



Jack Perry Burtovoy
1/12/1926 - 12/31/2022

Perry Burtovoy, age 96, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 31, 2022. Jack was born to, Jack and Doris (Seguk) Burtovoy, on January 12, 1926.

Jack proudly served his country in WWII, after enlisting on November 16, 1943. Jack was at Guatemala Bay, Cuba before heading on to Pearl Harbor. Jack was present for the invasion of Leyte, Philippines. Jack was at Dulag Village when General McArthur came ashore. Jack was a proud member of the LST 565 and attended many conferences, and he enjoyed giving tours to anyone that wanted to see the ship. He served the community and the church through the Knights of Columbus for many years, only retiring and hanging up his uniform in recent years.

Jack left a mark on those that he loved and the country he served. While driving truck all those years, Jack had the honor of delivery a trailer for the one and only Lucille Ball for her movie, The Long Long Trailer. Upon retiring from his many years over the road he went to work for Michigan Chloride. Jack and Evelyn loved to explore new cultures by taking trips all over America, eventually venturing out to China. These adventurous stories he would tell anyone that he met though his many years.

Jack and Evelyn found their greatest commonality in their shared hope and faith in Jesus Christ, and this was the foundation of everything they would do in life from that point on. They finally settled at St. Vincent De Paul Parish, in Shephard, Michigan where Jack was known to take followers under his wing and mentor them through their shared faith. Focused and determined (some may even say lovingly stubborn), Jack had a knack for educating those in the church. One of his greatest joys was reading to the congregation during Mass.

Jack was survived by his loving wife of nearly 75 years, Evelyn Irene Burtovoy (94). He is also survived by a son in law, Douglas Bushey of St. Louis; grandchildren, Jennifer (John) Dill of St. Louis, Kevin (Heather) Cochran of Alma. Multiple grandchildren, Juliana (Daniel) Welch of Alma, Ivy and Willow of Carlsbad Texas, Kevin and Wyatt of Alma, Alexzander and Miliegha of St. Louis and Scarlett, of Shephard. Jack was also survived by 5 siblings: Betty Czachowrski of Sumner, Anthony (Pam) Burtovoy of Florence Az, Dorothy Bailey of Lansing, Larry (Lorrie) Burtovoy of Naubinway, and Naga Phillis, of Lansing. Jack also was survived by many dear friends, including Gary and Margarete Hoyt, of St. Louis.

Jack had many losses in his lifetime, some felt more than others like the loss of his children, Linda Burtovoy, Daniel Burtovoy and Laurie (Kevin Cochran) Bushey. He was also proceeded in death by 6 siblings: Helen McGinnin, Harry Burtovoy, Dan Burtovoy, Anna Morrison, Nancy Bashore and Jacqueline Didur, as well as both his and Evelyn's parents.

In his retirement years Jack spent attending Church, entertaining all those that came along, doting on his wife, and caring for her. As we are mourning remember Psalms 145:8, The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.