



Jack C. Rowe

August 5, 1953 - August 28, 2024

Minneapolis: Jack Charles Rowe, age 71 passed away on August 28, 2024 at North Memorial Health-Rosbbinsdale Hospital Robbinsdale, Minnesota; after complications from sepsis, His family would like to express their gratitude for the attention and excellent care given to Jack.

He was born on August 5th, 1953 in Ironwood, Michigan to Richard (Dick) and Muriel Rowe. At Ishpeming High school, he was a dedicated trombonist and also a member of the forensics team, He won state championships for both. He also was a proud member of the renowned Blue Notes Drum and Bugle Corps. His love for marching bands and musicals remained his life-long passion. Jack graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1971 and went on to receive his bachelor of Arts degree in music and speech communications from Northern Michigan University. Even though Jack struggled with Tourette Syndrome all of his life, he coped, overcame and highly achieved. While teaching voice lessons professionally, he also worked as a CNA and patient advocate at Ishpeming Hospital and was also a Special Education Assistant at Ishpeming High School. His life-long passion for learning sent him back to Northern Michigan University for his second bachelor's degree; this time in Food Service and Culinary Management. Working for two major restaurants, he became head chef of soups at one and of salads at another. Many folks left giving compliments to the chef. Because Jack had loved his roles at the hospital, he decided to take on yet a third degree after moving to Minneapolis in 1996. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Addiction Counseling

from Metro State University. He worked at Riverplace Counseling until he took a position at Hazelden/Betty Ford Drug and Alcohol Center in Center City, Minnesota, which is one of the best drug addiction treatment centers in the world. He worked there until he retired.

In 2004, Jack met and married Laurie Burmeister, but lost her in 2014 to complications of diabetes. He is also preceded in death by his parents. Jack is survived by her sister, Lauren Flack of Lansing Michigan, and his brothers: Bruce Rowe (Conni) of Middleton, WI, Robert Rowe (Debbie) Rowe of Ishpeming, MI, Brian Rowe (Norm) of Chicago, IL He has nieces and nephews in Michigan, Texas, Wisconsin and North Carolina.

Before his excellent care at Hope Resident and then The Residence at Northridge in New Hope Minnesota. Jack enjoyed a full and busy life. He was a member of Serenity Village Community Church, where he performed at many celebrations and in later life, helped with custodial work to keep the church maintained. His melodious baritone voice and exuberant Broadway style was welcomed and appreciated by fellow members and guests and all the recipients of his singing telegrams back in Ishpeming, where for twelve years, he always dressed in fun costumes or a tuxedo to serenade the surprised recipient.

And what did he like?... the color blue, wearing red, eating chocolate mousse, lasagna, steak, Upper Peninsula pasties and cudighi sausages. He loved watching game shows that make you think and dance competition shows. Jazz and contemporary gospel were his favorite genres of music. His favorite things to do in later life were to sing with his karaoke machine and enjoy long phone conversations with family and friends. He would like to be remembered as a man who loved music and brought joy to others.

Jack will always be remembered for his wonderful zest for life, his unwavering faith in God, desire to bring care and understanding to others and his love for his family and friends. He was a man of sparkling character, who never judged others, helped always when needed and was humble about his talents and accomplishments. He was a gift to all who had the privilege of knowing him

and his intelligent wit.

Serenity Village Community Church will remember him at their services. A private release of ashes will be held at a later time. Memorials may be made to Jack's favorite charity, St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

We honor Jack's memory and cherish his spirit. May his love for life and vibrant energy live on through all of us who knew and loved him throughout his years among us. He will be missed.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Jack was a fun neighbor that always brought a smile to our faces when he would return from one of his singing gigs

Liz - September 29, 2024 at 09:20 AM

CE

“ I worked with Jack in the 1980's at Marquette General Hospital. He was a joy to be near. He had the most amazing voice. I remember him singing for Love Notes when he would perform singing telegrams. He was a very nice man.

Carol Easton - September 21, 2024 at 09:58 PM

DV

“ I remember the time Jack sang New York, New York at Ten-o-clock Charlie's in Marquette during the 80s. He had all the women in the place swooning and many had tears in their eyes cause his performance was so good. He really put Frank Sinatra to shame with that one.

Donald Vajda - September 21, 2024 at 07:39 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Jack



Bruce and Conni Rowe - September 12, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Bruce and Conni Rowe - September 10, 2024 at 03:20 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Jack



Bruce and Conni Rowe - September 10, 2024 at 03:14 PM

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Jack was quite the "showman" at his brother, Bruce's Renaissance-themed wedding in 2000.

Bruce and Conni Rowe - September 10, 2024 at 07:18 PM

JH

i rented a room from him when he was in trowbridge park, and the neighbours dog would come over and take the garbage from out house. moved him down to minneapolis and stayed for a while, what a wonderful time. i have tourettes, and he educated me about it. i sure liked his enthusiasm

joel hall - February 23 at 08:26 PM