



Jack A. Hepler

February 3, 1931 - July 3, 2020

Jack A. Hepler, 89, of Gratz, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2020, at the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg.

He was born in Gratz on February 3, 1931, the son of the late Laura and Harry Hepler, Sr. Jack served in the US Navy from 1952-1960 and was retired from the PA Game Commission.

From 1950-51, he played professional baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals organization in Johnson City, TN, and later, during his service, for the US Navy baseball team. He was inducted into the PA Sports Hall of Fame in 2013 and was a life member of the Gratz Fire Company. Jack loved hunting and fishing, especially hunting bear with family and friends at his cabin in Potter County.

Jack is survived by his wife of 68 years, Irene (Sitlinger) Hepler; a daughter, Deborah (Raymond) Glosek; three sons, Stan (Gail) Hepler, Robert (Crystal) Hepler, and William (Leslie) Hepler; as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

As per Jack's wishes, there will be no services. Donations in Jack's memory can be made to the Gratz Fire Company, PO Box 8, Gratz, PA 17030 or the Gratz Little League, c/o Kylie Bender, 625 West Market Street, Gratz, PA

17030.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Any B. Hepler - July 13, 2020 at 01:23 PM

AH

Children of Harry "Buss" H. Hepler, Jr. brother of Jack Hepler

Amy B. Hepler - July 13, 2020 at 01:28 PM

BL

“ Bob And Cathy Leitzel lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Hepler



Bob and Cathy Leitzel - July 06, 2020 at 03:53 PM

RW

“ Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time...



Richie & Shelly Williard - July 05, 2020 at 09:57 PM

FH

“ Condolences to the Hepler family from the Forrest Herb family. Jack is on the bottom row, third from the left, and Forest is on the top row, second from left. This was the first Legion Team in Valley View, 1947. Jack was 16.



Forrest Herb - July 05, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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Bottom row, left to right: Wayne Artz, Kermit Wiest, Jack Hepler, Ross Blyler, Robert Buffington, Donald Hopple, Sam Starr, and Forrest Kissinger. Top row, left to right: Jacob Rissinger, Forrest Herb, Bruce Huntsinger, Robert Troutman, Ray Knorr, Lee Kessler, Robert Miller, and Danny Runkle. The photo is of the first Valley View Legion, Post 575, baseball team. The year is 1947. The team won South Schuylkill, and then lost the Schuylkill title to St. Clair.

Diane Romberger - July 30, 2020 at 05:11 PM

JW

“ June And Fred Willard lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Hepler



June and Fred Willard - July 05, 2020 at 01:20 PM

CP

“ Jack taught us a lot about the love of God's County, Potter County. Potter County and all of us will miss him.
Craig & Sharon Peters



Craig Peters - July 05, 2020 at 09:21 AM

TM

“ Terry Machamer sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack A. Hepler



Terry Machamer - July 05, 2020 at 06:42 AM

PL

“ Irene, So very sorry to learn of Jack's passing. You've been in my thoughts a lot since I saw you in March. My sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Love you Patticake

Patti Lower - July 04, 2020 at 05:31 PM

PL

“ Patti Lower lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Hepler



Patti Lower - July 04, 2020 at 05:26 PM

ME

“ *Marlin And Sharon Erdman lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Hepler*



Marlin and Sharon Erdman - July 04, 2020 at 04:46 PM

RK

“ *Robert@ Lillian Kissinger lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Hepler*



Robert@ Lillian Kissinger - July 04, 2020 at 06:59 AM

SR

So sorry to learn of Jack's passing. I send you my deepest sympathy and hope fond memories of him will help to sustain his loved ones in their sorrow. Sheila Rose

Sheila Rose - July 05, 2020 at 01:52 AM