



John "Jack" Martin Bell

September 28, 1929 - October 29, 2015

John "Jack" Martin Bell was born on September 28, 1929, one of four children, to Robert and Emma (Zimmerman) Bell of Hancock, Minnesota. Jack was raised in Hancock and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church. Jack graduated from Hancock High School. After high school he attended college for a year before returning to Hancock and running the local grocery store with his brother in 1950. In 1952 the family moved to rural Hancock and started farming full time for the next fifteen years. After retiring from farming, Jack started working at Steinbring Motors in Alexandria as a car salesman; he worked for Steinbring's for 18 years retiring as the new car sales manager. Jack and Frances Nibbe were married in 1950; to this union four children were born. In the sixty five years they were married, they made many memories, had lots of laughs and lived to enjoy their four children, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and were members of Zion Lutheran Church for fifty years. He was the husband and father that despite his busy schedule, was always present.

Jack was a person who fixed things himself and was always tinkering on radios or making gifts out of wood. He would talk about tires and tractors with anyone. Jack loved cowboys, whether it was classic western TV shows or reading Louis L`amour books. Jack and Fran spent their retirement winters in Texas. He was a person who was thrifty, but more importantly, he was an honest man who was devoted to his family.

On Thursday, October 29, 2015 Jack died at the age of eight six years. He is

preceded in death by a brother and sister. He is survived by his wife, Fran; children, Brenda Walsten and husband, Timothy, Marcia Bell (Peter Rosendahl), Darla Brink and husband, Jim, and David Bell; grandchildren, Sara Ruggiero and husband, Chris, Shannon Walsten, Diana Walsten, Kayla Walsten, Martin Woessner, and Michael Woessner; six great grandchildren; and brother, Zera "Zip" Bell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Zion Lutheran School, Alexandria, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 763-5900
mail@andersonfuneral.net
<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Alexandria
300 Lake St.
Alexandria, MN

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Jack" Martin Bell



Anderson Funeral Home - October 31, 2015 at 07:57 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Martin Bell.



November 02, 2015 at 08:56 AM



“ David and Family,

We are keeping you in our thoughts as you mourn the passing of your Dad. May the days ahead be filled with peace as you celebrate his life.

*Sincerely,
Dean & Lisa Willson*

Lisa Willson - October 31, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Anderson Funeral Home - October 31, 2015 at 07:54 AM

PH

“ Fran, kids and families.

Was so sorry to hear this obit on the radio this evening. Talked of stopping this summer but always seemed the wrong time to do so. I tried calling this evening but your line was busy and after many interruptions later, I felt it was too late to try again.

We are heading out in the early AM for TX so will not be able to make it to the funeral or funeral home. Remember our phone number in TX is 956-928-1202 if you need anything.

Love and prayers to all. Phyllis and Rod

Phyllis Haarstad - October 30, 2015 at 09:55 PM

JB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I have many years of great memories of us all camping and visiting over the years. Will keep you all in my prayers.*

Judy Bullick - October 30, 2015 at 08:07 PM

KM

Francis and Family, So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Have so many happy memories of babysitting for your kids back in the 50"s. You truly were all very special to me. Blessings to you all and may we continue to share the love God gives us all.

Kathy Barsness Meierding - November 01, 2015 at 02:45 PM

JG

*Fran,
So sorry to hear about Jack. Thinking of him always makes me smile!
Jan Brede Grant*

jan grant - November 09, 2015 at 07:59 PM