



## John "Jack" R. Treml

December 11, 1935 - May 12, 2024

On Sunday, May 12, 2024, John "Jack" Treml peacefully passed away at the age of 88 in his home surrounded by family.

Jack was born on December 11, 1935 in Grant Township to parents John and Frances Treml. He attended Pelton School and Manistee High School, before receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree from Ferris State University and a Master of Science Degree from The University of South Dakota. On November 29, 1958, he married Kareen Kovar, who he would share five children and 65 years of beautiful marriage with.

Jack's passion for the education of and involvement with youth showed in both his career and hobbies. After college, he spent two years teaching at Shelby High School. He then spent the remainder of his 30-year career as a Cardinal – serving as a teacher, coach, and principal at Mason County Eastern. Jack felt strongly about the phrase "young people are good people" and spent much of his life helping youth reach their full potential in education and athletics. He also enjoyed spending time in the outdoors at his cabin in the Upper Peninsula. He was a frequent fisherman on the St. Mary's River and loved teaching his grandchildren to fish during their summer vacations at the cabin.

Jack is preceded in death by his brother, Robert Treml, his son, Michael Treml, his son-in-law, Steve Stickney, and his granddaughter, Tracey Treml.

He is survived by his wife, Kareen Treml; his brother, Richard (Lucille) Treml; his sister-in-law Joanne Treml; his children, John (Kathy) Treml, Jill Stickney, Mark Treml, and James Treml; his daughter-in-law, Cindy Treml; his grandchildren, Matt Cordes, Rose (Matt) Schultz, Melanie Stickney (Jacob Tiles), Mike (Sarah) Stickney, Laura (Rob) Kaercher, Steven Treml, Michael Treml (Kaitlyn Werth), Alan Treml (Abigail Walker); and seven great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held for Jack from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, May 17 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer with the rosary to be prayed in Jack's honor at 7:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Jack at the church on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm with Rev. Dan DePew as celebrant. Burial will follow at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Custer. Those who wish to remember Jack with a memorial donation are asked to please consider either Caritas Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church, or the Mason County Eastern Athletic Department.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

1000 South Custer Road  
Custer, MI 49405

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405

## Rosary

MAY 17. 7:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
85 South Madison Street  
Custer, MI 49405



# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Sorry to hear of Jack’s passing. Will always remember our nice visit at the dentist office while I was waiting for Bill and Jack was waiting for his appointment. Our prayers and thoughts to Karen and all the family.

Susanne Gutowski - May 17, 2024 at 01:38 PM

KE

“ Mr. Tremi was as awesome teacher. always cracked me up when he would excuse himself for a break to go to the "teachers lounge" smoke break. he would come on the speaker and say, i better only hear pencil scratches. LMAO. RIP Mr. Tremi

ken - May 15, 2024 at 09:00 PM

CH

“ Kareen, J.T., family - I am so sorry for your loss! RIP Jack

Cindy Hummer - May 15, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ My prayers are with you Jack and your family. I always appreciated the conversations we had. God bless.

Walter Carrier - May 14, 2024 at 10:10 PM

YB

“ Mr Tremi was one of those larger than life people. I think he will be remembered at MCE as "the man, the myth, the legend". Stern but fair, a man that believed in the best of all of his students. May he rest in peace.

Yvonne Bourdage - May 14, 2024 at 09:15 PM

MS

“ Jack , was a kind soul at heart , stern in his beliefs , and someone to look up to in life's ventures. Strong , in Heart , body and soul . always full of laughter , for sure ,  
Thanks to all his family , for sharing with me .  
I will keep memories in my mind forever .  
rip ,  
My god bless

Mark Spence  
NC

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Mark Spence - May 14, 2024 at 05:44 PM

MH

“ Remember Mr. Trembl from the early 60's at Shelby school. Stopped at the bar in Custer one year on our way to deer camp on the Little Manistee river. Too many years have passed to remember the details but remember visiting with Jack. So sorry for your loss.

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Mike Hughes - May 13, 2024 at 08:14 PM