



## John "Jack" O'Mara

July 19, 1938 - December 24, 2024

John "Jack" O'Mara, of Rochester and formerly Center Line, a beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend too many, entered eternal life on December 24th, 2024, just in time for a good cigar, a cold Budweiser, a slice of carrot cake to celebrate Christmas day. He was 86 years old. In the face of recent health challenges, Jack demonstrated remarkable courage, strength, and resilience. He was very appreciative of the support from his family, friends, and caregivers.

Jack was born July 19th, 1938, in Minden Twp. to the late William and Clarabelle (Fagan) O'Mara and was the youngest of ten children. He married Carol Anne Brueggeman on February 10th, 1962, and together they enjoyed nearly 63 years of marriage. He and Carol enjoyed traveling, they visited Mexico, Aruba, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, California, the Route 66 drive and many more adventures.

In addition to his wife, Jack is survived by his four children: Brian and Kevin O'Mara, Shannon (Dan) Ryan and Michelle (Stephen) Rao. He cherished his ten grandchildren: Emilie-Clare, Camille, Liam, Amber, Samantha, Patrick, William, Conor, Gillian, Aidan and his great-grandchildren: Brianna, Tyler, Reese, Greyson, Cassius, Theo and Link. Jack was predeceased in death by his siblings; William (late Leone) O'Mara, Robert "Hughie" (Rose) O'Mara, James "Donald" (late Jeanette), Mary (late Keith) Manglos, Colleen (late Wayne) Thompson, Agnes (late Leonard Brown and late Roy) Kitchin, Alice Jane (late Ed Rich and Willie) Salowitz, Patrick (Arlene) O'Mara and Patricia

Molloy (late Robert).

Jack was raised in Sanilac County, where he often spoke of the good times, mixed with a little mischief, he had with his large family in the area. Jack attended and graduated from St Clement Catholic High School in 1957, where he played basketball and baseball. He graduated high school early to enlist with the United States Marine Corps, completed basic training at Camp Pendleton, served as a MP in Guam and Camp Lejeune and was honorably discharged, as a Lance Corporal in 1960. He was immensely proud to be a US Marine and of his extended family's military service. He worked as a computer programmer/IT systems analyst for General Motors/EDS retiring with over 30 years of service. Jack was a believer in remaining physically fit. He was an avid runner and golfer, with three holes in one in his lifetime. Post Carol's retirement, they converted their family cottage on Lake Huron near Port Sanilac into their dream home, where Jack enjoyed hosting gatherings, sunrises, and golfing at Huron Shores Golf Club. He and Carol enjoyed their warm winters in southwest Florida. Jack enjoyed spending time on the golf course with his friends from various golf leagues. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, VFW Corporal Richard Menge Post, and the Elks. He relished time with his family and was a big supporter of his children and his grandchildren and enjoyed attending their sporting or school events. Jack lives on in the memories of those he touched, may he rest in peace.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Rudy Funeral Home, 25650 Van Dyke in Center Line on Sunday January 5th, 2025, from 1-8 PM with a Rosary at 6 PM. In state on Monday January 6th, 2025, 9:30 AM at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Parish (formerly St. Clement) 25320 Van Dyke in Center Line for 10 AM Funeral Mass time. There will be a celebratory luncheon at O'Mara's Restaurant 2555 Twelve Mile Rd in Berkley immediately following mass. Burial with military honors, will be held on Tuesday January 7th, 2025, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Memorial tributes may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or the

Tunnels to Towers Foundation. Please visit [www.rudyfuneral.com](http://www.rudyfuneral.com) to light a candle or to share a memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rudy Funeral Home  
25650 Van Dyke Ave.  
Center Line, MI 48015  
(586) 757-3230  
kathynovak@rudyfuneral.com  
<https://www.rudyfuneral.com>

## Instate

JAN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Catholic Church (St. Clement Site)  
25320 Van Dyke  
Center Line, MI 48015

## Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families Catholic Church (St. Clement Site)  
25320 Van Dyke  
Center Line, MI 48015

## Burial

JAN 7. 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-9444  
(248) 328-0386

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Todd Starks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

Todd Starks - January 05, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



January 05, 2025 at 12:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

January 05, 2025 at 12:34 AM

MC

“ Mary Lou and Curt Cramer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



Mary Lou and Curt Cramer - January 04, 2025 at 12:58 PM

MC

“ Mary Lou and Curt Cramer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

Mary Lou and Curt Cramer - January 04, 2025 at 12:58 PM

TF

“ The Smithers Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



The Smithers Family - January 04, 2025 at 10:20 AM

TF

“ The Smithers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

The Smithers Family - January 04, 2025 at 10:20 AM

BW

“ Brad & Robin Walsh purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



Brad & Robin Walsh - January 03, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



January 03, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Many rounds of golf with Jack, many beers, and a few shots. I was Army, He was Marines, the frendly harassment that we gave each was very memorable. He was a great friend, I will always miss him.RIP Jack

**ralph warren leadbetter** - January 02, 2025 at 07:48 PM



*Thank you so much for sharing your memory of Jack! Sounds like a great time was had on the course.*

**Michelle Rao** - January 12, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Mary Jane, Pat, Mike and Jan Fagan lit a candle in memory of John O'Mara



**Mary Jane, Pat, Mike and Jan Fagan** - January 02, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ Mary J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

**Mary J.** - January 02, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

January 02, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



January 02, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



January 02, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

January 02, 2025 at 07:56 AM

RB

“ I met Jack on the golf course with the "Sabal Trace Boys" in North Port, Fl. We became fast friends and he was my roomie on our golf trip in Northern Michigan. Great memories. Here's a shot of Fireball to you, my friend. Rest in peace...

*Rob Barbret*

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**Rob Barbret** - December 31, 2024 at 11:08 PM

MF

*Jack always had a smile on his face and will be missed by the Fagan Family. Pat, Mike, Jan and Mary Jane Fagan.*

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**Mary Jane, Pat, Mike and Jan Fagan** - January 02, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MR

*He had a great smile! Thanks for sharing your memory.*

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**Michelle Rao** - January 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

BM

“ 1 file added to the album "Happy Days" in Florida



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**Barbara Milczynski** - December 31, 2024 at 10:11 PM

MR

*Great pictures thank you for sharing and sending hard copies. Really appreciate it.*

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**Michelle Rao** - January 12, 2025 at 08:39 PM

YO

“ Your Godson Michael J O'Mara purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



Your Godson Michael J O'Mara - December 31, 2024 at 12:44 PM

TA

“ The Environmental Management Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

The Environmental Management Association - December 30, 2024 at 05:28 PM

TA

“ The Environmental Management Association purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



The Environmental Management Association - December 30, 2024 at 05:28 PM

BC

“ The Capuchin friars are praying for the O'Mara family upon the death of John. May he rest in peace, and may God's consolation comfort his family as they grieve his death.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - December 30, 2024 at 01:09 PM

KM

“ In 1969 I met Jack at the GM Tech Center where i became a computer programmer trainee. Jack was my mentor: he showed me the turf, introduced me to people and gave me a positive head start. We became lifelong friends. He introduced me to the golf league (where he was like a Semi-Pro ) and I was a virtual hacker.

*In time, I moved to the banking industry and Jack was moved to EDS. We kept in touch for years until one day we talked about our new children. He had a daughter and so did I. To our surprise we had named both girls Michelle.*

*After my wife and I retired in 2006, we were invited to Florida by Jack and Carol. They introduced us to the Gulf Coast which he loved very much. For the following 18 years we hooked up as snowbirds in Florida. Jack introduced me to the Elks club and sponsored me as a member. For many years we enjoyed St Patrick's Day at the Elks Club and basketball March madness at many restaurants in Florida.*

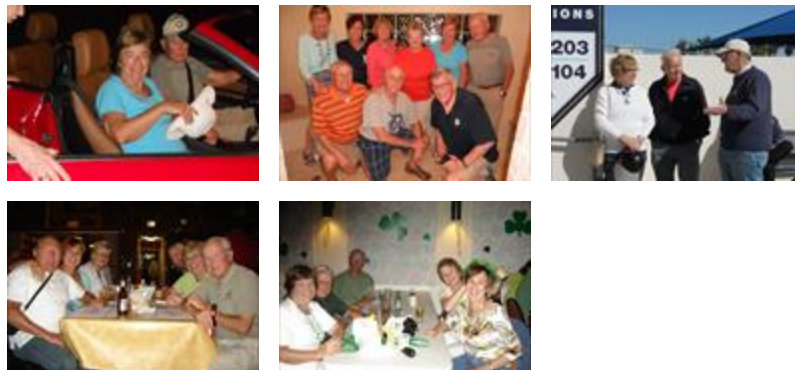
*Jack stayed in great physical shape by walking and exercising. He was a life long Marine (Semper Fi). In recent years we kept in touch and exchanged good news about grand kids and changes in our health. I and my wife will miss him for he was a positive, good Christian family man who was always extroverted and always meeting and greeting new and old friends. God Bless, from Barb & Ken Milczynski PEACE*

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**Kenneth Milczynski** - December 30, 2024 at 09:09 AM

BM

“ 11 files added to the album "Happy Days" in Florida



Barb & Ken Milczynski - December 30, 2024 at 09:05 AM

KJ

“ Ken and Leslie Johns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

Ken and Leslie Johns - December 30, 2024 at 08:56 AM

KJ

“ Ken and Leslie Johns purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



Ken and Leslie Johns - December 30, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.*



December 29, 2024 at 02:58 PM



“ *Tim, Karen and Rose O'Mara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.*

**Tim, Karen and Rose O'Mara** - December 29, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Tim, Karen and Rose O'Mara purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.*



**Tim, Karen and Rose O'Mara** - December 29, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Vistage Group CE 15 purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.*



**Vistage Group CE 15** - December 29, 2024 at 02:08 PM

TS

“ Tanya S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

Tanya S. - December 28, 2024 at 08:49 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I met him playing golf in our group of guys in Florida. He was certainly a Prince of a guy. We hit it off right away as I live in Caro, Michigan (the Thumb) that he grew up in. He has been sorely missed by the golfing guys the last few years. So proud to have met him and called him friend. Rest in peace Jack.

Jeff MacKenzie - December 28, 2024 at 05:09 PM

MR

Thank so much for celebrating Jack. He missed you guys as well!

Michelle Rao - January 12, 2025 at 08:35 PM

MH

“ We are sad to hear of Jack's passing. We met Jack and Carol for Breakfast when back in Michigan a few years back. It was a pleasure getting to know him. My boys have fond memories of meeting him, Carol and Kevin when we were there. Prayers sent to the family from cousins in New Mexico.

Mariann Holland-Rivera - December 28, 2024 at 02:00 PM

MR

Thank you for thinking of us! Appreciate the prayers.

Michelle Rao - January 12, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ I worked with Jack, in the 70's at GM. He was a great guy and a fellow Marine. Simper Fi Jack!

John Monkowski - December 28, 2024 at 01:41 PM

MR

Thank you for your service and for taking time to celebrate Jack.

Michelle Rao - January 12, 2025 at 08:32 PM

CU

“ Charlie Usher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

Charlie Usher - December 28, 2024 at 12:52 PM

CU

“ Charlie Usher purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



Charlie Usher - December 28, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



December 28, 2024 at 11:50 AM

WW

“ Winston W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" O'Mara.

Winston W. - December 28, 2024 at 10:32 AM

WW

“ Winston W. purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of John "Jack" O'Mara.



Winston W. - December 28, 2024 at 10:32 AM

MK

“ maxine kubik lit a candle in memory of John O'Mara



maxine kubik - December 27, 2024 at 07:35 PM