



John M. "Jack" Shanahan

June 6, 1925 - September 3, 2015

John M. "Jack" Shanahan, 90, of Grand Island died Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Father Don Buhrman will officiate. Private family burial of ashes will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jack was born June 29, 1925, at Morse Bluff, NE, to John and Dorothy (Ladenburger) Shanahan.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 67 years, Jannelle; son, Bradley Shanahan of Grand Island; daughters, Teresa (James) Brooks of Grand Island and Lori (Russell) Koch of Seymore, MO; five grandchildren, Jami (Faron) Riley, Travis (Cara) Koch, Traci (Brad) Coonts, Jodi (Corey) Smith and Morgan (Chris) Talbott; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters and a brother.

Jack grew up in Morse Bluff, graduating from Cedar Bluffs High School, Class of 1943. He entered the United States Navy on June 8, 1944 and was honorably discharged May 1, 1946.

He was united in marriage to Jannelle Garrett on April 24, 1948 in San Francisco, CA. Following their marriage they lived in San Francisco before moving to Grand Island in 1950. Jack owned and operated Nifty Drive In from 1950 until 1966. He was then employed as an agent for State Mutual Life Insurance Co. until his retirement.

He was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, the Platt Duetsche, VFW and the Elks Club. Jack loved music and loved to dance. Following the big bands, he and Janelle danced many a night away. He also loved to show his champion Golden Retrievers. His family will never forget his enthusiasm for travel and his ability to never meet a stranger. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 8. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *John M. "Jack" Shanahan*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Janelle, Jack was a wonderful man and will be missed dearly. Mom and Dad DeMaranville loved the gatherings you all did. Prayers coming your way in this difficult time. Barb and Jerry Bohnart*

Barb Bohnart - September 10, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *Jack owned the BEST hamburger drive in in Grand Island, the Nifty. I loved his double deckers and had a special way he fixed them for me and when I came in he didn't even ask how I wanted my burger he just made it!! What a great guy so sorry to see him go. My utmost condolences to his family a truly great guy.*

*Rex Schimmer
GIHS class of 61*

Fulton, CA

Rex Schimmer - September 07, 2015 at 02:31 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Jack in April when my dad moved into Edgewood Vista. He always had a smile on his face and an extended hand. We shared many laughs. Rest in peace Jack. You will be missed.*

Lisa Munoz

lisa Munoz - September 06, 2015 at 10:01 PM

JR

“ Dear Jannelle...

I was sorry to hear that Jack had passed away.

There are so many fond memories that Barney and I shared with the two of you... camping, dinners at your house and attitude adjustment parties before we went dancing. I loved to dance with Jack!

We lived in the best of times.

My deepest sympathies and a hug...

Juleen Reher

Juleen Reher - September 06, 2015 at 01:48 PM

MA

“ Lori, I remember meeting your father and mother once in Jr. High School. How wonderful I thought they were! My condolences at your Father's loss. God bless you and yours now and always.

Reaching far-back in time,

Mary Athey (Grotzky)

Mary Athey - September 06, 2015 at 10:29 AM