



## John "Jack" M Cunningham

December 16, 1931 - November 5, 2016

John M. (Jack) Cunningham passed away on Saturday, November 5, 2016, in Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Cunningham was born to Simon M. and Mary C. (Huber) Cunningham on December 16, 1931, in Columbus, Ohio. Jack attended school in Ohio, graduating from Aquinas College High School in Columbus, in 1949. He went on to Ohio State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in the College of Education. Jack served in the US Army, from 1953 to 1955, as a Supply Sergeant during the Korean War. On September 15, 1956, Jack married Kathryn Ruth Stien, in Akron, Ohio. Together they raised a daughter, Jane Ellen, and a son, Richard Thomas.

Mr. Cunningham's resume begins in 1950, when he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until 1959, in both Columbus, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois. In 1959 he started work with Bethlehem Steel Company, and in 1986, retired after 27 years. Jack went to work for Clipper Express in Lemont, Illinois, in 1987. He retired from Clipper Express as a Senior Pricing Manager, in 1997, but didn't stop there. He went on to work for Compass Consolidators, Inc. in Lemont, Illinois from 1997 to 2002.

Mr. Cunningham's extensive volunteerism is a statement of how important it was for him to "give back." Jack served the Boy Scouts of America as a Council Commissioner, on the Religious Membership Committee, and as an Executive Board Member. He also served in the South Cook County

(Chicago) Girl Scouts on the Finance Committee, and as a board member. Jack was a Founding Member of the Baden Powell University of Scouting and served on the staff from 1990 to 2000. Jack was the Chairman for Communications Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Committee on Scouting. Jack served in volunteer positions in every community he lived in, and in recent years, as a member of St. Mary Parish, Charlotte, Jack chaired the worship committee. Mr. Cunningham was a Life Member of the Ohio State University Alumni, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha National Fraternity, a member of Friends of the Homewood (Illinois) Library, and a member of Knights of Columbus. He served as President of the following organizations, Birchwood Farms Homeowners Association, Heights St. Joseph Federal Credit Union, Service Clubs Alliance, and Midwest Shoppers' Advisory Board. Jack's volunteerism was met with much appreciation, and he received numerous awards. He was honored to receive the St. George Catholic Award thru the Archdiocese of Chicago Committee on Scouting. The Boy Scouts of America honored Jack with many awards, including the Silver Beaver. The Girl Scouts of America also presented him with numerous awards, including "The Thanks Badge II."

Mr. Cunningham is survived by his wife, Kathryn Ruth; his daughter, Jane Ellen (David) Johnson; and his son, Richard Thomas (Patricia) Cunningham; four granddaughters, Elaine, Eileen, Brenna and Hillary; and one grandson, Evan. He is predeceased by his parents, and his sister Mary Margaret Cunningham.

The family will receive visitors Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m. with Rosary held at 7:00 p.m. at the Pray Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop. Interment will follow at Ft. Custer National Cemetery. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or American Diabetes Association. Friends and family

are encouraged to share memories of Mr. John M. (Jack) Cunningham on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## Funeral Ceremony

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
807 St. Mary Boulevard  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ Mike and I were so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. We have so many wonderful memories of great conversations and laughs with Jack when he and Kay were our neighbors on Jamie Lane. You and Jack were terrific neighbors. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Kay and your family.

Debbi and Mike Clark - January 03, 2017 at 10:06 AM

RF

“ Jack was the guest speaker at the 2002 Peace Pipe Scout Alumni dinner. He told us of his adventures at the World Scout Jamboree in Chile. He helped at Catholic Committee on Scouting events. We will miss him. So sorry. Bob Fasiang

Robert Fasiang - November 12, 2016 at 01:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" M Cunningham .



November 08, 2016 at 08:02 PM

YF

“ Your Sears Lansing family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of John "Jack" M Cunningham .



Your Sears Lansing family - November 08, 2016 at 06:55 PM

HB

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all the family. He was a very special cousin.*

*My brothers and I enjoyed many happy hours playing with Jack and Mary Margaret when we were children.*

*May your happy memories help you through this difficult time.*

*Helen Hawley Babb & Emerson Babb*

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**Helen Babb** - November 08, 2016 at 06:52 PM

JF

“ *I remember Jack from my days at Camp Frank Betz in Barrien Springs, Michigan. He was involved in Scouting's Wood Badge Program and he was a true, loyal and friendly Scout leader. He helped me in attaining Wood Badge in 1990. It is leaders like Jack who make Scouting a great organization to belong to.*

*I wish his family the best in years to come. I'll always be grateful for his kindness and leadership. I will miss him! God bless him.*

*Yours in Scouting,*

*John L. Frigo*

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**John L Frigo** - November 08, 2016 at 03:46 PM

AM

“ Sorry to see Jack's passing. I had the honor of knowing and working with him on many Scouting events. He has made a lasting impression on many of the boys who have benefited from his volunteer service. Our thoughts are with the Cunningham family during this time of sorrow.

*Albert Moy*

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**Albert Moy** - November 08, 2016 at 01:12 PM

SB

“ Jack was my introduction to Scouting. His cheerful smile and infinite patience with me as a new "Scout Mom" showed me what Scouting was all about. He will be greatly missed.

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**Susan Brickman** - November 08, 2016 at 12:46 PM

PL

“ Jack's spirit was special because he didn't keep it to himself, but shared it with all who came into contact with him. His influence on me will always be present. I have no doubt that Jack is now organizing the Angels to be more caring and helpful to all!

*Thank you Jack for being a part of my life! You will continue to be a part of my life!*

*Paul Liszewski*

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**Paul Liszewski** - November 08, 2016 at 08:34 AM

JM

“ *The Doctors and Staff at Painless Dentistry would like to offer our deepest condolences to Kay, family and friends on the passing of our dear friend. Jack was a gentle man and always brought smiles to our office when he came for his appointments. He will deeply be missed. May Our Dear Lord welcome home our friend, Mr Jack Cunningham. Our prayers are with Kay and family. RIP dear friend.*



*The office of Dr Keith West and Painless Dentistry.*

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**Janet Miller** - November 08, 2016 at 07:19 AM