



Jack

January 3, 1947 - November 5, 2018

Briggs, John "Jack" R., age 71 of New Brighton, MN, formerly of Moorhead, passed away at home November 5, 2018. Preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mildred Briggs and his in-laws, Duane and Ardith Hoehn. Survived by his wife of 49 years, Terry; daughters, Amy Briggs, Sara Marie Sorenson, and Karen (Jeff) Ropel; grandchildren, Stella, Allison, Sawyer, and Peyton; sisters, Jill (Gene) Barnby, Rita (Jim) Larter; sister-in-law Connie Erickson, other relatives and friends. Jack was always a teacher. He loved kids and seemed to enjoy his time around little ones almost more than he enjoyed the company of adults. He taught in the Mounds View School District for 34 years, at Ralph Reeder, Red Oak, and Turtle Lake Elementary. He spent the last 17 years of his career as a science specialist and brought fun and wonder to all who entered his classroom. He even spent his summers with students. First, teaching his summer school class, Wings and Wheelies for a good 10 years and after retirement, acting as a chaperone on 5 People to People- Student Ambassador trips. Jack loved music. Not a day went by where he didn't spontaneously burst into song, regardless if where he was. He sang in the Christ the King Lutheran Church senior choir for 40 years and the Minneapolis Commodores barbershop chorus. He enjoyed spending his summers at his cabin on Lake Lida. He loved fishing, cooking, cribbage, and bridge. But his family brought him his greatest joy. He bragged about the accomplishments of his three daughters and joked that if he had known how much fun grandkids were....he'd have had them first. Jack was a one of a kind and as his health

began to fail over these past few years, he always made sure we knew that he had no regrets. His quiet faith was evident in the way he lived his amazing life. He will be missed by all. Memorial service 11:30 AM, Friday, Nov. 9, with visitation starting at 10:00 AM at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1900 7th Street NW, New Brighton. Memorials may be made to the 621 Foundation.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Christ the King Lutheran Church
1900 7th Street Northwest
New Brighton, MN 55112

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Briggs was one of our favorite substitute teachers in high school. You could hear him singing as you walked into the classroom and you knew it was going to be a good day. Those good days were rare for me in high school, so I am eternally grateful to have known him. Thank you to the family for sharing him with us. My heart goes out to you. 🧡*

L - November 10, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Dear Briggs Family,
You have all been dear to my heart ever since meeting Karen in college. I remember meeting "Mr. Briggs" for the first time and my impression will be everlasting. I loved that he was larger than life and that he could talk your ear off with all the stories he wanted to share. So loved hearing what he had to say and what story he was going to tell next. He will be dearly missed. Love and hugs to you all and a quick look upwards to the big guy in the sky and "Mr. Briggs" right next to him.*

Amanda Peters - November 09, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ Although we only had gotten to know Jack and Terry for a few short summers, Jack became the "patriarch of Oak Wood beach" and a great neighbor for us. Neva and I felt at home with Jack and Terry and felt welcome from the first day we became summer neighbors. The stories never stopped, but never got old, and the twinkle in his eye as he talked of his teaching and travel adventures always lit up the moment. Our grills were back to back and Jack's conversation would always start with, "what'cha cook'n" would always lead to another story. A better place Jack will now be, but where Jack has been, is a better place, too. Peace....

Jeff Hamre - November 09, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jack.



November 08, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack.



November 08, 2018 at 09:33 AM

HS

“ I worked with Jack at Turtle Lake in 1998. I was a 1st year teacher and was hired to teach science with Jack. He was so helpful as a mentor. I learned a lot from him. I was so impressed that he had every lesson memorized and how the students loved his stories. He made learning very engaging. He was such a great teacher! He also talked a lot about his love for his family and how much he enjoyed his travels. He will be missed!

Heather Syring - November 07, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack.



November 07, 2018 at 02:12 PM

YS

“ Your Friends at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack.



Your Friends at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society -
November 07, 2018 at 10:50 AM

EM

“ Briggs Family.i know Jack is with the Lord. I know how it feels losing Ken not long ago. We have many fond memories . Amy,Sara,Karen I feel like your “mom “ we spent lots of time together. Terry my beautiful friend. You will be strong. With the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior you shall not fail
Love you Briggs friends Peace be with you
Ellie Mielke and family

Ellie Mielke - November 07, 2018 at 09:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack.



November 06, 2018 at 08:26 PM

KP

“ My deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to you - Terry and the family on the passing of Jack. He now lives in the Kingdom that God has promised to those who love Him. My prayer us that God will hold all of you in His comforting arms and will grant you treasured, golden memories of all the special times you had as a family. Hugs and love to all of you!!

Kathy Piche' - November 06, 2018 at 05:01 PM