



Jack Formo

June 11, 1937 - May 22, 2022

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,” Matthew 11:28. Jack Formo, 84, Litchville, ND, was granted his final retirement and eternal rest on May 22, 2022. A private family service will be held on Wednesday, May 25.

A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 pm on May 25, 2022, at the Litchville Community Center, Litchville, ND. All are invited to come and celebrate Jack’s life.

Burial will be at the Bethlehem Cemetery, rural Litchville.

John Henry Formo was born to Axel and Jennie (Van Bruggen) Formo on June 11, 1937. He was raised on the land he farmed and loved, just outside of Litchville. He graduated from Litchville High School and studied accounting at North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton. It was during his time at Wahpeton that he was drafted into the service and eventually granted Honorable Discharge from both the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.

Jack loved the Lord. He was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Litchville and served on the church council for many years. No matter how busy life was, Sundays were reserved for Jesus and rest. Though his journey through life had become difficult, he thanked Jesus for all the blessings he had been given.

Jack was kind, honest, a hard worker and lifelong learner, qualities he passed on to his children and grandchildren. Farming was his passion and he kept up to date with all the changes that came with farming, harvesting his last crop in the Fall of 2021 at the age of 84. Prior to settling into farming full-time he worked at Bobcat in Gwinner and for the Office of Engrossing and Enrolling at the North Dakota State Capitol. He was proud of farming, his family and community serving on many boards, including Bethlehem Cemetery, Litchville and Litchville/Marion School Boards, Barnes County Consortium Board, Anheuser-Busch Barley Board and Texas A&M Advisory Board for Agriculture.

It was while he was working at the State Capitol that he met the love of his life, Dianna Wetzel. They were married on November 11, 1961, and resided on the farm outside of Litchville, where they nurtured the land and their children, Mark, and Teresa.

Although he worked hard, he enjoyed life and attending family activities, playing basketball, fishing, hunting, and bowling. He earned many awards for his accomplishments including numerous bowling awards, NDSU Outstanding Agriculturist for

Barnes County, recipient of the 40,000 Case IH Tractor, and Anheuser-Busch Longest Growing Member. He was also recognized for working for the National Weather Service, providing weather reports since 1984, continuing until his passing. He enjoyed visiting and a good conversation. He was often heard starting a conversation with a stranger with "Where are you from?" He especially took an interest in learning about his grandkids and their lives, often discussing politics, current events, finances, hunting and the weather with them. He also loved animals and had an uncanny ability to connect with them.

Jack will be missed by his loving wife of 60 years, Dianna; his son, Mark (Emily) Formo, Litchville, Mark's sons, Dillon, Austin, and Davis Formo along with Emily's daughter's, Taylor Carlblom, Kenzi and Kacey Peterson; his daughter, Teresa (Shawn) Formo-McDonald, Spiritwood, Teresa's children, Lee (Bradi) Trapp and Jesse (Cody) Sailer; great-grandchildren Saraya Formo, Maxwell, and Isla Sailer; his beloved brother and farming partner Lawrence (Karen) Formo and sister-in-law Jane Junkert; and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; Dianna's parents, Ruebin and Alvina; brother-in-law, Walter Junkert; and Great Grandson Joshua Sailer.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

Litchville, ND

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAY 25. 3:00 PM.

Litchville Community Center
Litchville, ND

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Jack was a very instrumental part of our church and community and will definitely will be missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the whole family.

Robin Miedema - May 25, 2022 at 03:11 PM

RG

“ Sorry for your Loss Dianna ,Mark .Theresa , Larry and families . I have known Jack for 50 some years and I have nothing but good to say about him !! Going to really miss that laugh !! No matter how busy Jack was , he always took time to talk to you ! Jack was always so positive , and encouraging ,and knowledgeable about everything , Always fun to visit with !! Just to think he combined every acre of corn last fall ! Thats really impressive at 84 years old ! Jack would not have it any other way as he really loved every aspect of farming.....especially combining . Really enjoyed those pictures Mark .and that obit was very good and fitting for a wonderful Man ! Ron Graalum

Ron Graalum - May 24, 2022 at 11:20 PM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss. God Bless Jacks memory.

John Monilaws - May 24, 2022 at 05:56 PM

MF

“ 27 files added to the tribute wall



Mark Formo - May 24, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jack Formo.



May 24, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jack Formo.



May 24, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jack Formo.



May 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Jack Formo.



May 24, 2022 at 10:46 AM

LK

“ Love, Kaylene lit a candle in memory of Jack Formo



Love, Kaylene - May 24, 2022 at 10:37 AM

YL

“ Your Friends at Titan Machinery Lisbon purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Jack Formo.



Your Friends at Titan Machinery Lisbon - May 24, 2022 at 09:38 AM

AS

“ Many memories of Jack. It was a joy to service him as he contracted and delivered malt barley. He was smart and patient. He always tried to lay low and act with simplicity but he was such a bright light for agriculture and his rural community. His word was golden. I remember a pheasant hunt years ago where Jack enjoyed a quick trip and hunt out in Hettinger. Truly a great friend and I am privileged to have known Jack.

alan slater - May 23, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack Formo.



May 23, 2022 at 05:13 PM

DH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of loss. I am sure he will be missed. I remember his hearty laugh just like his Dad years ago when we attended family reunion at Lake Kampeska by Watertown, SD. He always like to have fun and shared in the ball games at the reunion. May the Lord comfort you and give you peace.

Love,
Darla (Int Veld) & Marv Hettinga

Darla Hettinga - May 23, 2022 at 05:06 PM

RB

“ Jack was a great man & neighbor. We will miss his wave from the tractor. Jack would always ask how you were doing and take the time to listen. The Litchville community lost one of the great ones. Jack was the local weather spotter - we will miss his updates and knowledge. Deepest sympathy to the Formo Family

*Love & prayers,
Roxanne, Todd,
John & Lucas*

Roxanne Baumgartner - May 23, 2022 at 03:47 PM