



John "Jack" Oberlin

August 7, 1935 - May 7, 2024

John "Jack" W. Oberlin, 88, of Iron River, MI, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility with his family by his side.

John was born on August 7, 1935, in McMillan, Michigan, the son of the late John E. and Cleo (Kalnbach) Oberlin. He graduated from Sylvania High School in 1953 and attended Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College. While there, he met the love of his life, Helen Stover, and they were married on August 7, 1954, in Imlay City, Michigan. They moved from the Toledo, Ohio, area to Crystal Falls in the spring of 1968. They built a new home in Bates Township in 1980 and have lived there ever since. The couple would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August of this year.

Jack enjoyed camping, traveling, gardening, processing firewood, and working on his farm. He was devoted to His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, faithfully serving the Lord in various capacities at Lakeland Baptist Church in Iron River. He was also active in filling the pulpit for Wabeno Baptist Church for many years. One of his favorite activities was spending time with his family and friends.

He began his career as a floor installer in Toledo, Ohio. After moving back to the Upper Peninsula, he started his own business, Oberlin's Kitchen and Bath,

in Iron River in 1974.

Jack is survived by his wife of 69 years, Helen; five children, Joyce Oberlin of Tecumseh, Michigan, Jon (Jan) Oberlin of Iron River, Mark (Lois) Oberlin of Ada, Michigan, Scott (Lauri) Oberlin of Crystal Falls and Jean (Jeff) Bjorkman of Iron River; one brother, Michael (Dawn) Oberlin of Michigan; two sisters, Mary Ellen (Gordon) Christian of Kentucky, and Dolores (Ray) Macaro of Alabama; 18 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Greg George, and a great-granddaughter, Luna Flanagan.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 10 AM until 12 PM CST at the Lakeland Baptist Church in Iron River. Funeral services will be held at 12 PM CST at the church. Pastor Paul Starkweather will officiate the service, and John's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. A private burial service will take place at Bates Township Cemetery.

The family would like to express its sincere thanks to the Iron County Medical Care staff and administration for their outstanding care for John.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Iron County Cancer Unit or Lakeland Baptist Church in John's name.

Condolences to the family of John W. Oberlin may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bates Township Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lakeland Baptist Church
950 Lalley Rd.
Iron River, MI 49935

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Iron River, MI 49935

Tribute Wall

AE

“ Sorry to learn of his passing. My mother was his aunt Mary. I remember him falling off the plow horse standing in the barnyard, Horse never budged until the adults came out and pull him out from under him; Then the horse just walked away. I believe it was in the mid fifties.

August W. Eller - September 16, 2024 at 09:49 PM

MC

“ Missing my big brother, Jack. He was always there for me. In high school, he would check on me between classes to make sure I was OK. I was proud to let others know he was my brother. I could always depend on him. I loved him very much. Enjoy heaven, Jack, and we will all be together again some day!

Mary Christian - June 03, 2024 at 03:54 PM

DM

“ The BEST big brother!!

Dolores Macaro - May 16, 2024 at 10:21 AM

FS

“ From Lakeside Fellowship family & staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John "Jack" Oberlin.



From Lakeside Fellowship family & staff - May 14, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AG

“ Aunt Lois, Claude, Gail and Gary purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John "Jack" Oberlin.



Aunt Lois, Claude, Gail and Gary - May 10, 2024 at 03:58 PM

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“ Julie Alm (Oss) lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Oberlin



Julie Alm (Oss) - May 10, 2024 at 02:37 PM

MC

“ Mary Ellen Christian lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Oberlin



Mary Ellen Christian - May 10, 2024 at 09:20 AM

MC

Love you, Brother. Will see you again in heaven!

Mary Ellen Christian - May 10, 2024 at 09:22 AM

LC

“ Love, The Talsma Clan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Oberlin.



Love, The Talsma Clan - May 09, 2024 at 05:41 PM

DG

“ Debbie Godfrey lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Oberlin



Debbie Godfrey - May 09, 2024 at 04:26 PM