



## John (Jack) Harold Finn

July 7, 1950 - May 1, 2021

John (Jack) Finn passed away on May 1. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church in Grand Ledge on his birthday, July 7 at 11:00 am. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Amy, sister Marie, and parents John Ambrose and Laverne Finn. He is survived by his daughter Mary Ross. An Irish lawyer, he made people laugh wherever he went. He was generous with his time and means, cared deeply for others, and was a strong advocate for workers. Jack was a devout Catholic and loved music, reading, sports, Democrats, and his family. He will be profoundly missed. In lieu of flowers, donate to SIREN/Eaton Shelter, 520 Robinson St., Charlotte, MI 48813 (<https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=Sr76DeAt8we9Pv0DWzjxu4uWAXIQzfOtwz84GZGGX1-YZCclawqHvNwXdgtfPJq-SBcUqKAQ9ybKrOkI>). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Jack always had a joke during the Eaton County Democratic Party meetings. He was incisive in his commentary on the antics of Republicans. His sparkle will be missed.

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**Beth Bowen** - May 21, 2021 at 04:13 PM

GL

“ I am so very sorry to see this news. Jack was always such a wonderful person and it was a joy to work in the legislature with him. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. —Geraldyn Lasher

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**Geraldyn Lasher** - May 11, 2021 at 04:28 PM

PS

“ Jack was always a funny man, our paths crossed often at St. Michaels, at Meijer and at Independence Village. He was a good hearted fella and always left me chuckling after our short conversations. I am excited for Jack to get to heaven already and I look forward to more stories when my journey takes me there! I love the pic you choose for for this write up. Forever Friends in Faith Jack - The Schafer's..

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**Patti Schafer** - May 07, 2021 at 03:55 PM

MR

“ I didn't know Jack real well but enough to know he was a special guy. He shared a bond over MSU and Red Wings hockey with my mom when she was in Storypoint. He would take time to come in the evening and watch some of the games and make my mom's day.. Even after her passing I'd often see him at MSU games and he'd have a joke or "advice" for me. He'll be missed by many.

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**Marilyn Russo** - May 07, 2021 at 10:47 AM

MC

“ Jack was a hoot. Before almost every 830 Mass he would approach Phil Lynwood and I and have a special request song for Mass. Sometimes it related to the Mass but oftentimes, not. They were always in the 60s - 70s rock genre. "Stairway to Heaven", "Spirit in the Sky" and so on. He would be impressed when I would fake my way through them for him. Sigh ...

*Godspeed Jack. I hope they honor your requests in heaven.*

*Pax.*

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**Matt Carl** - May 06, 2021 at 05:18 PM

CP

“ Our hearts and lives have experienced a great loss. Don and I have been friends with Jack and Mary for almost 40 years. When we met so long ago, I knew that it would be a life-long friendship. Jack brought so much joy and laughter just to be in his presence. He made me laugh, and always had a great story to share. We shared many family dinners together...he even did the dishes! His faith was so important to him, a man who loved God and family. We shared a love of Red Wing hockey, MSU hockey, Detroit Tigers. I will miss his phone calls, hearing him talk with such happiness about visiting Mary and Cory. He would always, always ask how we were doing, how our family was. Kind, compassionate, caring. Every Fat Tuesday, he would hand deliver paczkis to our door! I will miss him so much. Jack was a great father and friend. He and Amy raised a beautiful, loving daughter...a cherished friend to me as well. We send our love and prayers to Mary, Cory, and the family. Rest in peace, dear friend. Claire and Don Papcun

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**Claire Papcun** - May 05, 2021 at 01:39 PM

Steve Boughton

“ Jack was a man who always had a story, a joke, or some advice (not always helpful advice mind you, but he would certainly give you some interesting options for situations).

*Don't know many folks who would agree to go to a random Tigers game with their daughter's friend from college but Jack and I drove to Comerica on a beautiful day for baseball. He told me the secret place to park (find an open meter), we sat with our backs against the fence of the upper deck but he still let the players know what he thought, and we got in a few awkward situations with fans of the opposing team. It was a great day with a great guy. He will truly be missed.*



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**Steve Boughton** - May 04, 2021 at 04:14 PM

FM

“ Saying Jack is one of a kind is an understatement! He has a huge IRISH heart with more Blarney than any Irishman I have ever met. A true friend through and through. I will miss him until we meet again he meadows of heaven.

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**Fr Bob McGraw** - May 04, 2021 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ Was a good friend of Jack's since our days working together at the state capitol 30 years ago. He believed in friends, faith and family like few others. Not only very bright but had a great gift delivering Irish anecdotes in the dryest of humor. RIP Jack, and prayers to your daughter Maggie.

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**Chris and Mary Benson** - May 04, 2021 at 09:59 AM

MR

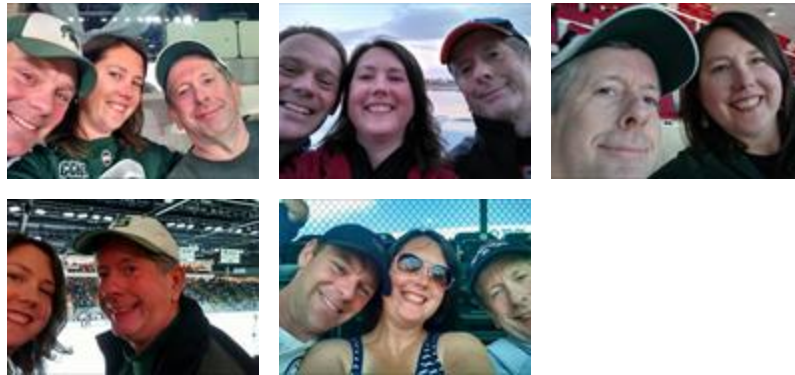
“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Ross - May 03, 2021 at 09:42 PM

MR

“ 15 files added to the album Memories from Jack's daughter, Mary Ross



Mary Ross - May 03, 2021 at 09:37 PM

DK

“ Jack was always so kind to our family. My sons name is Finn and he would usually come up to him after mass at St. Mikes and say that “us Finns have to stick together”. He will be missed. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace, Amen.

Dan Korte - May 01, 2021 at 09:09 PM

CB

*Glad to have been Jack's friend the last 30 years. He is on his way to heaven and will no doubt greet St. Peter with one of his classic Irish anecdotes. We have his daughter Maggie in our prayers as well. RIP my friend.*

**Chris and Mary Benson** - May 03, 2021 at 10:36 AM

BM

*Jack and I go as far back as 1962 when we played on the same team in the Grosse Pointe Park Little League. We both graduated from St. Ambrose High School in Detroit. Jack was even our paper boy for a time. I'll never forget the time he saw my 8th grade report card when I managed to make the honor roll and he commented: "Ahh, a smart Irishman." As a current resident of East Lansing, I remember his comments about the Irish contingent (Shanahan and McCarthy etc.) on the Red Wings in the State Journal. He was a prince of a man if there ever was one, may he rest in peace.*

**Bill McDaid** - July 06, 2021 at 12:24 PM



*I chanced upon Jack's obit today. Sad to know he is gone but happy to see he led a meaningful life with loving family and friends who, like me, will never forget him. We met at MSU during the Lettuce Boycott, often picketing on behalf of the United Farmworkers. We both shared first names & Irish wit but he had the more joyful twinkle in his eye. I will always cherish his passion for social justice. Blessings to his daughter and family.*

**John Jack Casey** - March 22 at 12:18 AM