



Jack Robert Berry Sr.

December 30, 1928 - July 2, 2025

Jack Robert Berry Sr., 96, of Rapid City, passed away peacefully at home on July 2, 2025. He was born on December 30, 1928, in Sand Lake, Michigan, to the late James and Mary (Hawkins) Berry. Jack proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Birdell Johnson on December 12, 1951. Together they built a life filled with love, generosity, and strong family values. Known for his caring nature, Jack was always ready to lend a hand. He served as a mentor to many and made it a priority to help others whenever he could. He had a lifelong passion for woodworking—an art he pursued with great pride until his final days. Jack crafted many beautiful pieces for friends and family, finding joy in giving his creations away. Above all, Jack cherished his family, especially his grandchildren, who brought him endless joy. He is survived by his beloved wife, Birdell; children Jack Jr. (Carolyn) of Rockford, Jill (Dan) Packer of Rapid City, and Nancy (David) Firlik of Grand Rapids; sister Arlene Post; brother Donald (Eunice) Berry; five grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Jay Alan Berry; sisters Dorothy Batchelor and Virginia Rogers; and brother-in-law Dale Post. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025, at Kalkaska Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Clearwater Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Jack's honor may be made to the Grass River Natural Area in Bellaire or Mt. Holiday Ski Area in Traverse City. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska

Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Clearwater Township Cemetery

6833 Gillett Road NW
Rapid City, MI 49676

Previous Events

Family & Friends Gathering

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I was little, we lived on Malta St. and our families played together. I remember Mr Berry going to the store buying a big watermelon. Out on the back picnic table he cut up the melon for all of us little kids. It was Great!!! I have thought of your family many many times. Always good thoughts. Love to all of you.

Sue Lombardi - October 12, 2025 at 08:53 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jack Berry - July 23, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jack Berry - July 22, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jack Berry - July 22, 2025 at 04:59 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jack Berry - July 22, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ Love Arlene, Jody, Lisa, Mark & David purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Jack Robert Berry Sr..



Love Arlene, Jody, Lisa, Mark & David - July 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Hillary Firlik Zeiser - July 09, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ Your visit to Arizona, and our trip to Michigan. I will always remember you. ❤️



Carol and Gerald Morts - July 08, 2025 at 06:14 PM