



John H. "Jack" Burgunder

April 3, 1943 - August 3, 2012

John H. "Jack" Burgunder died Aug. 2, 2012, in Port Huron Hospital. He was 67.

Jack was born April 3, 1945, in Detroit, to Henry "Hank" and Laverne "Tudy" Burgunder. He was the youngest of five children.

After graduating from Pershing High School in Detroit, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Pine Island (AV-12). He was honorably discharged in 1966 and remained proud of his Naval service his entire life. Following the Navy, Jack was hired by Delta Airlines as a baggage handler at Detroit Metro Airport. During his 35 years at Delta, he advanced to ticket agent and retired from the airline in 2000.

In retirement, Jack bought a home Port Huron Township, where he lived until his recent illness. As the last remaining child, he shared his home with his mother, who died last year at the age of 96.

Jack was an avid sports fan, religiously following the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings. As a youth, he played scratch baseball at the J. Marshall Elementary playground across the street from his boyhood home on Cardoni in Detroit, where he taught his many nephews how to play ball.

While at Delta, Jack, who never married, took his mother with him on many trips worldwide, taking advantage of the airline's travel allowances for employees. Family members recall him flying to Maine for lobster or New York City for dinner and a show.

Jack is survived by brother-in-law, Harry (Kay) Minnis and many nieces, nephews, cousins and great-nieces and -nephews. He was predeceased by his mother and father and siblings Sharon (Harry) Minnis, Vicky Gates, Dina Moser and Sheldon "Joe" Burgunder.

Following cremation, he will be interred near his father, mother and brother in Elmwood Cemetery in Yale, Mich. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday August 18 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Port Huron.

Arrangements are by Kaatz Funeral Directors in Yale.