



**Name:** Jack Eugene Jensen

**Age:** 92

**Hometown:** Pigeon, MI

**Funeral Date:** April 22, 2023

**Date of Birth:** July 26, 1930

**Date of Passing:** March 14, 2023

**Funeral Home:** [Champagne Funeral Chapel](#)

### **Biography**

Jack Eugene Jensen, 92, of Pigeon, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Huron County Medical Care Facility surrounded by his family. Jack was born July 26, 1930 in New Richland, Minnesota to the late Agnes "Tiny" Loveland. His family moved to Albert Lea, Minnesota where Jack spent his summers swimming in Fountain Lake, his oasis and favorite place on Earth. Later Jack moved to Detroit to live with his mother and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1949. Swimming was his passion and he held many records for the swim team. He briefly attended Ohio State University on a swim scholarship, but ultimately joined the Army and served in the Signal Supply on Okinawa, Japan. He credited the Army for giving him a firm foundation and the Army flag proudly flew on his flagpole. He also learned the Japanese language and his favorite expression of thank you was "Arigato." Jack joined the Detroit Police Department upon returning to the States. He proudly served as Aide to Commissioner George Edwards. He completed his career in Detroit serving on the Youth Bureau. He had

an active role in the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association and was proud of the accomplishments they were able to obtain for their membership. A fiercely loyal man, with a personality that matched his stature, Jack always wanted to leave his mark on whatever he touched. Jack started his family while in Detroit. He married Dolores "Dee" Sadler on January 23, 1954, and together they raised seven children: Karen of Utah, Kurt of Virginia, the late Kevin, Krista Nugent of Bay City, Jeff of Caseville, Frantz (Kitty) of Cass City and Liz (Jay) of California. Jack retired from the Detroit Police Department in 1980. Dee passed away shortly after they moved to Caseville, and her passing left a huge hole in Jack's heart. He then served as Chief of Police in Caseville. He loved the people and community of Caseville; they were his people. Together he and John Gunsell proudly patrolled the streets of Caseville and had fun while doing so. While in Caseville Jack raised three grandchildren, Erica, Anthony and August, and he often credited them for saving his life after losing Dee. Jack completed his career by serving as Huron County District Court Bailiff. He thoroughly enjoyed his time there, and retired at the age of 80. To Jack age was merely a number, and he lived life completely and passionately. Music was a passion for Jack, and he enjoyed collecting vinyl records with his cohort in crime, Paul Lanuzza, whom he loved like a brother. On September 17, 1994 Jack married Karen Roberts in Harbor Beach. They were able to celebrate 28 years of marriage. He told Karen their life would be an adventure when they married, and it was. He also told her life would never be dull around him. It wasn't. Jack is survived by his grandchildren: Erica (Jeff) Steadman, Anthony (Connie) Cardillo, the late August, Timothy Martinez, the late Victoria Martinez, Laura (Shawn) Brown, Diana (Karl) Robbins, Alex Darow, Luke Darow, John Nugent, Jamie Nugent, Nicole (Mike) Jensen, Ben Wilburn and Emma Wilburn; several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson Hudson Carpenter; sisters-in-law Kathy (Gary) Bauer and Kari (Ed) Tucker; brother-in-law Bernie (Shelly) Roberts; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful Corgi, Hero. Jack was preceded in death by his first wife Dee, son Kevin, grandson August, granddaughter Victoria, daughter-in-law Carol, mothers and fathers-in-law John and Margaret Sadler and Bernard and Doris Roberts, and his best friend Donald Hydorn. Jack would like to thank all the staff who touched his life with such care and compassion during the last months of his life. A special thank you to A Change of Seasons Hospice and Dr. Ali Khan. He would also like to thank all the neighbors who mowed the lawn and never let a leaf touch the yard. A special thank you to Fred and Cindi Herrin who took Hero in as their own. Jack loved you

all. A memorial service will be 11:00am Saturday, April 22nd at the Champagne Funeral Chapel with Chaplain Ed Tucker officiating. Visitation will be 2-8pm Friday, April 21st. Memorials may be made to the Thumb Animal Shelter. Jack's motto was never to kick a man when they are down. In honor of Jack, please perform an act of kindness for someone who could use a hand.