



Jacob Odinetz

August 27, 1930 - February 6, 2023

Jacob “Jack” Odinetz was born on August 27, 1930, the only child of proud Ukrainian immigrant parents. He grew up in Centerline, Michigan, and attended Michigan State University, where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering.

Jack served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was stationed in New Mexico. True to his adventuresome spirit, he enjoyed many weekend furloughs exploring the desert Southwest, indulging his ardent interest in geology.

Jack married Leda (Cosmenco) in 1956 and together they raised two children. He worked as a Civil Engineer for the city of Warren, Michigan until 1986 when he and Leda retired to Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Jack’s love for adventure lasted throughout his lifetime. He had a passion for traveling and took his family on numerous memorable trips, both in the States and abroad. After retirement, he and Leda traveled all over the world, including more than 30 cruises. Jack continued to enjoy hiking in his beloved Blue Ridge mountains until he was nearly 80.

In 2013, Jack and Leda moved to Carolina Village retirement community, where they made many dear friends and became active members of the community. Jack continued to be enthusiastically involved in community life, even after suffering a stroke in 2018.

He continued to sustain his varied interests, and in his later years, he spent many hours doing video-editing, archiving his many travels, and gladly creating a video guide for anyone who mentioned an upcoming trip.

Jack’s propensity for exploration extended beyond the physical world to the spiritual. After many years of what he would describe as “searching”, he placed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was baptized in the Jordan River while on a trip to Israel in 2015.

Jack passed from this life to spend eternity with his Lord on February 6, 2023. He is preceded in death by Leda, his beloved wife of 65 years, as well as their daughter, Karen. He will be dearly missed by his son and daughter-in-law, (Steve and Chris Odinetz), and his former son-in-law, (Mark Sutter), as well as his friends, including many of the wonderful staff members of Carolina Village.

Jack did not designate a charity to which to donate in his honor, however in managing his affairs, we noticed his favorite recent charities were the Hendersonville Rescue Mission - (HendersonvilleRescueMission.com) and Wycliffe Associates – (wycliffeassociates.org). Jack has requested no memorial service but will be honored and treasured in our hearts forever.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacob Odinetz*

October 09, 2023 at 01:52 AM



“ *Jacob Odinetz*

October 08, 2023 at 10:49 PM

DP

“ *Steve and Chris - Sending thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace during this time of loss. I know you are grateful he's in the arms of Jesus! - David*

David Proffitt - February 21, 2023 at 01:03 PM

CW

“ *Steve and Chris - it was a blessing to read about Steve's dad's life. His life was clearly full and accomplished. What a blessing to think about the fullness he now has in the presence of God. I'm grateful to the Lord for the time you had with him at the end of his time here. I'm praying the Lord's continued comfort for the loss you're feeling.*
Chris

Chris Williams - February 21, 2023 at 11:52 AM

CP

“ *What a lovely tribute of a life well lived. The photo that you choose of your dad shines of joy from within.*

*Many blessings my friends,
Cindy P*

Cindy P - February 21, 2023 at 11:25 AM

TP

“ Dear Steve and Chris,
I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your father and pray the Lord provides much rich comfort and support during this difficult time. I loved reading how your father was baptized in the Jordan River; what a beautiful time that must have been. Stay close to the Lord especially during this time and please let me know if there's anything I can do to help. I think of you all often!
Love, Terry Lynn Peltier

Terry Lynn Peltier - February 21, 2023 at 09:06 AM

RS

“ Dear Steve and Chris,
We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved dad. You were so caring of him and we know his love meant so much to you. We pray for Gods comfort in this time, while also thanking Him that your dad is safely with Christ.
Billy and Rachel

Rachel Stewart - February 20, 2023 at 09:41 PM

JK

“ Steve and Chris, I'm saddened to hear of the passing of your dad, however, we can rejoice with you at his reunion with Jesus and other loved ones.

A very nicely written memorial that shared his life and loves with us. Blessings!

Janet Keim - February 20, 2023 at 05:39 PM