

John "Jack" Trepanier

September 23, 1943 - March 14, 2014

John "Jack" Trepanier, 70, of Manteno, passed away Friday (March 14, 2014) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno, followed by burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Manteno.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Manteno Athletic Boosters or the Manteno Fire Department.

He was born Sept. 23, 1943, the son of John P. and Anna Stamm Trepanier. He married Judith Skeen on Oct. 17, 1964, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

He was currently the general manager of Rad Rides by Troy in Manteno; former owner and operator of Jack's Automotive; and was also a jet mechanic at Continental Airlines for six years. Mr. Trepanier served in the U.S. Air Force from July 1961 to July of 1965. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Mr. Trepanier was a 1961 graduate of Manteno High School; former village

clerk of Manteno for 10 years; loved his grandchildren and attending their events and activities; loved attending hot rod shows around the world; vacations in Hawaii with his family, including snorkling and zip-lining.

Surviving are his wife, Judith, of Manteno; one daughter, Annette and Rob Zimbelman, of Manteno; one son, Troy and Angela Trepanier, of Manteno; four grandchildren, Carly Trepanier, Gavin Zimbelman, Jack Trepanier and Luke Trepanier; one sister, Paula Harris, of Norwich, Vt.; one brother and sister-in-law, Peter and Elvera Trepanier, of Bend, Ore.; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Shirley and James Marion, of Bonfield, Norma and Darrell Stauffenberg, of Kankakee, Jerri and Stu Cann, of Bradley, Delmar and Coralee Skeen, of Kankakee, and Robert and Linda Skeen, of Kankakee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Tannisse Iverach; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Shirley and Anna Skeen.

In lieu of flowers - Memorials may be directed towards Manteno Athletic Boosters (www.manteno5.org) or Manteno Fire Department (www.mantenofire.district.com).

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ So sorry for the loss of a special man. I knew him when we were Jet Engine Mechanics at Bergstrom in the mid 60's. We built race cars in a Quonset Hut in Austin and then we raced every weekend at tracks all over Texas and Louisiana. God bless you all. Buddy Preston, Bucerias, Nayarit, Mexico.

Buddy Preston - March 12, 2015 at 03:40 PM

RS

“ WHAT A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN I MET JACK AT KIP KIEPERS UPHLSTRY SHOWP IN HOWELL IND IN 1996 RAY SCHULER ELKHART IND

RAY SCHULER - February 10, 2015 at 09:23 AM

JY

“ So sorry,to hear of my old barrack's mate,and fellow jet engine specialist,at the 4130th FMS at BERGSTROM AFB in Austin, Texas back in the early 60's. Jack was a good friend and shared some good times at Barton Springs,and diving from the cliffs at lake Travis. My wife and I thought the life tribute was beautiful! GOD BLESS you all. Sincerely, Jack Yoder, San Carlos, Mexico.

Jack Yoder - September 01, 2014 at 08:37 PM

JW

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Jack's passing, he was first class. Our world really can't afford to lose people like Jack. My son TJ and I met him at the shop as we were passing through on a road trip home to MN. He was incredibly kind, humble and made us feel like old friends by the time we left. We will never forget his kindness and generosity. We send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to your whole family.
God Bless

Jeff Walter - March 29, 2014 at 09:23 PM

JW

“ Jeff Walter lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



Jeff Walter - March 29, 2014 at 09:09 PM

RE

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad. I remember going to your Dad's garage with Annette when we were kids, always a fun time. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Rhonda Brown-Emerson

Rhonda Emerson - March 24, 2014 at 06:24 PM

RO

“ I met Jack in 2002 on the Hot Rod Power Tour. He and Judy were driving a supercharged Chevy pickup. I enjoyed talking with them on an overnight stop in Pontiac Mich. A real class act!!!!

ron - March 20, 2014 at 01:21 PM

RO

“ Thoughts and prayers for your family at this difficult time.
Rob LaMore and Family.

rob - March 20, 2014 at 07:36 AM

 Debbie Fields

“ Trepanier Family, we were so sorry to hear about the passing of Jack, we remember the first time we had the pleasure of meeting your family, Jack always had funny stories to tell, a very caring, loving, giving and especially humbled man, you will forever be in our thoughts, our deepest sympathies for the entire family, We feel so fortunate and well blessed to have known Jack
Debbie Fields and Porsha Maynard

Debbie Fields - March 20, 2014 at 12:26 AM

EO

“ I was able to meet Jack at a few Goodguy events and the SEMA show. He was very pleasant to talk to and always seemed like he new you for years. I am sure that the family and his friends will miss his smile and friendship. My prayers go out to the family.
Ernie Oakes, Goodguys Rep...



Ernie Oakes - March 19, 2014 at 10:07 PM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss. Jack was a great guy. Used to like talking to him when ever I was in for a truck inspection while driving for the Pat Niener. Jack was always happy to show me what was going on in the car shop. He will be missed I'm sure.
We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



Johnny Holt - March 19, 2014 at 06:42 PM

BC

“ Barry Cann lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



Barry Cann - March 19, 2014 at 06:24 PM

DA

“ our sympathies to the family on their loss of Jack

Don and Alice Anderson - March 19, 2014 at 02:45 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Don & Diana Wiley

Don Wiley - March 19, 2014 at 01:08 PM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I so regret not knowing Him. My Dad loved Uncle John, and would always stop by to talk, and Jack would always be around. They would chat forever. After my Dad died in 1983, all contact with family stopped. I wish I could of known Jack and the family, geeze, we only live 7 miles away from each other. One day, I almost came over to get Jacks opinion on a picture I found in my Mom's hopechest, and it was definetly the Trepanier clan from the 20's, thought maybe Jack could tell me who they all were. But I did'nt do it, and now I regret that so much, because maybe I could of got re-connected to what family I have left. May God comfort all of you during this loss.

