



Jack E. Downs

January 9, 1933 - January 2, 2011

Dateline: Brighton

Jack E. Downs, 77, died at 1:44 p.m. Sunday, January 2, 2011 in Brighton. Born January 9, 1933 near Jerseyville, he was the son of Earl and Elizabeth (Coleman) Downs. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the VFW Post 1308. He retired from Nilo Farms and was currently the Road Commissioner for Piasa Township in Jersey County. On July 25, 1953 in Brighton, he married the former Louise Kulenkamp. She preceded him in death on April 21, 1998. Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Handling and her husband Jack of Brighton and Jean Mandorca and her husband Colin of Brighton, a niece, Julie Lynch of Oklahoma and two nephews, Daniel Mandorca of Brighton and Jack Handling of Brighton. Per Jack's request, private graveside services will be Saturday at Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville. Reverend Carl Cook will officiate. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jack E. Downs*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Jack E. Downs*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Jack was one of those people for which the highest compliment is reserved - He was just one of those great, down-home guys who would do any thing for any one. You couldn't find a nicer guy in all the world. He always had a smile and kind word for all. He will be dearly missed by all his family and most of all by his many friends whose lives he touched.*

Brent Phelps - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He did his job well, and will be missed. We especially will miss seeing him at the big round table at Fran and Marilyn's! He always had something nice to say, as he passed by on the road while he was working. Jack was a good man.*

Chuck and Robyn Herring - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *jack was a kind man, and shared
many a donut w/arthur, my cocker
spaniel, who adored him. thanks to Jack, I enjoyed camping at the
vfw farm.
my condolences, anna*

anna (seuro) brownell - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *You will be missed by all your friends and we love you.*

Marlene - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We will miss you very much. You where very instrumental in Roger's
career at Nilo. Your friendship can not be measured only in great
memories and time we shared together. Love Roger & Ella*

Roger C. & Ella J. Jones - Brighton - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM