



## Jack Bowen

August 27, 1932 - April 28, 2022

Jack Bowen, 89, of Oskaloosa, passed away Thursday evening, April 28, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

Jack Palmer Bowen, son of Kenneth and Mildred Mason Bowen, was born on August 27, 1932, in Oskaloosa. He was a 1951 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. Jack enlisted in the United States Navy during the Korean War and served from December 7, 1951, to November 17, 1955. During his service, he served as a Seabee, where he helped build and maintain many buildings and mechanical items in the Navy. After returning home, he worked for Edwards and Campbell, building pole barns for five years. He went on to work for Oskaloosa Builders, building houses, and eventually became a subcontractor. After 35 years in the building trades, Jack retired in 1992 after breaking his leg on a job site.

Jack married Karen Elaine Walker on June 26, 1976, at Grace Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa. He was a member of the American Legion and the V.F.W. He enjoyed fishing and gardening. Jack's gardens were admired by many, and he came to be known as the man who did not allow even one weed in his garden.

Jack's family includes his wife, Karen of 45 years; his children: Terri (Randy) Brammer of Blair, NE, Kim (Kenny Behrens) Bowen-Stansbeary of Lebo, KS, Guy Bowen of Prior Lake, MN, Kevin (Gwen) Ashman of Bussey, IA, Leisa (James) Kelderman of Sarasota, FL, and Curtis (Jennifer Graham) Bowen of Roan Mountain, TN; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and a

sister, Kay (Max) Simpkins of Ankeny, IA.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by a son, Jeb Bowen; a granddaughter, Lindsey Ashman; a sister, Helen Shaw; and three brothers: Kenneth, Steve, and Tom Bowen.

Memorial Services will be held for Jack on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 10:30 am at Langkamp Funeral Chapel and Crematory, with Pastor Molly Goodrich of the First Christian Church officiating. The burial will be in Forest Cemetery with the Oskaloosa Honor Guard conducting Military Honors. As were Jack's wishes, his body has been cremated. Memorials may be made to Mahaska Health Foundation, Serenity House.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
secretary@forestcemetery.com  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (CT)  
Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 North Third ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Bowen*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *When our kids were small, and even as they became adults, we went fishing in Karen and Jacks pond. Still, it is among some of their favorite memories.*

*My deepest condolences, Karen and family. Thinking of you.*

**Veronica Montgomery** - May 09, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *We lost a good one. He will be missed.*



**John Agan** - May 08, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *John Agan sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Bowen*



**John Agan** - May 08, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Bowen.*



May 06, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Vince Nelson & Arno Wealth Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jack Bowen.*



**Vince Nelson & Arno Wealth Team** - May 04, 2022 at 11:55 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Jack Bowen.*



May 04, 2022 at 08:07 AM



“ *Jack was a great carpenter N he built our home in Oskaloosa for my wife N I..N Our deepest sympathy to the family John N Linda Dixon Olathe Ks*



**Linda N John Dixon** - May 03, 2022 at 07:29 PM

WS

“ *Old friends are hard to make!*

*Jack was an old and dear friend. We worked together builing polebarns, went on many fishing trips to Missouri with other friends, played cards and drank a few beers together. I will miss him a lot.*

*Jack and Karen were the first Osky couple I met when I started dating Bill. I was welcomed with open arms and made to feel at home. I will miss Jack.*

*We send our love to Karen and the rest of Jack's family.*

*Bill and Carol Sarver*

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**William Sarver** - May 02, 2022 at 02:19 PM

KR

“ *My father, Cal Rexroth, said "Jack was the best carpenter he has ever see". Jack showed me hoe to sharpen a knife so it stayed sharp. He was just a good guy! Ken and Verjean Rexroth*

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**Ken Rexroth** - May 02, 2022 at 12:29 PM

RM

“ *ROBERT MORRISON lit a candle in memory of Jack Bowen*



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**ROBERT MORRISON** - May 01, 2022 at 01:30 AM

DA

“ Karen and family, so very sorry to hear about Jack’s passing. Lots of good memories from years ago.

*Donna Malin Arendt*

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**Donna Arendt** - April 30, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Marty Burke lit a candle in memory of Jack Bowen



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**Marty Burke** - April 30, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Jack was a great guy we use to have a good time playing cards was a must. Jack will be missed by so many to know him was to like him. Thinking of you Karen and kids. Rip Jack

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**Marty Burke** - April 30, 2022 at 11:51 AM

LV

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



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**Lesla Vest** - April 30, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack Bowen.*



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April 30, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of Jack Bowen*



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**Jackie Ferree** - April 30, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *Jack and Karen's place was the site of many Bowen family reunions over the years. We ate, drank, laughed, cried, and had great times. 4th of July fireworks down by the pond, just great memories.*

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**Mark Hendersin** - April 30, 2022 at 03:14 AM



“ *The boys and I have been fishing at Jacks pond for years. His was one of the first fishing holes we went to after moving to University Park and have ever since. We will miss Jack very much. Looking forward to fishing with you again some day Jack.*

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**Douglas Doak** - April 29, 2022 at 10:08 PM

JW

“ Jack loved to hunt mushrooms , but once he was hunting them and came upon a snake . Anyone that knew Jack knew he hated snakes , needless to say he didn't stay there nor did he ever hunt mushrooms there again !!! 🤔🤔

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**June Werner** - April 29, 2022 at 09:36 PM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Jack Bowen



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**Becky Netten** - April 29, 2022 at 08:23 PM

LG

“ Aunt Karen and uncle jacks house was always my favorite place to go when my mom and dad went on vacation. Uncle jack was a quiet, caring, hard working man and he'll always be remembered for his bib overalls and a good ol Pabst. He will truly be missed. Prayers and lots of love to aunt Karen, and cousins.

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**Lynette Gordon** - April 29, 2022 at 08:17 PM

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“ We r so sorry for the families loss may he RIP.

...TIM & KIM

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**Tim Hol** - April 29, 2022 at 08:08 PM