Judy (trepanier) Whitaker - March 19, 2014 at 12:12 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss, I always enjoyed visiting with Jack when I would visit the shop. He was a warm and friendly man. The Radrides crew did a awesome job on Jack's last hot rod.

Rick Barta - March 19, 2014 at 10:18 AM

 Cathy Stevens

“ Cathy Stevens lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



Cathy Stevens - March 18, 2014 at 11:08 PM

DD

“ *Darcy Drummer lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier*



Darcy Drummer - March 18, 2014 at 08:36 PM

BL

“ *Judy, Troy and family. We cannot express our sorrow for your family. Jack was a true gentleman and amazing person. We will always remember him with fondness and are fortunate to have had him as a friend. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Hold in your hearts that he will always be with you and watching over you.*

Bob & CJ Longstreth

Bob Longstreth - March 18, 2014 at 04:04 PM

MR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jack was a good guy and a lot of fun. Remembering our Florida trip to Disney World. May God's peace carry you all through the hard times that lie ahead. It is our memories & our faith that carry us through...*



Mary Rouleau & Family

Mary Rouleau - March 18, 2014 at 10:52 AM

TT

“ In this time of great sadness, we join with others who knew Jack in offering our prayers and deepest sympathies. His life...well-lived, touching many hearts, his laughter and kindness far reaching and for knowing him, we are all better people. The Terzich's, Mike, Denny, Denny and Nick.

The Terzich's - March 17, 2014 at 10:08 PM

GP

“ I remember Jack as a good man. He loved his family and friends, and he loved life. Jack was a friend, and I will always remember his warm and friendly smile.....Gene Plumlee

Gene Plumlee - March 17, 2014 at 07:34 PM

AG

“ Alan And Sharon Gillis lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



Alan and Sharon Gillis - March 17, 2014 at 07:16 PM

JP

“ John P. Papineau lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



John P. Papineau - March 17, 2014 at 05:52 PM

JP

To all the families I am sorry for your loss and will be in our prayers. I used to work at Radiators Unlimited thats how I met Mr. Trepanier

John P. Papineau - March 17, 2014 at 05:57 PM

VM

“ *Video of Jack, morning of March 7, 2014, Autorama 2014*

<http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/story/24913735/autorama-at-cobo-center-this-weekend#.Uyddwh-x-qA>.email

Victoria Mobley - March 17, 2014 at 04:05 PM

VM

“ *So sorry to hear of Jacks passing. I was so glad to see you all at Autorama 2014. He will be missed. I have very fond memories of Jack and great admiration for Jack and your family. (We had many happy times during the Hot Rod Magazine events. A great judge of the kids coloring contest.)*

*My Deepest Sympathy,
Top Hat John and Victoria*

Victoria Mobley - March 17, 2014 at 04:02 PM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

Bessie Schubbe

Bessie Schubbe - March 17, 2014 at 03:25 PM

MO

“ Troy and family so sorry for your loss , thankfully were able to spend some time with Jack @ Autorama . He will be missed by al his friends here in Canada .

Mike O'Connor and Brenda Brough

Mike o'Connor - March 17, 2014 at 02:05 PM

JK

“ You will be missed and remembered in our hearts forever!

Jack & Bonnie Kohl



Jack Kohl - March 17, 2014 at 10:47 AM

JL

“ Judy, Troy and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Jack was always very gracious and friendly to me when I visited the shop with my grandson and others. He was very proud of Troy and the work they had done. It was a gift to see the father-son team in Manteno. May he rest in peace and may your memories bring you comfort in this sad time. God Bless you all. Joe Lanoue

Joe Lanoue - March 17, 2014 at 10:31 AM



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Trepanier.



March 17, 2014 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ *Ronnie and the crew from Miller Hydraulic send ot our condolences to the family as we keep you in our prayers.*



Ron Miller - March 16, 2014 at 04:26 PM

DB

“ *We are so shocked to hear of Jack's passing. We will miss seeing him at all the car events. We have such great memories of Jack!!! We will never forget his congrats when we won Street Rod of the Year in Columbus. He and Phil shared a lot of emotional times. We send our deepest sympathy to Judy, Troy, his sister and the entire family. Hugs too! Phil and Debbie Becker*


Debbie Becker - March 16, 2014 at 12:43 PM

WK

“ *We are so sad to hear the news of Jack's passing. I will miss his wit, the jokes and the fun we always at the numerous cars shows and anytime we crossed each others path. We shared our usual good time at the SEMA Show this past fall. Our deepest sympathies go out to Judy, Troy and the rest of Jack's family and friends. -Wings and Mary Anne Kalahan*



Wings Kalahan - March 16, 2014 at 11:36 AM

 Fred
Trepanier

“ Jack was always quick with a joke, just like his Dad. He had a knack for bringing out the best in people. I will never forget the shops tour he gave to me and my Father-in-law and son. God Bless You and keep You. Love always, Freddie.

Fred Trepanier - March 16, 2014 at 09:53 AM

DT

“ Thanks for all the memories Jack and especially for our visit last November.
Sincere condolences to family and friends.
"We love your guts."
Love, Dana and Joey Trepanier

Dana & Joey Trepanier - March 16, 2014 at 09:15 AM

DH

“ God bless the Trepanier Okolona Street Rods.

dave huber - March 15, 2014 at 09:44 PM

TA

“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Trepanier



Tom & Judy Andersen - March 15, 2014 at 01:29 PM