



Jack Smith

March 11, 2025

Peacefully, and with family by his side, Jack Smith passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 with great anticipation of reuniting with his beloved and dearly missed wife, Charlene (Robelli) (2007)

Born in 1931 to the late Hugh and Etta (Vance) Smith, John Fraser "JACK" Smith fell short of his 94th birthday by a mere 11 days. Anyone who knew Jack, knows how extraordinary this was given the fact that medical professionals didn't see him living past the age of 39, due to his history of heart attacks and severe pulmonary disease. But, like his weekly hymn numbers that he played at the horse races (thanks Pastor Irving) or his favourite numbers that he played on the lotto, Jack proved them all wrong! He beat the odds!

Left to remember his full life and to grieve his passing are his loving sons and daughters-in-law, Randy & Janice Smith (Wallaceburg, ON) and John and Cathy Smith (Canmore, AB), along with he and Charlene's pride and joy, their grandchildren; Jessica Smith (Dan Baerg), Shaun Smith (Melissa Giamou), Daniel Smith and Chelsea Knox (Terry). Sadly missed by 7 great-grandchildren: Jessica and Dan's children - Findley, Teddy, Violet and William as well as Chelsea and Terry's children - Zoey, Evelyn and Lachlan.

Jack was born and raised in the Hickson/Tavistock area and at the age of 16,

packed up and headed West in search of work. Turning from farm work to retail brought him to Wallaceburg where he set up shop as “Fraser’s”. There, the local community who enjoyed a great bargain in a no-frills kind of store, could buy everything from shoes to guns to confectionary ... and even a couple of donkeys! His first store along the River (currently housing The Black Goose) saw him helping many US boaters who would hook up to his store for hydro. Some who befriended him, encouraged Jack to cross the border, where he found and married the love of his life, Charlene. A few years later, “Fraser’s” moved to the Nelson Street location. Jack and Char enjoyed many great years in their store. They supported their sons’ passion of hockey and refereeing, carting team kids far and wide, hosting fundraisers and feeding hungry skaters by the dozens. Known by many around the arena and local hockey world as “Ticket Jack”, he was honoured by the Wallaceburg Sports Hall of Fame as Official in 2003.

Friends and family are welcome to join in and share their stories at Jack’s Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street, Wallaceburg (519.627.3231). Visiting will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, April 4 and in the hour prior to the service on Saturday. Interment in Riverview Cemetery at a later date.

Donations in Jack’s memory may be made to Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre mgcampoffice@gmail.com or to Wallaceburg Minor Hockey Association.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Smith



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - April 02, 2025 at 01:05 PM

BR

beautiful tribute to a very caring gentleman

Brenda Robinson - April 04, 2025 at 10:59 AM

HC

“ The Courtis family sends deepest sympathies to the Smith family. Uncle Jack as we called him was a very close part of our two families. I personally have several stories to share with you which I will do at the visitation tonight. R.I.P. Uncle Jack Harry & Debbie Courtis

Harry Courtis - April 04, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - April 03, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - April 02, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ John and Cathy, our deepest condolences to you and your family. Wishing you strength and peace and comfort through memories of wonderful times shared.



Kevin and Jackie Gruber - April 02, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Our condolences to the Smith family !!
Lots of wonderful memories of Jack .



Bill Morrow - April 01, 2025 at 06:18 AM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was well known and loved in this town. A very sweet man.



Margaret Janssens - March 22, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ Leonard Atkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Smith



Leonard Atkins - March 20, 2025 at 07:43 AM



“ Leonard Jeanetta Roegiest) Atkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jack Smith



Leonard Jeanetta Roegiest) Atkins - March 20, 2025 at 07:43 AM

AI

“ Allan ing lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Allan ing - March 20, 2025 at 07:29 AM

JS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Janice Smith - March 20, 2025 at 01:22 AM

ST

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to the family. Once again I find myself travelling back to the good ole Fiesta days where Jack & Charlene were our guest for many years. Jack always had a story to tell me. R.I.P.
Synthia (Cindy) Trembley



Synthia Trembley - March 18, 2025 at 09:34 PM

CH

“ Many long time memories of Jack and my father. You were Mr Wallaceburg in a private way.

Charlie Haycock

Charles Haycock - March 18, 2025 at 07:57 PM

BS

“ To the Smith family: Very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I remember going to Fraser's for many things! Always had an interesting conversation. A generous person with his time in the community, Brian Skinner

Brian Skinner - March 18, 2025 at 07:29 PM

PL

“ Our condolences to Randy and Janice and the Smith family. We remember Jack from Charlemont Church. He loved fresh strawberry pie. May God comfort the family during this time.

Paul & Deborah Langstaff - March 16, 2025 at 08:06 PM

BL

“ John, Cathy & Family
My deepest condolences to the family. You are all in my thoughts.

