



Jack Christopher

September 30, 1934

CHRISTOPHER, Jack

September 30, 1934 ~ April 20, 2023

Jack passed away peacefully in his 89th year after managing through many health issues with a positive attitude, and always a smile. He was in his garden just days before, working the property that has been in his family since before he was born.

Loving husband to Diana of 63 years. Jack and Diana were high school sweethearts and lived a wonderful life adventure together. From teenagers, to parents, to grandparents they were rarely apart.

Loving father to Brenda (Tom) and Greg (Cathe) and enthusiastic grandfather to Jo, Sarah, Adam, and Holly. Jack thought the world of his grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

After retiring in 1990 from the school board in Toronto, Jack and Diana built their retirement home on the property that his family had owned since 1934 and in the community that his ancestors had called home since 1832.

Jack was very involved in the community, as a member of Bridgenorth United Church and volunteering for Community Care and the Beautification

Committee. He dedicated many years maintaining the gardens at Heritage Park and throughout Bridgenorth. For his service to the community, he received the Queen's Jubilee Medal and an Award of Recognition from the County of Peterborough.

Such a creative man! His hobbies included landscape painting, building intricate models, and gardening but his favourites were carpentry and woodcarving. Jack grew up on the water — fishing and boating, and he loved towing the kids on skis and tubes. He was proud to waterski every year and last skied at the age of 82!

Special thanks to so many friends who have surrounded Jack and Diana over the years. Whether it was teachers, golf, church, or the neighbours, he loved a party and sharing his home with everyone. Friends were very important to him — he was always happy to see you!

His wish for all of us was that we treat each other well, love each other and value and treasure friendships. A toast to Jack for a life well lived!

A memorial reception to celebrate Jack's life will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 1:00 pm at Ashburnham Funeral Home, 840 Armour Rd, Peterborough.

If you are so inclined, donations in Jack's name to Peterborough Regional Health Centre or the children's charity of your choice would be welcome.

Tribute Wall

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“ Diana, I came across Jacks obituary by accident the other day and Gerry and I would like to offer our condolences on his passing. Perhaps you don\u2019t remember us but we were friends of Liz and Bob Sanders and we visited your beautiful Cottage on Lake Chemong a few times. You and Jack were always such gracious hosts and very welcoming. I remember how close you and Jack were and I am sure you will miss him terribly. Gerry and I are now age 85 and still live in Aurora. Again, Diana we are so sorry for your loss Olive and Gerry Maguiness

John & Olive maguiness - January 08, 2024 at 08:59 PM

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“ We were saddened to have received the news of Jack\u2019s passing. We\u2019ll always carry fond memories of the times spent with Jack and Dianna - especially along the shore of Chemong Lake. We\u2019d appreciated his sense of humour, his kindness, intellectual curiosity and creativity, his love of nature and his love of community. He will be greatly missed. Sending much love to Dianna and the Christopher Family. Paul and Mary Carbert

Mary and Paul Carbert - May 03, 2023 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ A well written memory of Jack, our condolences to Diana and family! Lots of fun at their home always with our golf gang, loved his enthusiasm and laugh.

Kathy and Dave McKnight - April 28, 2023 at 11:00 AM

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“ *Diana & Family - I am sorry to learn of Jack's passing. Remember him well from many childhood visits to the cottage and onward. May your many wonderful memories bring you comfort in the coming days and years.*

Phyllis Darling - April 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM