



Jack Woolard

April 6, 1933 - January 5, 2024

Jack Elmo Woolard, 90, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on January 5, 2024 at Timber Ridge Assisted Living in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was born on the family farm in Davis County, Iowa on April 6, 1933 to Paul and Gladys Paris Woolard. He married Beverly Gregerson on October 2, 1953 at the Bloomfield Christian Church.

Jack's education began at the Hutchings Country School in 1938. The family moved to Hillsboro, Oregon in 1943 then moved back to Bloomfield in 1945. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1950 and later attended college at Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College in Kirksville, Missouri.

Jack served in the Army from 1955-57 as a power equipment operator and mechanic. He and Beverly lived a few years on their farm south of Savannah then moved to their home in Bloomfield. They owned and operated Memory Lane Antique Mall and Bass'n Man Tackle Shop in Bloomfield for eight years. Jack worked several years for Barker Poultry Equipment Company in Ottumwa. This company eventually evolved into Barker-Foodcraft Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He served the Barker Company for over 25 years in positions from field and sales representative, and last as a distributor serving several states. He also served two terms as city councilman of Bloomfield Ward 1.

Jack loved bass fishing, antiques, collecting memorabilia, traveling, and drinking coffee with friends. He was a member of the Bloomfield Christian Church.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Janet Woolard of Bloomfield; nephew, Brad (Kristi) Woolard of Bloomfield; and a great-nephew, Nathan Woolard of Winter Garden, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and brother, Joe Woolard.

Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield with Steve Augspurger officiating. Graveside military rites will be performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion. Memorials have been established to the Davis County Historical Society and the Bloomfield Wreaths Across America Organization.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Graveside Services

MAR 23. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ Jack was a dear friend and mentor, and employer. I worked for Jack in the evenings in the restaurant he owned on west side of square. Jacks West Side Grill. I cleaned it each evening after business hours for the next day. He fished the professional bass circuit and I gleaned a wealth of knowledge on fishing through him. He was Bass Pro Shops in the day. Drank a lot of coffee with the man and sorted out life as he had a rather simple outlook. He will truly be missed. Rest In Peace Jack
Your Friend -
Derek Knowler

Derek Knowler - June 17, 2024 at 04:47 PM

CS

“ Cheri Spurgeon lit a candle in memory of Jack Woolard



Cheri Spurgeon - January 17, 2024 at 07:23 PM

MC

“ Jack worked with my dad, Willis Veatch, at Barkers in Ottumwa for years and kindled a friendship from that. Beverly was one of my school teachers in the Prairie Mound school houses. Wherever, whenever I'd run into them, they remembered me and love to chat about the "good ole days"! You will be missed by many. ❤️

Mary Veatch Christie - January 17, 2024 at 03:29 PM

MG

“ I worked for Jack at the West Side Grill in Bloomfield Iowa he was a wonderful man to work for He will be missed!

Melinda Garmon - January 17, 2024 at 01:41 PM

MG

“ Melinda Garmon lit a candle in memory of Jack Woolard



Melinda Garmon - January 17, 2024 at 01:40 PM

MD

“ I enjoyed Jack as a classmate and friend. He had a great sense of humor. My condolences to his family. Sincerely, Marilyn Downing

Marilyn Downing - January 16, 2024 at 01:47 PM

MD

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Marilyn Downing - January 16, 2024 at 01:42 PM

SM

“ Jack was such a good guy he loved his community and would help anyone that needed it. He was a great friend to my dad Robert Houglund. Rest in peace Jack!

Sheila McClure - January 15, 2024 at 05:52 PM

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Jack Woolard*



Georgia Stevens - January 13, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ *Jack and Janet were dear friends of my parents, Phil and Linda Melvin, and were fixtures of the Bloomfield Christian Church. Many of my childhood memories of mom, dad and the church feature both Jack and Janet. My condolences to the family on this loss.*

Joe Melvin - January 11, 2024 at 01:33 AM

SS

You mean Joe and Janet. Jack was married to Beverly who was a teacher in the middle school.

Scott Spurgeon - January 18, 2024 at 05:16 PM