



Jack Teagarden

October 18, 1948 - November 27, 2018

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Grand Junction, Iowa

Date of Death: November 27, 2018

John Charles Teagarden was born in Jefferson, IA, Oct. 18, 1948, son of the late Wilbur and Gladys Potter Teagarden. He was welcomed by sister Ruth and brother William. Soon brother Joel joined the gang, followed 10 years later by Baby Janna. John was soon nicknamed Jack, or fondly, Jackie, by his mother.

Growing up in Grand Junction, Jack, a red-haired, left-handed tyke, joined his brothers and friends in many adventures. Sports were an early love, especially baseball. He played from morning until night on the local diamond and every Little League team available.

In 8th grade Jack met Frani Norgren. High school sweethearts, Jack and Frani were married Oct. 22, 1966. By then the Teagardens had moved to Boone, IA, so Jack and Fran also lived in Boone. Jack finished high school while working nights at the Heinrich Envelope Company as Fran worked on his homework. In May 1967, they welcomed daughter Kerry Beth.

That summer Jack joined the Boone High School baseball team. Jack played catcher on the team, which won the Iowa High School State Summer Baseball Championship, of which Jack was very proud. He played semi-pro baseball and fast-pitch softball with the Rippey Demons and the Boone Merchants for several years as well as the Boone Junior College team.

Jack attended Boone Junior College, graduating in 1969. At that time, Jack began working at the Rolfes Company in Boone as a draftsman. He worked for several companies before joining The Bratney Company in Des Moines. There he became a project manager and an expert in dust control for seed and grain facilities. He traveled the Midwest for multimillion-dollar building projects and he devoted his career to this work, commuting to Des Moines for over 30 years.

In 1973 Jack and Fran welcomed son Kevin John. In 1975 the family moved to Grand Junction when Fran took a teaching job at East Greene High School. They bought a late 1800s “fixer upper,” and Jack began fixing it up in his “spare time” while the family lived in one room upstairs. Jack destructed, plumbed, wired, dry walled, leveled, painted, constructed, and on and on until the house was done. One of his best qualities was finishing a job he started, personally and professionally, no matter the obstacles. Jack loved his kids and was so proud of them. He followed all of their school activities, teaching them to shoot a basketball, pitch a softball, and hit home runs as well as how to water and snow ski. The family loved spending a week at Okoboji every summer and ski trips to Minnesota and Colorado. He later became addicted to golf and would golf at Lakeside from dawn to dusk every weekend. Kevin’s move to Arizona to work in the golf industry led to golf trips there for several years.

Jack also adored his grandchildren. He was proud and thrilled to be Grampa to Sara, Ben (who got Grampa’s red hair AND left-handedness), Seth, Chloe, and Abby. He spent hours playing ball with them and thrilled them with a trip to Disney World in 2006, enjoying it as much as they did.

Jack retired in 2013 and he and Fran celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2016. Jack began to develop memory problems, and in 2017 received a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s. In August 2018 he moved to Rowley Masonic Community’s memory care unit where he resided until his death.

Jack is survived by his wife Fran, daughter Kerry Juhl (Andy), and son Kevin (Melinda); grandchildren Sara, Ben and Seth Juhl and Chloe and Abby Teagarden; siblings Ruth (Roger) Underwood, Bill (Mary Micol) Teagarden, Joel Teagarden, and Janna (Craig) Coffman; loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral Services for Jack Teagarden, 70, of Grand Junction will be 10:30 am Monday, December 3, 2018 at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home in Jefferson. Burial will take place at a later date at Rippey Cemetery, Rippey, IA. Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home in Jefferson. Memorials are suggested to the family to be used at their discretion.

Online condolences may be left at www.sliningerschroeder.com.

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home

515-386-2171

Cemetery

Rippey Cemetery

Rippey, IA,

Comments



“ Jack was a catcher when I played little league, he would tell me when to swing at a good pitch. I was in about second or third grade. Bill Snook

Bill Snook - February 02, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ I briefly worked with Jack during my internship at Bratney before starting full time with Bratney after my college graduation. He taught me many things about the industry that I still utilize today in my career. My sincere condolences for your loss and my prayers for you and your family during this time.

Michelle Hudson - December 03, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ I was saddened to hear of Jack's passing. He was a great teammate in our baseball/basketball playing days at EG, but most importantly he was a great friend. You could always count on Jack's hearty laugh to brighten up the day, at practice or otherwise.
Fran and family, you have my sincere condolences.
Dave Chase

Dave Chase - December 02, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Teagarden.



December 02, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ A group of us kids got rained out of a pick-up baseball game at the GJ field. As we were walking away Jack pointed out a mud puddle just behind the bleachers, and dared all of us to roll around in it. There were no takers. So, Jack turned entrepreneurial. He said he would do it and that anyone could watch who paid him a nickel (I believe). Jack collected the silver. I kept my money in my pocket and had to go to the other side of the bleachers. So, I didn't see the show--only the aftermath. Jack had earned his money! Jack always had guts and knew how to have a great

time. Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson - December 02, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ Fran and all, I don't know if you will remember me, but we were in some classes together during senior year. It doesn't matter, I still wanted to tell you I am thinking of you and what sounds like a wonderful family. My prayers are for Him to comfort all of you as you each grieve in your own ways.

God's Blessings and Comfort,
Peggy (Fish) Oliver

Peggy Oliver - November 30, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ Fran and Family,
I will always remember Jack playing catcher on our '65 East Greene High School West Central Conference Championship team. We were teammates on the Rippey Demons semipro team and played against him in the fast pitch softball league in Grand Jct. What a nice guy to have for a teammate and a all-around good friend. May you find comfort in knowing Jack was remembered by so many. "Let's Play Two, Jack."

Stephen Young



Stephen Young - November 30, 2018 at 08:16 PM



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



November 30, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ So sorry for your loss and thinking of all of the Teagarden family. I have so many great memories of my time with Jack and Joel, school, sports and just having fun. I am out of town and unfortunately will not be able to see all of you on Monday. Sending prayers to Fran and all of the family.
Steve Fagen

Steve Fagen - November 30, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Fran and family,

I was so grieved to hear of your loss.

Jack was a great co-worker and person. I was fortunate to have worked with him for several years. He always had a wealth of knowledge and supported in any way he could.

Mike Anderson - November 29, 2018 at 05:09 PM



“ Although I did not know Jack as well as I did Joel, I remember his quiet presence in the halls and classrooms of Boone High School. He was always so sweet and nice to me - as was Fran. I am so sorry to hear of his death.

Davi Mondt Lowman - November 29, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed working with Jack at Bratney. I learned a lot from him.

Chad Dobbs - November 29, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ Jack will greatly be missed. He was an uncle that truly taught me much about life, sports, and being family. Although it is always too soon, his life is one worth celebrating. I am grieving with you today Fran and family, and asking the Father to bring comfort, peace, and understanding in this time. Love you all!

Logan Teagarden - November 29, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ I can't tell you very sorry for your loss. We have such great memories of all the fun times we had. Our prayers and love with today and always. Your in our hearts Fran. The best to you and your family.



Donna & Jack Rusnak - November 28, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ the Dannatt family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jack Teagarden.



the Dannatt family - November 28, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ My utmost sympathies to the family, children and especially Fran for the loss of their loved one. May God hold you in the palm of his hand at this difficult time.

Becky Zimmerman - November 27, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ Our parents were friends so I knew Jack from the time we were infants. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family as the memories flow in abundance. Sorry I was not able to make it to the service.

Gwen (Morlan) Duff - December 06, 2018 at 01:32 AM