



Jack Allen Caughey

January 6, 1953 - October 25, 2024

Jack Allen Caughey, a loving husband, father, and dedicated community member, died October 25, 2024. Jack, 71, of Charlotte was born January 6, 1953 in Charlotte to John Allen and Donna (Sutherland) Caughey. Jack was a farmer and had an extensive career as a Mechanical/Agricultural Engineer. He had an innate understanding of how things worked. Jack was a third-generation Michigan farmer who followed in his father's footsteps on the farm as well as serving on the Benton Township Planning Commission as the Chair. He was a strong advocate for preserving farmland, and his agricultural community. Jack loved drafting and design, had a great memory for details, and had a special interest in history, especially Naval history. He held a pilot's license and loved flying for most of his life. Jack was an MSU alum and avid Spartan fan.

Jack was very proud of his son, Justin's 26-year service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Jack was proud of his family's Irish heritage, and with his sister Nancy, recently researched and recorded the family history and lineage. In 2023, Jack had the opportunity to visit Ireland with his family, a trip that he remembered fondly. Jack was a man who believed in tradition, loyalty, and modeled a strong work ethic. His family and friends saw this in his steadfast and loving care of his wife Tina, in her final years.

Jack is survived by son, Justin (Katusha Galitzine); daughter, Ericah Mahabir;

and sister Nancy (James) Caughey Gensel. He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Tina.

Friends are encouraged to support Jack's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation is Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. followed by a Life Celebration at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Laura Cooper as celebrant. Interment will take place at a later date at Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Jack's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Benton Township Fire Department. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Jack Allen Caughey



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 30, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Allen Caughey



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 28, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

October 30, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Meaghan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

Meaghan M. - October 30, 2024 at 11:01 AM

GG

“ Gai G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

Gai G. - October 29, 2024 at 10:40 PM

MK

“ Monica K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

Monica K. - October 29, 2024 at 05:15 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jack Allen Caughey.



October 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

October 29, 2024 at 04:27 PM

SR

“ Shirley Peters & the Rosier reunion purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jack Allen Caughey.



Shirley Peters & the Rosier reunion - October 29, 2024 at 10:53 AM

SD

“ Like so many other farm kids, Jack was a part of my life, especially in the early years. I vividly recall him personally delivering eggs to our home, his allergies in full miserable mode before good meds helped with that, and of course being such a hard worker.

Was there ever a time he wasn't fighting for farm preservation? His encyclopedic memory helped at each step of the way in the continuing farming challenges and was ever present when he called me just a short time ago to talk about it. I'm sure I wasn't the only one. Miss you already, Jack.

Love to Nancy and the rest of your family. May his memory be a blessing.

Sue Deer Dembowski

Sue Deer Dembowski - October 29, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

October 29, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Allen Caughey.



October 28, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 28, 2024 at 07:01 PM



“ To my beloved cousin Jack,

My first memories of your Dad, my Uncle Allen, and you are of you running a backhoe creating Troy Hills Golf Course, now Ledge Meadows, with me watching out of the window across the road. I was 3 years old, you were 16 and my hero from then on. We shared a lot of memories together since then, and these are just a few.

I remember listening to our Uncles plan strategy for I-69 with your Dad leading the way. We both got an education from our fathers and uncles growing up. I remember you being extremely patient when I was small, always calm and measured, even if I wasn't. I remember you teaching me square roots when I was just learning multiplication tables. I remember you keeping me in line, and teaching me the difference between right and wrong. I remember when you married Tina. At the time for me, she was the most beautiful and enchanting person I had ever met. I was awestruck. I remember you educating me about piloting, and all of the details. I remember how hard you worked as an engineer and a full time farmer all of those years, still finding time for family and your community. I remember our common interests, and discussing them in minute detail, a pure pleasure for both of us. I remember your unwavering support of your family. I remember that caribou hunting trip in Alaska. I remember your common sense and being able to simplify seemingly complex issues.

I remember the day we spent together a year last February. One I'll never forget.

But most of all, I will remember you as a big brother. Your influence will live on in all of us.

*With Love and Tears,
Scott Sutherland*

Scott Sutherland - October 28, 2024 at 06:18 PM

MM

“ Michael M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

Michael M. - October 28, 2024 at 04:54 PM

VH

“ He was always a good neighbor in the true sense of the word. I remember riding bikes from our house to Allen and Donna's for eggs. Always a fun trip and sometimes Jack would take us out to the big layer barn and let us pick out the eggs. Riding the school bus with Jack was interesting because he had a side hustle of letting the other kids order what kind of candy they wanted, then he would go to Collizzi's store just around the corner from the High School during his lunchtime and grab the orders, which he would deliver on the afternoon bus for a small fee. It's a real loss to the World, especially to traditional agriculture when a protector of farmland and rural communities leaves us. They know the importance of land stewardship and the value of community, as well as genuine love of the history of a multi generational farm. My deepest condolences to you Nancy, and all of Jack's family and friends.

Violet Shriver Hickey - October 28, 2024 at 07:09 AM

SS

“ Dear Nancy & Family, my deepest condolences with the loss of your brother.

Sandy Webb Simpson - October 27, 2024 at 08:32 AM

PE

Justin and Ericah, my deepest condolences. Having done your Dads hair for 30 plus years I too will miss him and our great conversation he was a joy and always caring about everyone else especially his family that meant everything to him

Peggy - October 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack Allen Caughey.

October 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM