

Robert P. Jacobs

November 13, 1953 - October 4, 2024

Robert P. "Jake" Jacobs passed away Friday, October 4, 2024, at his home.

Jake was born in Chicago, son of the late Robert J. Jacobs and Dolores M. (Mauer) Jacobs.


Jake and his family moved to Crystal Falls in 1993 where Jake worked as a contractor/carpenter.

Jake was a creative, a craftsman; he encouraged creative thinking and self expression and easily found solutions to almost any problem. He was always ready to help with the tools necessary and was consistently dressed for the weather. He would give you one of several shirts off his back.

Jake was a lifelong bluesman, growing up in Chicago, learning piano as a kid, then playing the keyboard in bands where he found his roots and his enduring passion for the Blues. Once in the UP, he performed as Jake and the Fireside Band, most recently at Marquette Area Blues Fest.

Jake was a dedicated musician who performed with and had been in the company of the legends of the Blues world, though nothing brought him greater joy than performing for his family and friends; he was known to include names of his loved ones in his lyrics. Jake was generous, nurturing young

musicianship with his endless supply of new harmonicas to hand out to kids. He sang conversationally, frequently breaking out in a line of a song that had been on the tip of his tongue.

Jake always had the time to stop and talk; he was authentically inclusive and accepting. A good listener, Jake was empathetic and uniquely warm. His sense of humor and musicality are unforgettable. 

He is survived by his wife, Flora; daughter, Roberta (Jacobs) Scott, and son-in-law, Sean Scott of Crystal Falls; son, Justin Stringer, and daughter-in-law, Nan, of Chicago; grandchildren, Sparrow Nova, Justin Thomas, Jayne Joyce, and Stella Grace; and sister, Janice Barnet of Boerne, Texas.

Tribute to a Bluesman will be held November 9 from 4-8 pm at the Infield Bar in Crystal Falls.

The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert P. "Jake" Jacobs online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

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

Previous Events

Tribute to a Bluesman

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Infield Bar
234 Superior Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

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“ *Always in our hearts!*
Aunt Rita, Lynne, Ray & Family ”



Lynne - November 08, 2024 at 06:44 PM

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Harry - October 24, 2024 at 07:28 PM

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“ I knew Jake since he was in high school in Chicago. He came to work for me at Ace Cycle World as a mechanic, at about 16 years of age. At the motor cycle shop there were a fair amount of musicians, Jake included. On occasion, Christmas in particular, they would entertain some of our customer's and all the employee's. Wild times.

Many years later, while still in Chicago, Jake left Ace and started his own carpentry business. Even did a fancy kitchen for Lester Holt (the T.V. Lester Holt). But he got tired of having his tools stolen and decided to move to Michigan.

And not to forget, a slick move to marry Flora. A very good move. A very, very lovely lady.

We lost touch for a while. But I always had great regard for Jake and eventually we got back into contact and actually spoke frequently. I was made aware, by Jake, of his downward spiraling health. In fact we had missed our most recent conversation so when I got the call from Flora, I was ready but.... I was not ready. Nobody is ever....ready.

To you Flora, Roberta and Sparrow a special thought and to the rest of the Jacobs' family and friends, please accept my most sincere and heartfelt condolences. Jake was a special friend to me.

John (Jack) Swiderek

John (Jack) Swiderek - October 21, 2024 at 06:51 PM

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Paul - October 20, 2024 at 09:40 AM