



Jack Ludwig Evert

March 31, 1922 - April 28, 2023

Jack was born March 31, 1922 and grew up on his family's farm on the Buffalo River south of Sabin, Minnesota. He graduated from Barnesville High School in 1940. While attending NDSU (and playing coronet in the Gold Star Band), Pearl Harbor was attacked and Jack enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He became a 1st Lieutenant as a flight engineer on B-29s. After discharge from the Service, Jack entered the Mechanical Engineering program at Purdue University graduating in 1948.

Jack's first job as an engineer was at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. Returning to Detroit after Christmas in Sabin, Jack was searching for an available seat on a crowded train from Chicago to Detroit. He asked a young woman if he could put her hatbox on the rack to open the seat next to her, and that is how he met Harriet Freeman, a sewing consultant at J.L. Hudson (Detroit) from Stromsburg, Nebraska. In 1950, Jack and Harriet married and moved to Moorhead where Jack worked alongside his uncle at Carlson Equipment in Wolverton.

In 1958, Jack joined Pioneer Mutual Life in Fargo as a life insurance agent. Jack loved working with his clients and spent the next 44 years in life insurance sales and management. Over his career he was president of the Fargo Moorhead Life Underwriters Association, chairman of the Pioneer Mutual General Agents Association, and, attained the Chartered Life Underwriter designation.

Jack was a longtime member of the Elks Club, the Red River Valley Senior

Golf tour, and First Presbyterian Church Fargo. He was an avid supporter of Moorhead State, NDSU, and Concordia as well as the Engineering School of Purdue University.

Jack was rooted in the Red River Valley area and seemed to know every road and farm site. He was committed to his clients and often served generations of the same family. His own family was often waiting impatiently in the car while he chatted with clients, friends or new connections at restaurants, stores, or events.

Jack's family had a long history on Fish Lake, with his father trading a steam engine for a lot in the 1920s. Jack and Harriet bought a cottage in the 1960s and it was a beloved gathering place for their family for 50 years. Jack and Harriet were avid participants in the cultural life of Fargo-Moorhead, regularly attending through their 80s an array of sporting events, theater, and symphony and band concerts. He and Harriet enjoyed living at Touchmark in Fargo for several years before moving to the Twin Cities during the pandemic to be closer to their daughters. Jack remained active until his final week of life - having attended his niece's funeral in Fargo and a musical in the Twin Cities in late March.

Jack's children and grandchildren loved him deeply. He provided constant encouragement, always promoted education, had a playful sense of humor, enjoyed teaching the younger generation how to solve problems and fix things, and was an impressive model of citizenship, loyalty, generosity and service. He had a long and happy life and expressed gratitude for his many blessings.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents Lute and Marcia (Hawley) Evert, his brother Dan Evert and sister Dorothy Tabatt, and his beloved wife of 70 years Harriet Evert. Survivors include his sister Frances (nee Sundstrom) (Al) Johnson; Jack and Harriet's children Sarah Evert (Gary Baker) of Minneapolis, Thomas Evert (Alison) of Kirkland, Washington, James Evert (Rebecca Lillard) of Orinda, California, and Nancy Evert of Minneapolis; his grandchildren Jack Evert (Katie), Sarah Culver (Anders), Dorothy Baker, Amelia Evert, Marco

Evert, and Ruth Baker; great grandchild Lucas Evert; dear friends Larry and Cynthia; and, loving home health aides Carolyn and Indy.

Memorial services will be held in Fargo on Friday July 14 at 9:30 AM at First Presbyterian Church; and, in Minneapolis on Saturday July 15 at 1 PM at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel. Obituary and pictures available at Washburn-McReavy.com. Memorials preferred to YWCA Cass Clay Emergency Shelter.

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