



Jack Dryer

June 13, 1931 - December 30, 2022

John (Jack) William Dryer of Bloomington, MN passed away on Friday December 30, 2022 at the age of 91. Survived by his wife, Jean, of 69 years and kids Pat (Kelly), Dan (Janet), Kitty (Kevin) and Tom. Grandchildren: Bo, Jake, Sophia, Tony, Joe, Abby, Mitch, Jack, Nick and the newest addition to the team, great grandchild, Will. Jack was born in Minneapolis and graduated from North High in Minneapolis, where he was a star athlete in football, basketball and track. He graduated from the University of Minnesota where he ran on the Gopher track team. He was a proud member of the University of Minnesota M Club. After enlisting in the Navy and serving in Korea, he became a beloved teacher and coach in the Bloomington School system for 30 years, Jack was a great ambassador of personal fitness and healthy living. He was an avid fan of all sports and was the official timekeeper for the MN Vikings organization for over 30 years. He was a superior athlete and coach who taught by example. He loved spending time with his family and friends up north at the cabin. He was an amazing teacher and a loyal friend to many. To the few that called him dad or grandpa, he taught us that the top priority was family and then showed us the importance of traditions. May the Legacy that you left on us continue to live within us. There will be a Memorial Service on Monday, January 9th at 11:00am, with a visitation starting at 10 a.m. at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Please join us for a memorial blowing of the whistle and a celebration with stories and memories.

The Dryers. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/locations/twin-cities>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ A couple years late but here's my Jack Dryer memory. It must have been 1975 or 1976 and I was attending Olson Jr High School. Coach Dryer was coaching a summer basketball team. I wasn't one of the stars, just an average player who loved being on the team. I think the fee to join was something like \$25 and I simply did not have the money. Coach D paid the fee for me. I wished I had run into him as an adult so I could have told him that his random act of kindness left an impression that has lasted 50 years.

Greg Brown - March 04 at 09:01 PM

MR

“ I met Jack in 1995, while working at the Cuyuna Country Club, in Deerwood, Mn. He was a class act and I am saddened to hear of his passing. I truly enjoyed every conversation we had. The kind and happy folks of the world are to be cherished forever.

*Mary Richards
Deerwood, Mn*

Mary Richards - January 18, 2023 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ Condolences to the Dryer family. Jack was a man who was a friend to all. Our lives are better for having know him. May he Rest In Peace. May Faith and all the good memories be with Jean and family through this sad time. Judy and Rich Shatka

Judy Shatka - January 07, 2023 at 12:37 PM

TP

“ Condolences to the family of Jack, especially to Jean. I can't think of a more classy, friendly, caring man and couple. He touched our lives and my wife, Mary, and I as we approach our 50th always looked forward to seeing them at All Saints Catholic Church. Jack would always make our day telling us what a lovely couple we are. We would always send back the compliment and hoped as a couple we could be like them, obviously very much in love!

I was also Jack's VA doctor in Brainerd and especially looked forward to seeing him in the clinic even though it was usually just once a year. Well done Jack! When Jean came with him the day was always brighter. Thinking of you Jean. Tom and Mary Polovitz

Tom and Mary Polovitz - January 07, 2023 at 08:22 AM

JH

“ I stumbled on this obituary looking for one of a family friend. I'm sorry to hear of your loss, yet happy to hear that he had such a long, wonderful life. If I'm not mistaken, this Mr. Dryer was my gym teacher (cir 1980) at Olson Jr. High. He was the only one there worthy of the job and the title "Coach". There was a mysterious door in the locker room, that he opened for me and my friends, revealing a weight room. With our promise to commit, he hired a U of M wrestler who taught us proper techniques. Unfortunately, most boys didn't last the week. The door was closed again. But Coach Jack put the weight lifting/fitness bug in me and my close friends. The only thing I can run these days is a temperature. But for Jack... I'll "try again", and run to the mailbox tomorrow. Thanks Coach! God bless! Jeff Holforty

jeff holforty - January 06, 2023 at 12:04 AM