*

He was funny, kind, fair and firm and I loved his sense of humor. I loved having him and all of you as neighbors. Fond memories. Just saw this today in the Storm Lake Times and wanted to say hi.

Sandy Cold Shapero

Sandy Shapero - June 27, 2017 at 06:50 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - June 21, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Jack Kooker.



June 21, 2017 at 01:06 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY OF JACK. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. PRAYERS FOR ALL HIS FAMILY. MAY HE RIP WITH SALLY & BE WITH JESUS.
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE--SL.



PATTY GUNVILLE - June 21, 2017 at 10:50 AM

CW

“ I always liked Mr. Kooker! He was a good principal! (East Elementary in the mid 1980's). It's always nice to have a principal with a smile on his face!

Callie Wobbema - June 20, 2017 at 03:44 PM

CL

“ *Catherine Lanphere Lavender lit a candle in memory of Jack Kooker*



Catherine Lanphere Lavender - June 20, 2017 at 03:33 PM

CL

I am so saddened to learn of the passing of both of Jeff's parents. Two greater people you could never find. Jack was my grade school principal and a mentor/role model as I entered the field of education, specifically special education. Jack and his beautiful wife, Sally, will both be missed by so many people. My heart and prayers go out to Jeff and his siblings and family.
Cathy Lanphere

Catherine Lanphere Lavender - June 20, 2017 at 03:36 PM

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Olsons: Sharon, Greg, David, Janice, Deb, Greg, Steve, Gail purchased the Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Jack Kooker.

Olsons: Sharon, Greg, David, Janice, Deb, Greg, Steve, Gail -
June 20, 2017 at 12:10 PM

DH

“ My family was blessed to be neighbors to Jack and Sally. The first time I ever met Jack, was because he was giving me a bad time. He was a tremendous man along with his wife Sally as a sweet lady. After we moved away from Storm Lake, Jack still sent us notes on Facebook checking in on us. He was always wanting to know about our kids. I miss smelling his cigar as he mowed the yard. And, as he sometimes mowed my yard too! In his words, "You don't need to mow it. You have been working all day." I also enjoyed the great tomatoes he would leave on our deck unannounced. Such a loving man!!

Dewey Hupke - June 19, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jack Kooker.



June 19, 2017 at 08:27 PM

TS

“ jack was a great man that always had a smile on his face. He can dance with his beautiful wife now. So sorry for such a great loss of two special people. 😭



teresa siewert - June 19, 2017 at 05:51 PM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I enjoyed Mr. Kooker as my principal. He was a great guy and had such a love for children. I learned many things from him. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



Stephanie Bodholdt Howard - June 19, 2017 at 03:44 PM

SE

“ Schneider Electric purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Jack Kooker.



Schneider Electric - June 19, 2017 at 10:03 AM

SR

“ Scott Randall lit a candle in memory of Jack Kooker



Scott Randall - June 18, 2017 at 11:40 PM

SR

I thought the world of Mr. Kooker, my grade school principal. He was an incredible role model for students and helped mold many many students over his career in education to prepare us to be responsible, productive contributors to society. I will miss his sense of humor and easy going style.

Scott Randall - June 18, 2017 at 11:45 PM



“ *Uncle Jack, you might be right!*
Love you,
Vicki

Vicki Kooker - June 18, 2017 at 10:50 PM