Brenda Lucier - March 16, 2025 at 04:39 PM

PL

“ Our condolences to Randy and Janice and the Smith family. We remember going to Charlemont Church and seeing Jack there. He loved fresh strawberry pie with whipped cream on it! May you cherish the memories that you have.

Paul & Deborah Langstaff - March 16, 2025 at 03:53 PM

MR

“ I will always remember Jack from the good old hockey days. My heart goes out Randy & John plus families .

Mike Raymond - March 16, 2025 at 03:35 PM

WT

“ My condolences to Randy, John and the entire family. Jack always had interesting stories when I would see him at the arena. Wonderful man!



William Thorner - March 15, 2025 at 07:33 PM

BO

“ *My sincere condolences to the family, Jack loved you all so much and talked about you often with such pride. He was a wonderful friend. Becky & Steve Oliphant*

Becky Oliphant - March 15, 2025 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ *Dan Marshall lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



Dan Marshall - March 15, 2025 at 02:42 PM

DM

“ *Dan Marshall lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



Dan Marshall - March 15, 2025 at 05:07 AM

MS

“ *My sincere condolences to you, Randy, John, and to your families. I thoroughly enjoyed chatting with your dad every single time I was at the Oaks visiting my father. I only wish I had known him longer. He was so kind and always remembered my name. May you be comforted by sharing warm memories of such a wonderful man. Marie (Burns) Swift*

Marie (Burns) Swift - March 14, 2025 at 09:03 PM

RB

“ I just had the privilege of stopping in on Jack March 1st. I will always remember him as a man generous with his time, loyal to his friends, and someone who was a literal walking history book about Wallaceburg and its businesses. Praying for the Smith family as they mourn

Ron Bartolo - March 14, 2025 at 07:14 PM

TB

“ Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Tim Bechard - March 14, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Smith Family.
Jack was always ready to chat with good memories from the past.
A good man ,who will always be remembered.
Tony and Carmen Myers

carmen myers - March 14, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ Randy, Janice, John and Cathy, may your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

Sending love, thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Bette Bowers-Gabriel - March 14, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LS

I am so sorry Randy for your loss. Your dad was a great guy and will be missed. I know Lindsay talked to him often when we were your neighbours. Take care. Laura

Laura Shaw - March 15, 2025 at 07:49 AM

VB

*“ Many fond memories spending time with Jack and Charlene throughout the minor hockey years.
Our sincere condolences to Randy, John, and families in the loss of their father, and grandfather.
Sincerely Terry and Val Bell*

valerie Bell - March 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

RY

“ Rose-Marie Yazbeck lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Rose-Marie Yazbeck - March 13, 2025 at 10:59 PM

SK

“ My deepest condolences to your family. Jack will forever be my favourite resident he felt more like a grandpa to me than anything, he will be deeply missed.



Skye - March 13, 2025 at 09:39 PM

BB

“ My condolences to the entire extended Smith family...Jack was one of a kind...a legend in Wallaceburg...he always reminded me of my short career as the bylaw officer in Wallaceburg in the early 1980's...he said I was the most feared women on the streets of Wallaceburg 😭...for that dreaded \$2 fine back in the day...we shared so many stories in his later years and my continued friendship with John & Kizzy helped keep that relationship alive..rest in peace ..you will be missed

Beth Blackburn - March 13, 2025 at 08:50 PM

CH

“ I had the pleasure of serving Jack at a local restaurant in town as he became a regular every few weeks. I instantly took to Jack with his charm and his wit. I recently had become pregnant at the time and Jack throughout my pregnancy reminded me how lucky my baby boy would be since I would be his mother. Once delivery came close Jack gave me the sweetest card and a small gift to welcome my new arrival. I didn't know Jack outside of my workplace but I can only imagine that he lived his life in the same manner as he represented himself when he came to visit. Sending my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Jack, he will greatly be missed.

Carly Hendricks - March 13, 2025 at 08:23 PM

TM

“ Tina & Andy Myers lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Tina & Andy Myers - March 13, 2025 at 08:06 PM

HH

“ Condolences to the Smith family.



Harvey and Susan Handsor - March 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM

SB

“ So sorry for OUR loss, condolences to Randy, Janice, John, Cathy and family. Jack was always a fixture at the rink, home & away, was always encouraging and the reason so many kids played and continue to play hockey. He had a sincere hand shake, a happy greeting and SO many great stories to tell! Keep yer stick on the ice Jack!

Steve Bolt - March 13, 2025 at 07:01 PM

AH

“ rest in peace jack you always treated me me with love hockin family

AUSTIN HOCKIN AND GAYLE HOCKIN - March 13, 2025 at 05:30 PM

HS

“ May Jack rest in Peace,He will be missed.
Helen Siebert & Family



helen siebert - March 13, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Jack’s passing, he was truly one of a kind! So many memories from the Nelson St store to the W’burg arena, Jack and Char were a great team. Wallaceburg was enriched by their presence.



