



Jack Pope

December 12, 1929 - November 27, 2014

Jack Pope, age 84 of Lovilia, passed away on Thursday, November 27, 2014 at Oakwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albia.

Jack was born December 12, 1929 in Moline, Illinois to Jarrett and Nellie (Runnells) Pope. He attended school in Bussey and graduated from Bussey High School. Jack married Lillian Martin on August 2, 1952 in Reno, NV. To this union 7 children were born Charles, Vivian, Randy, David, Steven, Merle, and Terry. They shared 37 years of marriage before Lillian's passing on December 26, 1989.

Jack served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 35 years retiring from the Marines as a Sargent Major. While in the Marines, Jack helped with the Toys for Tots program. After returning from the service, Jack worked as the manager at Hawkeye Lumber Company in Albia and later in Oskaloosa retiring at the age of 70.

Jack was very active with Monroe County Little League, where he coached and later became league president for many years. He enjoyed being outdoors, farming, playing pinochle, and in his younger years playing high school football.

Jack is survived by his children, Charles Pope of Burlington, WI, Vivian

Lawrence of Albia, Randy Pope of Blakesburg, David (Lisa) Pope of Elkader, Iowa, Merle (Karen) Pope of Topeka, KS, and Terry (Mickey) Pope of Albia; 15 grandchildren, William, Michael, Ben, Jonathan, Christianna, Thomas, Stephen, Julie, Jared, Jacob, Greg, Terrence, Jordan, Melody, and Davey; 7 great grandchildren. Jack is also survived by 3 sisters, Carolyn Larson, Phyllis Holmes and Sylvia (Bob) Webster; 2 sister-in-law, Avice Pope and Ruth Pope; and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian, and his parents, Jarrett and Nellie; a son, Steven; a granddaughter, Jackie; 2 brothers, Don and Merle; and a sister, Jean.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 4, 2014 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose will be in Liberty Cemetery in Bussey.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Jack's family present 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Welcome Home Soldier Memorial or to Monroe County Little League.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Oh great Uncle Jack how I miss you goofy attitude even when it was just to poke me with your cane because you always said it was “fun” haha! I’m glad you stayed close by to Grandpa Merle & Grandma Avice (VanderLinden) Pope....we joke about how it’s the “Pope Cemetary” with all of them buried there on the west side. Great Aunt Lillian I know you got to meet me but I’m so sorry I wasn’t old enough to remember those moments we did share together....I visited you both in January, it was a fairly abnormally warm day but windy....I married a military veteran just like most of us Pope’s did in this area anyways (that I know of or have seen at the cemeteries)I hope you both continue to rest in peace, great uncle Jack put that cane down, I know you’re trying to poke me down on earth even still! I love you both, love you great-niece (Allen Pope’s oldest daughter....aka my dads twin and grandpa’s twin ughh I was jinxed a Pope & I LOVE THAT I WAS!!



Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Jack Pope

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Jack Pope

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM

MA

“ *Once a Marine always a Marine, Semper Fi!!! Sergeant Major.*

Martin Theulen - Anchorage, AK - Brother in arms - August 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

My Great Uncle Jack would have been honored to see this...I'm 8 years late responding butttt as my Grandpa Merle Pope (his brother) always said — better late than never.

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:43 PM

JF

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Jack only owned one color & type of clothes, blue dickey buttoned up shirts and pants with military style boots. I remember his rugged baby blue jeep pickup truck sitting in front of Hawkeye Lumber and those hot summer days standing at the 4 Way Stop (intersection of Hwy 34 & 5) selling / fundraising for the little league.

I will always treasure my memories of Jack and hope that, one day, I will have the privilege to inspire just one person as Jack has bestowed on me.

It was an honor in knowing Jack Pope. R.I.P my friend!

Jeff Wignall - Monroe, IA - Friend - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

Oh my! I may be responding in my Great Uncle Jack's memories posted far too many years later....but you described him to a T!!

