



Jack Merle Short

April 10, 1928 - July 14, 2016

Jack Merle Short, of Grayling, formerly of Charlotte, passed away on July 14, 2016 in Grayling, MI. He was born on April 10, 1928 to Merle and Evelyn (McKay) Short in Ft. Wayne, IN. Jack joined the U.S Navy serving during World War II and the Korean War. After discharge from the service he graduated from High School in Ft. Wayne, earned a Bachelor's in Sociology at Albion College, a Bachelor's in Divinity Oberlin College, followed by attendance at Vanderbilt University where he earned a Master in Divinity. On June 28, 1952 he married Beverly Nuckolls in Detroit, MI.

Jack was a long time pastor serving many churches in Michigan and Ohio including the Salem Church, United Church of Christ, and Congregational Churches. Following his retirement as a full time pastor he continued filling in at local churches until 2009. In addition to his work as a pastor he also worked for the State of Michigan Highway Department as a Real Estate Appraiser retiring from the State in 1984.

Jack formerly owned the Gentle Giants Farm, raising, breeding, and selling St. Bernards and Clydesdales. He also enjoyed painting, woodcarving, and reading. His favorite past time, however, was raising and showing his St. Bernard Dogs and Clydesdale Horses. Jack held membership in the Charlotte VFW Post 2406, American Legion Post #42, Sigma Chi, Clydesdale Breeders of USA, Michigan Draft Horse Breeders, St. Bernard Club of America and the

State Employees Retirees Association.

Jack is survived by his two daughters, Susan (James) Shiflett of Grayling, MI, Bethany Noble of TX; 5 grandchildren (and spouses) and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Jane Short; father, Merle F. Short; and mother, Evelyn M. Short.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 2 - 4:00 pm and 6 - 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, MI. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 11:00 am at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI, with, Pastor Dave Engel officiating. Burial will take place in the West Carmel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Legion in Charlotte, MI. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Jack's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack Merle Short



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*Heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of our dear Jack. We were all given the opportunity of knowing this exceptional man. Any love we gave - was freely given back to all of us. A true American, serving his country and our God in many ways. A talented, good hearted, generous, loving person to people and animals alike. He left us for a better place, and leaves us with an emptiness from missing his humor, enthusiasm, compassion, and encouragement.
Lovingly, Ruth Gordon*

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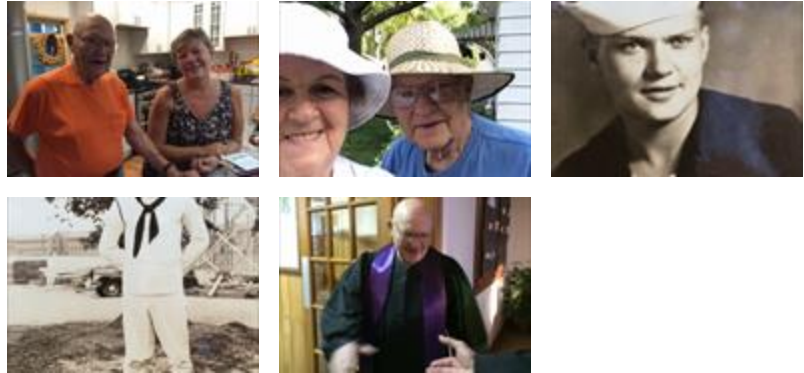
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“ We were so sorry to read of Jack's passing. I always loved it when he & Bev had a new litter of pups cause would stop to play with them when doing my walk. They were both special people & are now together again. Larry & Nadine Cook

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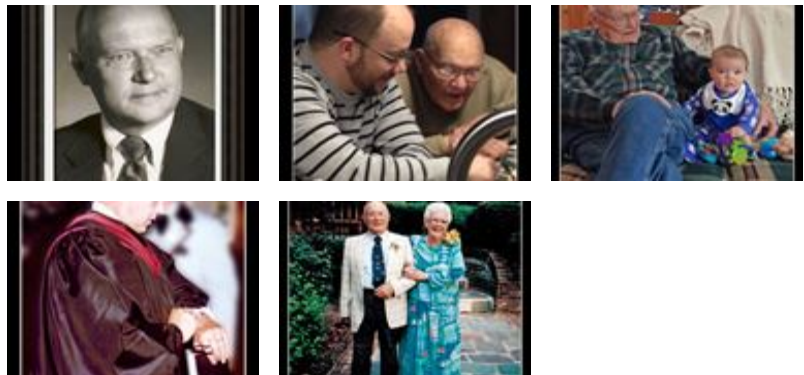
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“ We generally sat together at church and most times, for the fellowship snack and coffee time. We always enjoyed visiting with Jack. What a wonderful person he was. He may have passed quickly, but will long be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers for his family... may God Bless them all!

-Larry & Ginnie Burt
Atlanta, MI

Larry & Ginnie Burt - July 16, 2016 at 12:32 PM