Mari Cole - March 13, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ Our condolences Randy, Janice, John, Cathy and family on the passing of Jack. He was a kind and friendly man always ready for a conversation. Thinking of you at this time
Frank and Greg Bourdeau



Frank and Greg Bourdeau - March 13, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ Sherry(Rose) & Dave Crowe lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Sherry(Rose) & Dave Crowe - March 13, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ I met Jack thru working at the racetrack many moons ago. Occasionally Char would join him . He always liked to hear how I was doing and how my family was getting on. I especially remember being invited to his birthday party at Rossinis and the fun and festivities that it we enjoyed that evening. I have thought of him often over the years and will always cherish those memories .
Sincerest condolences. Cheryl Brown

Cheryl - March 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Randy, Janice, John and Cathy , Jack was one in a million. Always enjoyed chatting with him.*



Janice Conway - March 13, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LH

“ *Condolences to all the family and friends of Jack Smith as he has touched many lives. He definitely knew how to live life and helped many people and organizations on the way. He will be missed by many
Thinking of you all during this difficult time
Stuart and Lorrie Handsor & family*

Lorrie Handsor - March 13, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JB

“ *My earliest memory of Jack is that when I was a kid, he was kind enough to let me sit on the floor of his store and look through used comic books. I even bought some. Later, he was the ticket guy, and recently, he was always in good spirits when I dropped a copy of the Voice newspaper to him at the Oaks: a good man and a life well-lived.*

James Blake - March 13, 2025 at 01:09 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to Jacks Family and friends.
I remember visiting Jacks store both on
James St and Nelson St many years ago.
I still have some of the toys I bought from
Jack. They must be antiques by now. He
always had a smile. A great retailer with lots of personality. He will
certainly be missed



Lance Babcock - March 13, 2025 at 12:26 PM

LP

“ Lola Pamer lit a candle in memory of Jack
Smith



Lola Pamer - March 13, 2025 at 12:10 PM

RR

“ Ray And MaryLou Racz sent a virtual gift in
memory of Jack Smith



Ray And MaryLou Racz - March 13, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DW

“ Very sorry to hear of Jacks passing. He always had a great story to
share and we enjoyed his chats both at our store and at the Oaks.
He will be remembered and missed. Karen and David Walker

David and Karen Walker - March 13, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CH

“ Sincerest condolences go out to Randy, John, their families & friends. Always friendly and ready for a hockey chat. May he Rest in Peace



Chris Heath - March 13, 2025 at 11:32 AM

TF

“ May Jack rest in Peace and all the god memories bring comfort 🙏



Theresa Freeburn - March 13, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BT

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Jack's family & many friends. I enjoyed many conversations with Jack over the years. May he RIP with the love of his life.



Betty Tack - March 13, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MJ

“ Sincere condolences. May Jack rest in peace with his beloved Charlene

Marlene Judson - March 13, 2025 at 10:42 AM

GA

“ *GARY and Rita AUTHIER lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



GARY and Rita AUTHIER - March 13, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to Jacks family , we had been neighbours many years ago and have numerous great memories and great stories to tell ...❤️*

Janis Modde - March 13, 2025 at 09:49 AM

CB

“ *Connie Blair lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



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GM

“ *Gejorge McGaffey lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



Gejorge McGaffey - March 13, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CB

“ *Cathy and Marty Van Bunderen lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



Cathy and Marty Van Bunderen - March 13, 2025 at 08:48 AM

MG

“ *Bought our First TV from Jack in 1959. He was a super great guy. Rest in peace Jack with your beloved Charlene.*

Marlene Gielen - March 13, 2025 at 08:46 AM

BR

“ *"hugs"*



Brenda Robinson - March 13, 2025 at 08:44 AM

HJ

“ Henry and I enjoyed seeing Jack and the black licorice pipes he handed out. He was a friend and told many stories.

Henry and Barb Jaruga - March 13, 2025 at 08:36 AM

LP

“ Lauren Pettinger lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Lauren Pettinger - March 13, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SA

“ So terribly sorry for your loss. I always chatted with him when he was outside at the Oaks and occasionally saw him leaving or entering his room as he was mom's neighbour.

Sue and Brett Anderson - March 13, 2025 at 08:27 AM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith



Gerry Flynn - March 12, 2025 at 11:52 PM

SK

“ *Skye lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



Skye - March 12, 2025 at 11:13 PM

CB

“ *Randy, Janice and Family, My Deepest Condolences to all of you at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers*



Cheryl Burroughs - March 12, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JN

“ *Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith*



Julie Nemeth - March 12, 2025 at 06:26 PM

HD

“ *Our sympathies to the Smith family. It was great having Jack and Charlene and Randy and John as neighbors. Couldn't have asked for nicer neighbors.*



Herb and Brenda deJong - March 12, 2025 at 06:19 PM

EJ

“ *Eric and Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Jack Smith* ”



Eric and Sandra Johnston - March 12, 2025 at 05:48 PM

JB

“ *So very sorry for your loss* ”

Judy Bachus - March 12, 2025 at 05:05 PM