



Jack R. Houk

October 19, 1939 - March 22, 2024

Jack R. Houk, age 84, lifelong resident of St. Anne, peacefully passed away the evening of Friday, March 22, 2024, with his family by his side.

He was born October 19, 1939, in Kankakee the son of Floyd and Irene Houk. Jack graduated St. Anne High School in 1957 and attended NIU in Dekalb from 1957-1959. He served in the United States Navy from 1959 until 1963. Following his time in the Navy, he attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science and graduated in 1964. On October 3, 1964, he married Lucia Ooijen. He was a past member and officer of the St. Anne Township for 30 years; as well as a member of the St. Anne Chamber of Commerce, Aroma Park Methodist Church, and Kankakee County Rural Carrier Association. Jack worked and retired as a rural mail carrier for St. Anne Post Office for 39 years. He was also employed at his family's funeral home, Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne for many years. Jack enjoyed music, collecting, traveling, and playing cards. Most of all he loved spending time with his family, as well as the laughter shared with him and his loved ones.

Jack is survived by his two daughters, Susan (Rick) Hinrichs and Maria (Brad) Smith; one son, Jackie (Dana) Houk; his twin sister, Joanne (Ron) Grubbs and sister, Janis (Gary) Fortin; grandchildren, Ashley (Travis) Brooks, Corey (Andrew) Groff, Whitney (Herman) Gonzalez, Michael (Bree) Hinrichs, Rebecca (James) Hinrichs, Lucy Houk, and Hazel Houk; four great-

grandchildren, Valkyrie, Aries, Alayna, and Lucia; in-laws, John (Gunda) Ooijen, Antonia (Al) Varney, Adrianna (Denny) Zimmerman, Antonius (Lorita) Ooijen, Petronella Widler, Cornelius (Doris) Ooijen, and Margaret (Ken) Lemke; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lucia A. Houk; parents, Floyd and Irene Houk; brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Lynn Houk; sister-in-law, Dingena Glenzinski.

Visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home, in Kankakee, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 from 10:00AM – Noon. A funeral mass will be held immediately following visitation at St. Anne Catholic Church at 1:00PM. Father Peter Jankowski will officiate. Jack will be laid to rest at St. Anne Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sodality of St. Anne.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Cemetery

6917-6965 S. 7000 E. Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Mass

APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
230 N 6th Avenue
St. Anne, IL 60964

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of such a sweet man. My heart has been forever touched by knowing him. I feel so very blessed to have met him this past year and give many hugs, smiles and swap stories of growing up in St. Anne. I will always remember him as he was filled with so much joy and kindness.*

Susanne Perry - April 07, 2024 at 08:00 PM

CV

“ *Cynthia Vickery lit a candle in memory of Jack R. Houk*



Cynthia Vickery - April 02, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CV

“ *Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy at the Loss of Jack.. Your family has had your share of grief. You have lost both your Mother and Father in a period of just a few short months. Please be assured that your Mother and Father are now once again enjoying everlasting happiness in heaven. May God bless all of you and give you the strength to cope with your losses.*

Cynthia Vickery - April 02, 2024 at 10:26 AM

BL

“ To The Jackie Houk Family: Jackie was a very good friend of our family. It makes us so sad to hear he passed. He certainly will be missed and St. Anne has lost a valuable member.

*Deepest Sympathy,
Lois Sirois Billings Family
Bonnie Sirois Lynn & Denise Lynn
Donna (Sirois) & George Moore Family
Dale & Jane Sirois Family*

Bonnie Sirois & Denise Lynn - March 31, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DW

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Houk family—Jack was always so friendly. May God bless you all with His peace as we look forward to the Resurrection of the Saints.

David & Reba Worth - March 30, 2024 at 09:32 PM

PA

“ Pastor Brock and Angela Ashley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jack R. Houk.



Pastor Brock and Angela Ashley - March 30, 2024 at 09:40 AM

JF

“ Jeff martin and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack R. Houk.

Jeff martin and family - March 27, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jack R. Houk.*



March 27, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Jack R. Houk*



Bryan & Joelene Hays - March 26, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *With love The Dobrez & Venditti families purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jack R. Houk.*



With love The Dobrez & Venditti families - March 26, 2024 at 02:33 PM

FG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Houk family as they grieve and mourn the loss of Jack. What a wonderful man he was, and, what a wonderful woman Lucia was. What a wonderful pair of angels to watch over you all, and take care of you. Please know I'm thinking of you all at this time.*



Frances Graves

Frances Graves - March 26, 2024 at 07:31 AM