



Jacob P. Bakker

October 24, 1944 - March 24, 2014

Jacob P. Bakker, age 69 of Wheatfield, IN passed away on March 24, 2014. He was born on October 24, 1944, in Hammond, IN the son of Jacob and Trinja (Lolkema) Bakker, both deceased.

Jacob served his country proudly in the United States Army in the Vietnam Conflict from December 1, 1966 through November 29, 1968. He was a decorated veteran and was the recipient of the Vietnam Service Medal with Three Bronze Service Stars. On June 26, 1970, in Oak Lawn, IL Jacob married Magdalena Leistra. Together, they lived in Wheatfield, IN for 37 years.

Jacob enjoyed the reunions of the 1st Infantry Division, known as "The Big Red One". He was a member of the Wheatfield American Legion. Jacob was a self employed Bricklayer with Tri-County Masonry. Jacob was a member of the Immanuel United Reformed Church in DeMotte, IN.

Jacob was a cherished husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by all. He is survived by his loving wife; Magdalena, his children; Peter Jacob (Beth) Bakker of DeMotte, IN, Andrew John (Shannon) Bakker of Wheatfield, IN and Tina Marie (John) Dyke of DeMotte, IN. 5 Grandchildren; Tyler and Katelyn Bakker, Abigail, Jacob and Emmelene Dyke. Brothers; Albert (Alvina) Bakker of St. John, IN, Theodore (Ora) Bakker of Phoenix, AZ and brother in law; Robert (Irene) Huizenga.

Jacob was preceded in death by one sister; Theresa Huizenga.

Friends may call on Thursday, March 27, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Jackson Funeral Service in DeMotte, IN. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10:30 AM at Immanuel United Reformed Church in DeMotte, IN with Reverend Wetselaar officiating. Interment will be in the Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the DeMotte Christian School.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Service

MAR 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel United Reformed Church
9991 W 1200 N
DeMotte, IN 46310

Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jacob P. Bakker*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Jacob P. Bakker.*



March 28, 2014 at 05:54 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Maggie, Peter, Andy, and Tina on the loss of Jake. I have such fond and vivid memories of Jake and each one of you. Regardless of the years that pass, you are family to me and I feel very lucky that I have been blessed with you as a part of my life. I have a clear image in my mind of Jake sitting at the table reading scripture before eating dinner. As a child, I had no idea how valuable that moment in time would be. Yet, today I can hear his voice like it was yesterday and I hold on to that through my tears. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Amy Dembowski*

Amy Dembowski - March 26, 2014 at 09:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jacob P. Bakker.



March 26, 2014 at 03:49 PM



“ Jake was like a second father to me. I have so many memories over the years of sitting at the kitchen table having coffee, eating ice cream and having great conversation. All while I was a kid myself. My heart goes out to Maggie, Peter, AJ, Tina and the rest of the family. Words are not enough to wipe the pain away. Just know he is in a better place. You are all loved by both near and far. Sending much to all of you from Montana. Laura Dembowski Getz

laura getz - March 26, 2014 at 02:08 PM



“ Maggie, with much love and caring you have our condolences and prayers. The people you meet going through make your life and knowing Jake was a pleasure and a experience. Many many happy times with all of you, from the pool to the Christmas sing alongs.

Sid & Gloria Dembowski - March 26, 2014 at 11:24 AM



“ Jake was a beloved child of God, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. His rock solid faith in His Lord in all circumstances, his humility, and unique sense of humor was an inspiration. May the Lord comfort the family in their loss in the full assurance that Jake is now with His Savior.

Mark Van Der Molen - March 25, 2014 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Jacob P. Bakker.* ”



March 25, 2014 at 07:50 PM