



John Joseph "Jack" Tackaberry

November 16, 1926 - February 2, 2011

John Joseph "Jack" Tackaberry

84, of Kenockee Township, died February 2, 2011, at home of an apparent heart attack following snow shoveling.

He was born November 16, 1926, in Detroit, the son of the late Frank and Sara (Piper) Tackaberry.

His marriage to Joyce I. Ferriby was March 9, 1951, in Monroe. Joyce died January 6, 1993.

Jack lived in the Yale and Avoca areas from the age of 13. He was a 1944 graduate of Yale High School. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II (1945 to 1946). He was stationed in the South Pacific and served as an electrician's mate.

Jack attended Michigan State University from 1947 to 1948. He was self-employed as a radio, electronic and television technician with Yale Electric for many years and serviced airplane radio equipment at his landing field at his home. He was a ham radio operator (W8PNA), still a licensed commercial pilot and loved the game of golf.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ray Johnson of Avoca, sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Jeff and Brenda of Avoca, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was his brother, Tom.

His family has chosen to honor the memory of Jack and invite you to visit and

share Friday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Mr. Darwin Fretenborough, pastor of Countryside Christian Church, Greenwood Township, will officiate.

Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Yale.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB **5**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Yale
10 S. Main Street
Yale, MI

Tribute Wall



“ I first met Jack at Oshkosh in 2000, when he and Bill were camped in the same row as I was in the North 40. I am so sad to hear of his passing. Jack was a kind, generous man with a wonderful smile and a great sense of humor. I always looked forward to seeing him each summer. He will be missed by many...##imported-begin##Diane Brady##imported-end##

February 21, 2011 at 01:38 AM



“ good bye dad, give mom a hug for me and tell her i miss her and you too. I will catch up with you save me a place.
thanks to all that knew my dad and all his ham friends and pilot friends because he loved to fly. Not to mention the fly in breakfasts, and oshgosh.
thanks to bill chiolas who went to the events with him.
thank all the friends he will be greatly missed by me and all of the family.
thomas tackaberry n8erv##imported-begin##n8erv##imported-end##

February 06, 2011 at 10:29 AM



“ Jack will be missed and so will his 182 airplane flying overhead. His voice on the ham radio will continue to be heard in our ears for years to come.
We will see Jack on the other side he will be waiting.
73 Jack Best regards.
73 from Larry Kn8i & Mary Kd8li Dougherty##imported-begin##Larry & Mary Dougherty##imported-end##

February 06, 2011 at 08:57 AM



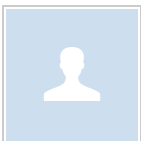
“ Silent Key W8PNA will be missed. I am thankful to have met this highly accomplished and inspiring gentleman who is a credit to the creator. He will never be forgotten and always be appreciated.
AC8HW###imported-begin##Jay Stahl###imported-end##

February 05, 2011 at 11:23 AM



“ I met "Smiling Jack" Via Ham Radio on the Michigan Thumb Net around 1983 and took a liking to him right off the bat. Not only did we share the love of Tube Radio we also shared the love of Aircraft, he the Pilot and I as a Ex-B52 Aircraft Electrician. I would talk on the Air about needing some schematic or print and all of a sudden it would show up in the mail....from him. A couple of Springs ago we had a "Thumb Fly In" (Via ground Craft), it started at Jacks Hanger and Ham Shack, the five of us met a number of other Hams in Pt Huron to Swap War Story's and Ham Tales, before some of the troops went to Smiling Jacks Hanger to see his craft.
To Jacks family my best wishes you lost a wonderful member of the family.
He made my live better.
73' Jim Heath w8ngo###imported-begin##Jim Heath
W8NGO###imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 06:04 PM



“ Jack was an amazing guy! He was one of the first people I met on ham radio when I started checking in to the Michigan Thumb Net. He was always full of fun and had a kind word for everyone. I especially liked hearing about his airplane jaunts both locally and long distance. We will all miss him!###imported-begin##John Fuchs
KD2TV###imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 05:29 PM



“ I'm very sad about the loss of such an outstanding person.

Mike - AA8K##imported-begin##Mike Naruta##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 11:26 AM



“ Kathy & Ray,

We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Jack was a very friendly person. He will be truly missed.

Sincere Sympathy

Lewis & Vera##imported-begin##Lewis & Vera Lindsay##imported-end##

February 03, 2011 at 11:14 PM