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:45 PM

JF

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Jeff Wignall - Monroe, IA - Friend - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *you are in my thoughts and prayers. my deepest sympathy to all of you.*

betty hinde - alta, IA - friend of terry's - December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ That man standing behind the fence wearing those blue Dickies and barking (usually at me) loud enough for the whole town to hear. Then realizing his bark was way worse then his bite. That's what I'll remember the most about that old Marine. From coach to mentor to family friend, you Rest in Peace Jack. You earned it. Oorah !!

Steve Wignall & Family - Albia, IA - Friend - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

Omg that's my great uncle Jack....I know I'm posting on his memories several years since he passed but it's because when I went to visit him and my Grandparents Merle & Avice Pope (buried just in front of him to the south a couple spots).

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:50 PM

MK

Wellll I guess mg phone will let me finish now haha BUT I remember Great Uncle Jack sounding way meaner than his bark...he always poked me with his cane especially during his own brothers funeral, my grandpa Merle Pope's funeral back in 2010 because he knew how badly I hurt losing him and all he cared about was that I smiled at his goofy behavior, which my grandpa Merle was often very similar haha.

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:52 PM

MI

“ Sorry for your loss.

Margaret and Audrey Beakler - Albia, IA - December 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jack and I became great friends out at the little league field. So many many fond memories. I'm sure he's smiling down wondering whom to bother first. RIP Jack

Debbie Wolfer - Albia , IA - friend - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

Omgggg I recently went to visit my Great Uncle Jack & Great Aunt Lillian's grave site.....I still remember him poking me in the back with that darn cane at his own brothers funeral just to make sure I smiled back bc that was one of the worst days of my life.

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:54 PM

SC

“ One of Jack's favorite coaching sayings was, you couldn't catch that with a bushel basket. Jack was a great protector and supporter of kids. He may have been hard on you, but he had your back and you knew he would support you. I know there was not a bushel basket in the world big enough to fit in all the kids whose life he touched in a positive way. Rest in piece Jack

Scott Garrett - winterset, IA - he was my little league coach - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Jack was such an inspiration & truly one of the most incredible men I ever had the opportunity to meet. My prayers & sympathy to the family as well as the community.

Abby Palmer - December 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ My sympathy to Jack's family. He coached my sons for many years. Will always remember his contributions to the youth of the community.

Naomi Braun - Albia - Friend - November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ My great uncle jack was an amazing person. I only wish all kids had someone like him in their life. No words can express the right amount of love we all have for him. May you rest in piece uncle jack. I'll never forget your goofy attitude and joy that you brought me.

Mallory Pope - Des Moines , IA - great niece - November 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

Oh heck I did comment....see what grief does to the mind?? Geesh!!

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 03:55 PM

MI

“ Amazing man who will be missed by so many. He touched so many and Albia league won't ever be the same w/out you.

Mindy Stafford - IA - November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ He was so caring, We always had fun at his house. He liked to joke around, and Dad & Jack would have secret signals when playing cards.

Janice Whitmarsh - Bellevue, NE - Niece - November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

:N

“ I think my Uncle Jack was a person all should have known. He loved his country as well as family. He and my mom, Norma Jean had a special relationship and he mourned her and shared memories of growing up on the farm. I also remember him teasing and joking with us. Being on his farm was always a great experience for this city girl. I will love and miss him.

:Lori Beezley Meyer - Cedar Rapids, IA - niece - November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

I'm going back on everybody's memories since I visited the cemetery. I miss Great Uncle Jack so much....I mean he was teasing me during his own brothers funeral in 2010 aka your Uncle Merle....bc he knew that was one of the worst days of my life and he just wanted to make sure I hadn't forgotten how to smile back at him even if he's annoying me much much like my Grandpa Merle did.....I only wish I'd have gotten to know my Dad, Allen, because he might have had that Pope angry sometimes but he sure loved hard like us Pope's do....I don't remember seeing you at the funeral so it may have been Grandpa's or one of the family reunions that just dwindled out as the founding Pope men left us on this earth....rest in peace Great Uncle Jack!!

Mallory Ann (Pope) Keary - February 28, 2023 at 04:06 PM

MH

“ Searching and searching for what to say on hearing the news of Jack Pope passing away. The man meant so much to so many for so long in our community. You were truly one of a kind my friend, and you WILL be missed. Thank you for being you.

Mike Haywood - November 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM