

## Jack Van Skike

June 3, 1939 - June 12, 2021

Jack VanSkike, 82, of Oskaloosa, passed away Saturday, June 12, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, Iowa.

Jackie Barnett Van Skike, son of Harry and Reva (Smith) Van Skike, was born June 3, 1939, in Paris, Missouri. He grew up in Holiday, Missouri, where he attended school. Jack enlisted in the Navy at age 16 to help support his family. He served in the Navy for 21 years, and at the time of his discharge, he had earned the rank of E-6 Petty officer and earned his High School Diploma while in the Navy.

After his Naval Career, he married Peggy Joyce Dunwoody on June 8, 1977, in Lone Pine, California. Upon his retirement, the family settled in Ridgecrest, CA, and then moved to several other cities before settling in Oskaloosa in 2007. After his Naval Career, Jack was indeed the “Jack-of-all-Trades.” He worked at various jobs doing anything necessary to provide for his family. Jack was gifted in drawing, painting and he enjoyed cooking. He also enjoyed drinking coffee and visiting with his buddies at McDonald’s. He was a member of the V.F.W., the American Legion, and was a past commander of the D.A.V. He loved his family immensely, and he will be remembered for “Always doing the right thing.”

Jack’s family includes his wife, Peggy Van Skike of Oskaloosa; his children: Donald Van Skike of Riverton, WY, Sharon Trapp of Oskaloosa, David (Kristen) Petersen of Camden, SC, Duane Van Skike of Pahrump, NV, David Van Skike of Rena, NV, TeAnna (Shaun) Hasso of Des Moines, IA, Matthew

(Chenoa) Van Skike of Oskaloosa, and Kathleen Van Skike of Oskaloosa; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jack was preceded in death by a son, Dennis, and a daughter, Patricia, and a brother, Bryan Van Skike.

Memorial services for Jack will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at the Good News Chapel, with Pastor Alvern Boetsma officiating. Visitation will begin at noon on Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made in Jack's name and will be designated among several Veterans Organizations.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

## Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

The Good News Chapel  
603 South H Street  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Van Skike*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - June 14, 2021 at 06:19 PM

KS

*I remember him coming to McDonald's I also remember him buying a lottery ticket at the water hole I asked him one day why he put up a snow fence on the corner of his house he said it's because of the people who work at Cloud he was afraid they were going to end up in his yard he was such a nice man he reminded me of my grandpa I will miss him and honor him and know that he is in heaven with God I didn't want him to die but we all die in the shadow of death and we fear no evil with eyes the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever loving memories of Jake*

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**Kathy simmons** - June 16, 2021 at 03:16 AM

BS

*I remember the first time I met Jack I was working at McDonald's I took his order and we found out that we were related by marriage. He told me that there was a different side of the family and we were friends from that day on it sure has been a pleasure I will treasure the time he was hear for the rest of my days fly high my friend I will see you again some day your gone but not forgotten*

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**brandy van skike** - June 16, 2021 at 10:45 AM

DK

*Have nothing but mad respect for this man. I met him in Reno Nevada through his sons Donald and David Vanskike. He was laid back and very reserved . He carried a sense about himself that just was him and warranted respect. A good man indeed. Sometimes you meet a person and walk away afterwards feeling grateful to just have been in their presence. he was introduced as "Daddy Jack" and was spoken highly of and often. His boys loved him a great deal and he leaves a strong legacy behind. He reminded me of Johnny Cash and boy could you ever feel the love between him and his lady. To be loved by so many people says alot about who you are. i don't think they make men of his caliber anymore. He still lives in his kids and grand kids and those who were lucky to be called his friends and those he loved. Good job Sir ! Well done !*

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**Delbert Keller** - June 25, 2022 at 05:12 AM



“ *Jack Van Skike*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

KV

“ *Dad theres not a day that dosent go by that i don't think about you. I miss you so much. You always had my back. And would tell me to do the right things. Well i wish daddy you could see me know. I know you are watching over me. And i know some day i will be able to make u proud i love you and miss you papa. You are the best best man anyone could know and the best farther i could ask for. Dearly missed every day!*

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**Kathleen vanskike** - July 29, 2021 at 11:29 AM

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“ *Kathy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Jack Van Skike*



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**Kathy simmons** - June 16, 2021 at 03:12 AM

NV

“ *Uncle Jackie will always be dear to us. Always generous with what he had, always ready to share a story or a meal. The kind of man who would always stop to help and would give anyone the shirt off his back. Remembering many visits from Uncle Jackie and Aunt Peg. So willing to make the long trip to visit his brother and all the family. They would bring the camper and Misty, their dog. Every now and then the phone would ring and it would be Uncle Jackie, checking in, just wanting to say "I love you", which this military man was not ashamed to say. May you be blessed in the presence of our loving Heavenly Father as you are reunited with your family who has gone before you. Our hearts are with you Aunt Peg as you grieve such a loss.*

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**Nathan and Kathy VanSkike** - June 14, 2021 at 08:02 PM

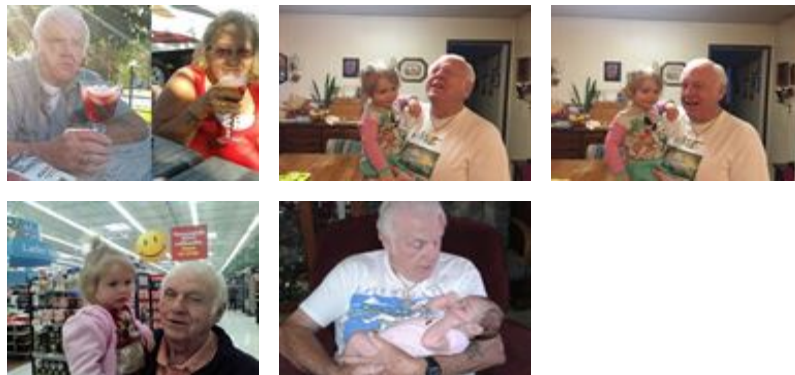
CM

“ Jack will certainly be missed. He was such a great guy, always kind, loving and giving to his family, friends and strangers. He would do anything for anyone at anytime and never expect anything in return. He traveled extensively during his time in the Navy and He had stories to tell from everywhere his feet touched the ground. He was so interesting to talk to about his world travels. He had a love of country western music and I think he could tell you every song ever recorded and who the artist was! He had met many of the artists during his life in California and Nevada.. Jack touched many people's lives and he will never be forgotten....

Carol McGraw - June 14, 2021 at 07:13 PM



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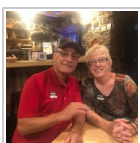
Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 14, 2021 at 06:04 PM

CA

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, PEGGY. JACK WAS SO KIND. WHAT A PLEASURE TO HAVE KNOWN HIM. WE WILL DEFINITELY MISS HIM AT THE GOOD NEWS CHAPEL. SENDING PRAYERS FOR GOD TO WRAP HIS COMFORTING ARMS AROUND YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.



CINDY ALBRIGHT - June 14, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ I met Jack and Peggy at the Good News Chapel as they attended faithfully when they were able. Jack especially loved our Bible School program and expressed often how great and important it was to teach children about Jesus. In fact, on the last day of Bible School he brought special treats for every student and staff member which was close to 200 people. We so missed him and the treats last week.

Mary Stout - June 14, 2021 at 07:40 AM

BF

“ Jack was a much loved uncle to all the Van Skike kids in Michigan. He and Peg faithfully visited his only brother, Bryan, and famously said, "I just want to have a cup of coffee with my brother." That cup of coffee was 8 hours away! Uncle Jack was generous to all. His smile and love will greatly be missed.

Brynda Filkins - June 13, 2021 at 08:51 PM

KA

“ I remember the time Jack(dad) was sitting in his chair and asked me to rub his shoulder as I was eating a sandwich. That's the last time I seen him.

Kathleen - June 13, 2021 at 03:29 PM

DS

*I used to as a kid rub his head , his back, his feet, after a long duty watch in the Navy he was a good father I was just born at the wrong time.*

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**Donald Van Skike** - August 28, 2021 at 06:56 AM

DS

*Donald Van Skike his oldest son*

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**Donald Van Skike** - August 28, 2021 at 06:57 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Van Skike.*



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June 13, 2021 at 03:01 PM