



"Jack" John Raymond Ovsak

July 3, 1932 - December 30, 2013

Jack Ovsak, age 81, of Greenbrier, TN passed away suddenly at his residence on Monday, December 30, 2013.

He was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota on July 3, 1932. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ovsak Mack and son, John Raymond Ovsak, Jr., "Buddy".

A Celebration of his life will be held 10AM, Friday, January 3, 2014 at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel with Bro. Steve Carter officiating.

He was the owner of Ovsak Excavating Company after his retirement from the US Army where he served his country proudly for over 20 years. He served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a man who 'loved to work', enjoyed collecting and restoring John Deere tractors and collecting and restoring all types of hauling and excavating equipment. He always rode his vintage John Deere tractor in the 4th of July Parade in Greenbrier. He was a member of American Legion Post 45. He loved his farm and raising beef cattle, but most of all loved his grandchildren and having them at his farm and watching them fish for catfish in the big pond on his property. He was a man who had a big heart for helping people and over the years had made many friends.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Ovsak, Greenbrier, TN; sons & daughter-in-law, Chris & Deanna Ovsak, Louisville, KY, Tom Ovsak, Greenbrier, TN; daughters & sons-in-law, Mary Lou & Todd Miller, Greenbrier, TN, Vicky Ovsak & Carl Gluf, Hendersonville, TN, Michelle & Mark Carter, Greenbrier, TN;

brothers, Frank, Eddie, Ronnie, Steve, & Mike Mack all of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; sisters, Eleanore Bridgeford and Margaret Farstad, both of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; 8 grandchildren, Dana & Justin Ovsak; Brad Poole, Chad Poole, Rebecca O'Saile; Stetson, Jackson, & Madison Carter; 7 great grandchildren, Braden, McKenzie, Natasia, Cain, Ashton, Max & Camden. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, January 2, 2014 from 2 to 8 PM at Austin & Bell Funeral Home, Greenbrier Chapel and on Friday January 3, 2014 prior to the service from 9 to 10AM. Final resting place will be close to the place of his original military service, Ft. Campbell, KY at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 with full military honors at 2PM on Friday, January 3, 2013. The family requests donations are made to the charity he loved, St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, in "Memory of Jack Ovsak", C/O Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 2619 Hwy 41 South, Greenbrier, TN 37073.

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *"Jack" John Raymond Ovsak*

Jennifer - January 03, 2014 at 06:32 PM

DC

“ *As a young paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division I was fortunate to meet a grizzly Sergeant First Class named "Ovsak" who became a true friend and mentor. As a single soldier I became a fixture at Jack and Barbara's home and was accepted as part of their family. As time passed Jack's family grew and mine got started, that was forty-three years ago. They say that in ones lifetime, you can count your true friends on one hand, today that friend is being laid to rest and I will surely miss him. Barbara, from my family to yours, we loved Jack and send our sincere condolences. Dave & Sharon*

David Cruz - January 03, 2014 at 01:24 PM

DH

“ *I am so sorry. Wish I could be there. I will always cherish the memory of Jack as one of the dearest friends that I ever had.*

Dan Hodges - January 03, 2014 at 11:48 AM

RO

“ I loved my popaw more than words can express. My family and I will miss him dearly. He was the center piece to the whole family. I feel truly blessed to be his granddaughter and to grow up with him being a great role model for my self and my children. There was no greater man in my eyes. My heart aches at the thought of him not being around anymore but a piece of me knows that he is not hurting anymore and he is flying high in heaven with my uncle Buddy. Love you popaw.

Rebecca O'Saile - January 01, 2014 at 06:09 PM

PF

“ Jack was an awesome man. I greatly appreciated all he did for me and Kaidance. Kaidance loved riding on the 4wheeler around the farm and feeding the catfish with him. Jack will never be forgotten. The Ovsak family will always be in my prayers.

Patrica Ferrell - January 01, 2014 at 01:36 PM

BM

Jack was my Uncle. My father's oldest brother. My father is Frank George Mack . Jack's mother was Mary Ovsak. She married my paternal grandfather Ambrose Mack. Wish I had been blessed the chance to know him better. My father speaks proudly of his older brother to this day and misses him. He always will be blessed and is with God and Grandma and always will be!

Brian Anthony Mack - February 26, 2020 at 08:48 AM

KM

“ The world has lost a wonderful man! He will be missed by many! I love you all and will be praying for you!
Love, Mary Katherine (Nonnie)

Kay Miller - January 01, 2014 at 01:29 PM