



John "Jack" Sander

October 10, 1931 - August 4, 2016

John Carl Sander died August 4, 2016, after a brief illness. A visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m. with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Isle. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Isle with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Interment will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016, in West Akers Lutheran Cemetery in Prairie Farm, WI.

John Carl "Jack" Sander was born on October 10, 1931, in Hillsdale, Wisconsin, to John Robert Sander and Ruth Adeline née Jacobs. He was baptized on December 31, 1931. He spent his childhood years on the farm while attending the Parkman country one-room school in Prairie Farm, Wisconsin. He was confirmed on July 15, 1945, at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Prairie Farm. After graduating from Prairie Farm High School in 1949, Jack served in the U.S. Army for two years as a heavy artillery mechanic in Fort Lewis, Washington. He married Betty Mae Wallen on June 19, 1954. He and Betty raised their family of Mike, Laurie, and Doug in Mendota Heights. Jack retired after working for Armour & Co. for 32 years. (A highlight that year was shooting a moose on his 50th birthday.) Jack married Carol Ann Kerner on May 18, 1991, and together they moved to a home on Mille Lacs Lake in Isle, Minnesota.

A depression-era upbringing instilled in Jack the values of thrift and hard work that he carried with him his entire life. He never threw anything away. He heated his home on the lake primarily with wood he cut, split, and hauled himself. He took great pride in having next winter's supply of wood on hand by the end of each summer.

He was an outdoorsman; he loved being in the woods and on the water, especially when frozen. He looked forward to his annual fishing trips with his Prairie Farm friends to Jack Pine Joe Lodge in Canada. His first trip was in 1958, and over the next 57 years, he missed only once. Over the years, the fishing group evolved to include his son, Doug and good friend, Don Sundheim.

Jack was a gentleman. He was helpful, likable, and easy-going. The friendships he formed were life-long: good people from his hometown, work, church, and neighborhood. He maintained a positive outlook throughout his life and remained optimistic through his health difficulties and other challenges. His response to most any dilemma or difficulty was, "It'll all work out."

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; grandson, David Michael Miller; brothers, Kenneth (Marian) and Robert, sister-in-law Mildred; nephews Bruce and Tom; and his parents and parents-in-law, Ralph and Helen Wallen.

Left to remember him and cherish his memory are his wife, Carol Ann; children, Michael, Laurie (Jim) Miller, Douglas; grandsons, Joseph Sander Martinez and Carl Miller; brother, Harold; sister-in-law Ruth; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, and neighbors.

Tax-deductible memorial suggestions:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 880 Island Avenue, P.O. Box 51, Isle, MN 56342

David Michael Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Dollars for Scholars/David M. Miller Memorial Fund, PO Box 233, St. Peter,
MN 56082

To give online, go to stpeter-kasota.dollarsforscholars.org,
and specify the David Miller Scholarship Fund in John Sander's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Isle
880 Island Avenue
Isle, MN 56342

Prayer Service

AUG 12. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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880 Island Avenue
Isle, MN 56342

Visitation

AUG 12. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Isle
880 Island Avenue
Isle, MN 56342

Service

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Sander*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Merry Christmas 2018 Favorite Uncle from Kay*

kay laramy - December 09, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sander.*



August 12, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sander.*



August 11, 2016 at 07:37 PM

PK

“ Dear Jack's Family:

Thru our dear school days friend, Carol Ann, we have had the honor of knowing Jack and appreciated visiting with him each time--- whether it was at a Pipestone Class of '56 Class Reunions, Hamline Univ. Class of '60 Reunions or in Fairbanks, AK on Carol Ann's birthday. Small world--yes; and his kindness to us made it feel even smaller! Not only will you all miss him everyday, but we will also miss talking to him at the next PHS Class Reunion on 9/17th.

However, we did get together last Oct. at Hamline and not only visited and eat together, but went on to celebrate the introduction of a new HU President. I mention HU as Jack was so supportive of Carol Ann's active role as an Alumni and esp. as a Board Member of HU; and for this, I was thankful as it was something that I couldn't do as we lived on the East Coast for yrs. Now we are back in Madison, WI and noted with interest that your Dad/Jack was born in WI---so he left his Badger roots and adopted the Gophers as his team---while we did just the opposite. However, we didn't talk much about NFL football with him as have also adopted the Green Bay Packers (as a method of survival-in WI) while always rooting for the Vikings, when they were not playing the "green & gold"!

And given Jack's strong Christian roots, we know that we will be visiting with him in the "great" hereafter as we leave our home on earth. One never knows "when"?, but one never worries about that as I have out-lived my Parents; and my hubby has out-lived his Father. Not sure that we will out-live his Mom, as we celebrated her special life at the age of 96! Again, many of us are here due to modern medicine, but there is a time & place when we know we have to accept and be ready to know that there is a better option in the future--even if none of us are ready to say "good-bye" to our family & friends on earth.

Thanks to Jack's children for sharing your father's history line before we met him in the lovely Obituary as all of it was a special tribute to your parent---that will be remembered by us and others.

*Peace be with you,
Pst & Jim Kallsen*

Patricia Kallsen - August 11, 2016 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sander.*



August 11, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ *Uncle Jack was a kind man, and always had a happy smile. He was loved and will be greatly missed. From Niece, Mary Nixon*



Mary Nixon - August 10, 2016 at 02:28 PM



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Mary Nixon - August 10, 2016 at 02:15 PM

JS

“ Jack has been a longtime neighbor and friend. We mourn his death. His happy smile and greeting will be sorely missed. You could find him most days working on his wood pile or chatting with the neighbors. Our deep condolences to Carol and the family.

Dick and Judy Seifert

Judy A. Seifert - August 08, 2016 at 04:29 PM

TZ

“ My son loved talking about fishing and hunting with Jack. Jack was a great man and will be truly missed. My family was very blessed to have known Jack. Prayers to Carol Ann and the rest of Jack's family.

Chris Zortman Family

Tami Zortman - August 08, 2016 at 02:01 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Sander.*



August 08, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Karen Dethmers lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Sander*



Karen Dethmers - August 08, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Jack was my parent's neighbor on Mille Lacs. On summer days when he was outside splitting wood, he would come down to the dock to see what we were catching! He always had his overalls on and a big smile! He will be missed. Jill Bertelson Guhlke*

Jill Guhlke - August 08, 2016 at 08:02 AM



“ *Daniel Dethmers lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Sander*



Daniel Dethmers - August 08, 2016 at 04:46 AM

KL

“ I remember Uncle Jack with fond memories from many visits to Las Vegas and family events. I do know his favorite song was by Ray Price "For the good times". Kay Laramy



Kay Laramy - August 05, 2016 at 07:06 PM