

John "Jack" Harris

MAY 20, 2021

John (Jack) Harris passed away at the Regina General Hospital on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at the age of 87. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Denise; his son Kent; his daughter Shelley (Glenn Merth), and their daughter Jenna.

Jack had a long and fulfilling career as an educator with the Regina Catholic School division. He enjoyed the outdoors and had many excellent skiing and fishing trips with great stories to tell. In retirement, Jack, Denise and Kent were able to travel the world. He enjoyed spending time relaxing at their trailer, working on their home and yard, and building wooden crafts. Grandpa Jack loved spending time with his granddaughter Jenna and their visits were always very special.

Jack had a life well lived. It was full of happiness, a beautiful wife Denise, loving family, incredible friends, and wonderful relatives. We will all carry on and smile, keeping his memory alive in all that he taught us.

A Private Celebration of Life was held on Friday, May 28, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Regina Health Foundation
<https://www.hrf.sk.ca/>

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the General Hospital Hemodialysis Unit for their excellent care.



Messages of Condolence

Dear Denise and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May it comfort you to know that Jack's lifelong faith in God will be rewarded with a place in His heavenly kingdom.

'Mr. Harris' was my (Janette's) grade 8 teacher at St. Thomas. I met him again, many years later when we served on the board of directors for Martha House. He lived his values, shared of his time, and was, in the true sense of the word, a gentleman. May he Rest In Peace.

— **Bill and Janette Rieger**

Denise and family: our sincere condolences to your family.

Denise; I was just thinking of you and Jack about when I saw you at the fall suppers at St Jean Baptist with Mom (Annette) and Aunt Carmelle. The last couple years have been somewhat of a different world in not being able to see a lot of people & family members.

I was somewhat surprised Jack has passed away. May he be in a better place and at peace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Take care and stay safe.

— **Aline (née Beaudry) and Brian Warnecke**

Dear Denise, Kent, Shelley and family,

We were very sorry to read Jack's obituary today, and we send you our sincere sympathy. We liked Jack very much and we enjoyed his gentle humour. He was Laurie's principal in her first teaching position at St. James School, where he was very supportive and positive. I'll always remember our staff "Laugh-In" sketch at the school Christmas concert, where Jack took the role of Henry Gibson and recited a poem. It was a pleasure to later know Denise as a CWL member and a teaching colleague, to teach Shelley, and to partner with Kent in the Children's Liturgy program at St. Martin's church. We always liked seeing Jack and family at church and other locations, and enjoying a friendly chat. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

— **Laurie and Allan Collins**

Denise, Kent and Shelley

My prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and grief. Jack was a very humble gentle man who donated so much of his time to others. He was and will continue to be a role model for all of us. May you find comfort and joy in the memories you made together and the legacy Jack made.

God Bless

Leona

— **Leona Burkhart**

Our condolences to the Harris Family. Jack was a good man and will be missed by the community. I always enjoyed seeing him at the Wednesday morning breakfasts. May God Bless each one of you.

— **Les and Cheryl Kram**

My condolences, Denise and family, on the loss of Jack.
You are in our prayers.

— **Daryl Nordick**

Dear Denise & family,
Deepest condolences upon Jack's passing. Each time I said a prayer at my mom and dad's grave site I said a prayer for your son. Now each time I pass over to what will be our grave site just a few feet away I will fondly pray for Jack as well. God will surely give him his just rewards.

— **Harvey Kennedy**

Dear Denise, Kent and Family, I was saddened to hear of Jack's passing. I always enjoyed Jack's sense of humor, positive disposition and his caring ways with family and friends. It was always fun to chat with Jack, you and Kent during our time on Friday Mornings while volunteering at Regina Garden Conservatory.

My sincere condolences
As always,
Linda Longmore

— **Linda Longmore**

Denise and family,
So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

— **Barry and Louise Stinson**

I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Jack. He was a great role model for me as a beginning teacher and principal. He definitely made his mark on life!!

— **paulette Brooks**

Dear Denise and family. I was sorry to hear of Jack's death. He touched many people with his quiet, kind way. My condolences to you all.

— **Marion Perry**

Denise, Kent and family, We are so sorry for your loss. I know life won't be the same without him, but know that we all have warm memories of our time with Jack. We're thinking of you in this difficult time and will hopefully be able to get together again soon.

— **Ryan, Maire, Quinton and Aislynn Coulthard**

Dear Denise and Family,

John and I send our heartfelt condolences on your loss of Jack. He will be enjoying his eternal reward as a just and honourable man of faith, who gave generously of himself in the service of others. From the time we began our teaching careers together in Regina Catholic Schools in the 60s and through mutual friends, common interests and activities, we have been blessed to have been connected over 55 years. I shared five years at Miller Comprehensive with Jack when he headed the General Education program. He was a wonderful role model for staff and students and bore witness to the growth and development of so many young people with challenges. He could create the environment that enabled success for every student, with his gentle manner and positive expectations. We will cherish his indomitable spirit. God's speed Jack!

— **Margaret and John Lipp**



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