



Jack Renner

September 24, 1926 - December 23, 2016

Jack E. Renner, of New Castle, passed away on December 23, 2016 at home.

He was born in Elwood, Indiana on September 24, 1926 to Carl and Dorothy Renner.

Jack recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He graduated from Elwood High School and received his bachelor and master's degrees at Ball State Teachers College. Jack met Nancy Merz at college and they were married in August, 1948 and recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. While at Ball State, he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Mathematics and Industrial Arts Clubs. He is a life member of ISTA and NEA. He began his teaching career in La Paz, Indiana and then taught for 41 years at the junior high and high school levels in New Castle. He taught vocational classes for many years and always encouraged students to further their training in the fields they chose. For that reason the family has established a Jack Renner Vocational Scholarship to be awarded each year to a graduating vocational student. He is well remembered for his teaching of drafting and many former students still say he was my favorite teacher. He began helping with sporting events in 1953. He first sold tickets at the S. 22nd St field. His next job was in charge of concessions at the Church Street Gym and he continued that at the new fieldhouse. He was then in charge of the fieldhouse for several years before he began helping with individual sports. He ran the clock, kept score

and was a timer for football, swimming, track, cross country and gymnastics. He spent the next few years selling tickets for the basketball games.

Jack was an active member of the First United Methodist church for 63 years and served as an usher, on the Administrative Board and delivered food to organizations which were donated the 1st Sunday of the month. He served on the Habitat for Humanity Board and helped build and renovate homes, served on the Meals on Wheels Board as treasurer and delivered meals for many years and served on the Westminster Community Center Board. He was a past treasurer of Rotary Club.

Jack had been an assistant scout leader and chaperoned many summer camping trips with scouts and other students. He and Nancy chaperoned 32 students on a three week trip to Europe in 1969. He and his family loved camping and especially the two six-week trips, one to the east coast and one to the west coast. But his favorites were probably the two white water rafting trips on the Colorado River. He attended any school or sports activities that his grandchildren were involved in.

When Jack retired he took up crocheting which his Grandmother had taught him as a young boy. He has made a number of lap robes which he donated to nursing homes and besides baby afghans and scarves he made full size afghans for high school graduates in the colors of the college they were going to attend.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; two sons, Jeffrey of Cleveland, Ohio and Chris (wife Melanie) of New Castle; daughter, Julie of New Castle and his grandchildren, Allison, Abbey, and Brady Renner. He has many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his daughter, Cathie of Arizona, a

sister Margaret Jean of Elwood and his grandparents.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 8 pm Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

The funeral service will held at 11: 00 am, Wednesday, December 28, 2016 First United Methodist Church with Pastor Tom McGilliard officiating. Burial will follow at South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Renner Vocational Scholarship or Habitat for Humanity, both held at the Henry County Community Foundation. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jack Renner.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 4:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-2400
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1324 Church Street
New Castle, IN

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to see of Mr. Renner's passing. I worked in the print shop my last year of high school (in 1982) I got married the next year and he allowed me to come back to design and print my wedding invitations there in the print shop. I will never forget his kindness. Prayers and thought to the entire family. He definitely received his ANGEL WINGS!!!

Teresa McKnight Albertson - January 16, 2017 at 04:06 PM

CS

“ CR, We were very sorry to hear about your Dad. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Chris and Donna Sell

Chris and Donna Sell - December 28, 2016 at 10:38 PM

BS

“ Uncle Jack was the most positive, gentle & kindest man I've known. He was the best at everything...a husband, father, grandfather & uncle; teacher, mentor & friend to so many! I know in my heart he is sitting in heaven with (daughter) Cathie as they work the NY Times cross word puzzles together. I will miss him & always have wonderful memories of my favorite Uncle.



Beckie Smith - December 27, 2016 at 10:14 PM

SB

“ I'm so thankful I got to meet Jack and Nancy- although it was recent. I only wish I could have met him sooner. What a lovable, ornery man!

Shanna Broyles - December 27, 2016 at 09:35 PM

RR

“ *Mr. Renner was a one of a kind teacher and person ! He was a very caring individual and treated each student with the utmost respect. My prayers are with his family. What great memories you should have of this man.*



Ron Ragan - December 27, 2016 at 08:09 PM

PC

“ *Phyllis Sowers Carey lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



Phyllis Sowers Carey - December 27, 2016 at 05:40 PM

PC

I was a student . He was a great teacher and will be missed. Prayers for the family.

Phyllis Sowers Carey - December 27, 2016 at 05:42 PM

MB

“ *So, so, sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I just learned of it today. I've known Jack since I was a little boy, and I graduated with Julie. He was one of a handful of teachers that really made an intangible impact on me and I have nothing but respect for him. Always will. He taught me how to develop film and make prints. Within a year I was a stringer for the newspaper as a photographer (1985). Mr. Robbins put it best, he was indeed one of the most selfless people I've known. Nancy, Julie, Chris, Jeff...I'll be thinking of you all and praying for you all through this difficult time.*

Michael Bond - December 27, 2016 at 02:56 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Renner.*



December 27, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ *Dear Nancy and family, We will miss Jack so very much. We have such good memories of the fun times we spent with you both in Naples, FL. Susan also has many memories of working with Jack when he administered GED exams to many adult students in our program. He was wonderful at making each of them feel at ease in a stressful situation. Of course, it was his nature to make most of us feel at ease around him! The world has lost a good man, but we are all lucky that he was here for 90 excellent years. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Susan and Gerry Leonard*

Susan Leonard - December 26, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ *Anne And Larry Ash lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



Anne and Larry Ash - December 26, 2016 at 01:57 PM

SS

“ Steve, Laura, Andrew, Anna and Ally Scharf purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jack Renner.



Steve, Laura, Andrew, Anna and Ally Scharf - December 26, 2016 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ It was great to teach with him and be his friend. What a great man! John Burdsall



John Burdsall - December 26, 2016 at 01:10 PM

JM

“ Joel Meier lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner



Joel Meier - December 26, 2016 at 01:09 PM

RS

“ Ron&Tess Supinger lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner



Ron&Tess supinger - December 26, 2016 at 12:00 PM

RO

Our Prayers be with you all .

Ron - December 26, 2016 at 12:01 PM

DL

“ *I'm Very sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Renner was my drafting teacher through high school and was one of my favorites. He was a great teacher that demanded high quality and treated us like adults.*

David Laird Class of '61

David Laird - December 25, 2016 at 11:16 PM

JR

“ *James Robbins lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



James Robbins - December 25, 2016 at 02:20 PM

JR

“ *"Death ends a life but it does not end a relationship" Jack was a class act and a selfless human always thinking of others.*

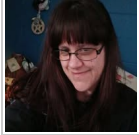
James Robbins - December 25, 2016 at 02:18 PM

EW

“ *Jack, love you. Your hugs will be missed. Emma Willis.*



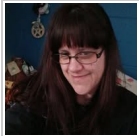
Emma Willis - December 25, 2016 at 06:01 AM



“ *Kimberly Stace Minix Peters lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



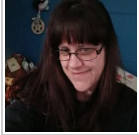
Kimberly Stace Minix Peters - December 25, 2016 at 01:30 AM



“ *Kimberly Stace Minix Peters lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



Kimberly Stace Minix Peters - December 24, 2016 at 05:02 PM



“ *My Grandma Maggie's Brother.. Such a nice wonderful grand uncle. This is the time I remember him alot.. Haven't seen him since my mother funeral.. He loved kids.. Very nice friendly.. As a child we use to go to his house and the men would be watching football or basketball the women be in the kitchen and kids running and playing inside and outside... I will miss him... I didn't know about my moms favorite cousin Cathy Adams... I'd like if Chris Jeff or Julie could get a hold of me*

I'm so sorry for your loss of your father...

My numbers are... 765-425@9819 or 727-666-9840

I moved to Clearwater Florida in 2015

My address is....Kimberly Minix

1121 Brownell St

Clearwater Florida 33756

If u forget me... I am Cythina Dunlap Spradlin Daughter she passed away 2009

Aunt Nancy I'm at a loss for words

I'm sorry for your loss

I love you all

Kimberly Stace Minix Peters - December 24, 2016 at 05:02 PM

JM

“ *Jan Smith McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



Jan Smith McDaniel - December 24, 2016 at 03:35 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the album Jack and Nancy



Susan L Wimmer - December 24, 2016 at 02:51 PM

HB

We have a lot of good memories of our spring vacations together in Florida over Spring Vacation. In addition, Jack made many fishing trips to Minnesota with Herb, Dick and Francis for about 30 years. These were also fun times. Thursday morning breakfasts were also part of a long friendship that will be missed more than you know. Our thoughts and prayer are with the family. God Bless you all!!!

Herb & Judy Bunch - December 26, 2016 at 06:21 PM



“ We are praying for the family. Such a wonderful man. So sorry to hear of your loss. Love to Mrs. Renner. Pam and Tony Williams

Pamela Williams - December 24, 2016 at 01:59 PM

DF

“ Thoughts & prayers for all of you.
Love all of us - Sheila, Scott, Cierra & Nikolas



Davis Family - December 24, 2016 at 12:28 PM

TF

“ *The Davis Family lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner*



The Davis Family - December 24, 2016 at 12:25 PM

JC

“ *Nancy, we are so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We have been privileged to know both of you. Please accept our condolences.
John and Joan Cleveland*

joan Cleveland - December 24, 2016 at 12:22 PM

JH

“ *"Jack and Nancy" were some of the first people I heard about when marrying a New Castle young man. When I finally was introduced them, they became instant friends that we would never go th New Castle without stopping by to see. I won't forget his smile, and welcoming charm. To all the Renners, please know our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you guys. - Jim and Angie Holloway*



Jim and Angie Holloway - December 24, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ *Dear Julie, Chris , and Family we are so sorry for your loss....He was a great man..*

Rita Littrell - December 24, 2016 at 10:45 AM

KH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know how difficult that can be. If even for a short time, I am blessed and thankful that I was able to meet him and his family. May you feels God's peace. And may it be a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Kilyssa Hamm - December 24, 2016 at 10:39 AM

BK

“ The perennial wedding reception dance competition "longest married" winning couple. Wonderful family friends of the Kendall's. Your clan is blessed with life long memories of a very good man and pretty cool guy.

Brad Kendall - December 24, 2016 at 07:04 AM

JB

“ Judy Nichols Barber lit a candle in memory of Jack Renner



Judy Nichols Barber - December 24, 2016 at 04:54 AM

RP

“ What a lovely and loving family, and Jack was the patriarch . We have been neighbors for about 45 years and couldn't ask for better friends and neighbors. He will be truly missed. Our thoughts are with the family. Ron and Alma Padgett

Ron and Alma Padgett - December 23, 2016 at 07:27 PM

MC

Jack and Nancy are such a big part of my childhood memories. Love and prayers to Nancy and the family. Mary Lou (Heilman) Chappell and Steve Chappell

Mary Lou Chappell - December 24, 2016 at 07:57 AM