

John "Jack" Robert Mernin

January 12, 1930 - August 8, 2020

John "Jack" R. Mernin, age 90, of Newell, Iowa died Saturday, August 8, 2020 at his home in Newell.

Private family services will take place Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Varina Cemetery. To watch the live stream of the service, please use the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87996560445>. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

John Robert Mernin was born January 12, 1930 at the Swallum Hospital in Storm Lake, Iowa to Clarence and Kathryn (Sennett) Mernin.

He attended St. Mary's School until the second grade when the family moved to the farm by Sulphur Springs homesteaded by his grandfather. He finished his education at Providence Consolidated School in Sulphur Springs. He played basketball and baseball and met his future wife, Dorothy Gerjets, while in the 6th grade and she was in 5th grade. Their friendship blossomed one cold night after a basketball game when he asked to take her home. That led to dating, love, and marriage on January 23, 1947. The marriage lasted 73 ½ years until his death August 8, 2020.

Jack and Dorothy moved in 1951 to the family farm and lived there 41 years. They retired to their current home in Newell in 1993. Jack worked at Wilsons Foods in Cherokee for 23 years while also farming.

Family meant the world to Jack and surviving him is his wife Dorothy, daughters: Linda (Mike) Diehl of Newark, Delaware; Joleen (Larry) Peters of Rembrandt; Joyce (John) Landgraf of Storm Lake; son, John (Kay) Mernin of Newell. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren: Todd (Stacy) Diehl, Troy (Claire) Diehl, Tia Rupp, Heather Baier, Chad Peters, Nick (Tanya) Landgraf, Lindsay (Tom) Ries, Devin (Bailey) Landgraf, and Trevor Landgraf; 20 beloved great grandchildren also survive as well as sister, Cecelia Foust of

East Moline, Illinois and sister-in-law, Corleine Mernin of Yankton, South Dakota. Jack is also survived by nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; father and mother-in-law, Enno and Alma Gerjets; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald and Dorthe Mernin; Joe Mernin, and Tom and Dee Mernin; brother-in-law Leo Foust; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bud and LaVonne Gerjets.

He will be greatly missed by all.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Recording



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 14, 2020 at 03:13 PM

RJ

Enjoyed visiting with that man several afternoons. God bless will miss him

Ron Jorgensen - August 15, 2020 at 10:27 PM

HB

*I enjoyed it very much since I could not be there in person because of COVID-19
Harriet Boothby*

Harriet Boothby - August 16, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin



Lynn Snyder - August 13, 2020 at 02:17 PM

RW

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was such a good neighbor! He helped us with mechanical things and we shared our love of putting outside and working in the garden. It seems that Jack and Rick had an unspoken contest to see who could be the first out with the snowblower. He will be sorely missed; we certainly loved him.

Rick & Joy Waggoner - August 13, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Robert Mernin.



August 13, 2020 at 09:54 AM

LF

“ *Uncle Jack was a kind and soft-spoken man. I will always cherish memories of Christmas gatherings and summer days spent at the farm with the family. My heart goes out to Dorothy and each of my cousins.*

Leo E. Foust

Leo Foust - August 13, 2020 at 09:41 AM

JE

“ *Jo Erie lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin*



Jo Erie - August 12, 2020 at 05:29 PM

SB

“ *To my Great Aunt Dorothy and extended family, While I cannot attend the services in person, I will be watching the live stream from Salt Lake City. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. As I reflect on memories of my Great Uncle Jack, the ones that always come to mind are of him and my Grandpa Bud (Melvin Gerjets) laughing and joking at family gatherings. I loved his smile; I can't remember him ever not smiling. What a legacy my Great Uncle Jack leaves! Love to all, Shelli (Gerjets) Baxter and family*

SHELLI BAXTER - August 12, 2020 at 04:04 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - August 12, 2020 at 12:46 PM

TF

“ The Don Diehl family and the Don Standley family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of John "Jack" Robert Mernin.



The Don Diehl family and the Don Standley family - August 11, 2020 at 11:46 PM

BA

“ We have been friends with the Mernins for over “50” years and have had some GREAT TIMES together! Great Friends and a WONDERFUL FAMILY! RIP Jack, our prayers are with you , and your family!!! Bruce and DONNA

Bruce/Donna Anderson - August 11, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin



John and Connie Demers - August 11, 2020 at 07:52 AM

MJ

“ Mike & Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin



Mike & Shelly Jensen - August 10, 2020 at 10:41 PM

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin



Cheryl DeMan - August 10, 2020 at 10:34 PM

CA

“ So sorry to hear about Jack. He and Dorothy were favorites of ours at the restaurant, always the nicest people. My parents greatly enjoyed their company as well. He will be missed.

Carrie and crew from BozWellz

Carrie - August 10, 2020 at 08:33 PM

PG

“ TO YOU, DOROTHY & FAMILY, OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND & DAD, JOHN MERNIN. HE LIVED A FULL, GOOD LIFE. MAY HE NOW RIP.

*PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA*




PATTY GUNVILLE - August 10, 2020 at 06:29 PM

BJ

“ Sorry for the loss of Jack. Prayers going out to Dorothy, John, and family.

*Bob & Marlys Jennings
Algona, Iowa*

Bob & Marlys Jennings - August 10, 2020 at 01:26 PM

 Leigh Schultz

“ My sympathies to his family



Leigh Schultz - August 10, 2020 at 12:11 PM

WT

“ Wil & Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin



Wil & Karen Triplett - August 10, 2020 at 07:05 AM

DH

“ We will all miss him in church!! Who will take over his dish drying job? So sorry for your loss, Dorothy and family!! Please know we are sure thinking bout you and praying for you all. May God be with you all! Love and Prayers Eldona and Duane

Duane/Eldona Hornor - August 09, 2020 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ Duane/Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Robert Mernin



Duane/Eldona Hornor - August 09, 2020 at 08:39 PM