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Jack Isacson (82), of New Brighton, passed away August 7th, 2025.

Born in Oak Park, Illinois to Howard and Blanche Isacson, Jack was the youngest of two sons. The family resided in Berwyn, and many aunts, uncles and cousins lived nearby. Jack enjoyed playing Little League, golfing and his model railroads. After graduating from J. Sterling Morton High School in 1960, he went to Morton Junior College and University of Illinois, earning a degree in Electrical Engineering. Following college, Jack moved to St. Paul, where he met Jean through mutual friends in 1965. They were married on November 26, 1966 and settled in New Brighton. They became members of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and raised their three children - Jill, Jennifer and Jeff.

Jack worked as a Quality Engineer at Unisys for most of his career and served as the Unisys liaison for Greater Twin Cities United Way. After his retirement from Unisys, he worked as a Loaned Executive for United Way.

Jack was involved in many organizations. In 1972, he became member #1213 in the Beer Can Collectors of America (BCCA, and now Brewery Collectibles Club of America) and served as BCCA President in 1998. His volunteer

services with the BCCA's North Star Chapter helped their annual Guzzle 'n Twirl show in Minnesota to become one of the hobby's most highly attended breweriana shows in the country.

Jack was always on the go. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, and both playing and umpiring softball. As a family, they spent winters skiing and summers camping. Jack was an avid sports fan, and at one point had attended a game in every MLB park in the country. He was very involved in activities with his children including YMCA Princesses and Guides, ski club, marching band booster club and chaperoning band trips.

Jack and Jean volunteered together at St. John's Food Shelf and enjoyed many trips, traveling to all 50 states, all ten Canadian provinces, and visiting all seven continents. His favorite trips were to Antarctica and South Africa.

Family was a priority for Jack, and he often traveled for special occasions and holidays. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's concerts and sporting events. He and Jean also created life-long friendships and memories with their neighborhood friends who became family. A special thank you to the St. John's Sunday morning donut crew for their fellowship and kindness over the years.

Preceded in death by wife of 57 years, Jean; parents, Howard and Blanche; brother, Dan; and daughter-in-law, Jaime. He is survived by his children, Jill (Greg) Hilliard, Jennifer Ensley, Jeff (Melissa); grandchildren, Lisa, Ben, Luke, Kirsten, Ryan, Kyle, Juan, Tomas and Kylee; sister-in-law, Anita; and cousin, Tom.

Memorials preferred to family, to be donated to Greater Twin Cities United Way, St. John the Baptist Food Shelf, and Brewery Collectibles Club of America (BCCA).

Mass of Christian Burial to be held Tuesday, August 19th, at 11AM with visitation one hour prior, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery (New Brighton)

1150 7th ST NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
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Tribute Wall

KS

“ I met Jack when I was 15 and he was in college. We remained friends for the next 65 years. We didn't talk often, but we remained in touch. Rest in Peace.

KAREN M. SCHNEIDER - December 12, 2025 at 09:36 AM

FS

“ Jack was a pilgrim on I think two of the pilgrimages I led. He loved to travel and had a great interest in history. He was a man of strong faith and a faithful disciple of Jesus. Prayers for him that he see Jesus face to face.

Fr. Michael Skluzacek - August 18, 2025 at 08:02 PM

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“ Love, Tony, Diane, Marni and Eric ox purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John "Jack" Calvin Isacson.



Love, Tony, Diane, Marni and Eric ox - August 17, 2025 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ Very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. As a young beer can collector back in the 80s, Jack was one of the first people I met in the hobby. I knew Jack for 40 years and shared many conversations and beers with him all over the USA and here at our convention in Toronto in 1992. Jack was always there to support us in our Canadian collecting endeavours and offer words of encouragement.

Jim S. Snider - August 16, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Calvin Isacson.



August 13, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" Calvin Isacson.

August 13, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ Knew Jack through the mutual interest in sports schedule collecting. About 15 years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Jack and going to a Spring Training game with him in Sun City, Az. Condolences to his family.
Keith Gadbury, Thousand Oaks, Ca

KEITH GADBURY - August 13, 2025 at 07:50 PM