



John Douglass Siddall D.O.

April 5, 1928 - May 16, 2014

John D. (Jack) Siddall D.O.

John (Jack) Siddall of Kalkaska passed away May 16th at Munson Medical Center with his family at his side. He was 86 years old. Jack was born, along with his twin sister Joan, on April 5, 1928 to George and Kathleen Siddall in Jackson, Michigan. He was active in scouting through out his life. Starting out in Boy Scouts as a child, receiving his Order of the Arrow, working as water front director at camp, and becoming a Professional Scouter in the old region 7. His love of scouting continued for the rest of his life and was passed onto his son. Jack enlisted in the Navy in 1948 , serving 5 years as a Medical Corpsman during the Korean War. It was through this service that he developed his passion for medicine. Upon returning from Korea, he enrolled in Hillsdale College, graduating in 1957. He continued his studies at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, receiving his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in 1962. Following his internship at Lansing General Osteopathic Hospital, he opened a private practice in Haslett, Michigan. While on staff at Lansing General Hospital, he met Lorann Hatfield. Who knew asking her out on a dare would turn into 49 wonderful years of marriage. They were married in 1965 and blessed with 2 wonderful children. His professional accomplishments included: 13 years of private practice in Haslett, Medical Director of Olin Health Center at MSU, Clinical Associate Professor for MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, 16 years of private practice in Kalkaska, 4

years as Staff Physician and Medical Director at Baldwin Family Health Care, and he rounded out his career as a Medical Examiner with the State of Michigan - DDS in Traverse City, retiring at the age of 80. Jack had a life long dedication of giving back to the communities he lived in. This dedication allowed him to serve in many different capacities which included Trainer for the Hillsdale College Football Team, Team Physician for both Kalkaska and Haslett High Schools, Haslett School Board Member (including serving as president), North Country Hospice Board, and Rotary Club member in every community he lived in. Jack was very proud of being a Paul Harris Fellow. His love and dedication to Kalkaska Memorial Health Center lead him to many years of service on the hospital board, including 3 terms as Chairman of the Board. His joy of service earned him many awards and recognition which he treasured deeply. Jack is survived by his wife, Lorann; his children, Mark and Shannon (Chris); 4 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; his brother-in-law, Coburn Bland D.O.; and many nieces and nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, George Howie and Ada Kathleen Siddall; his brother, Richard Siddall,; and his sisters, Joan Webb and Katherine Bland. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at The Kalkaska Funeral Home at 12:00 pm. Visitation will be from 10:00-12:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to one of the following organizations: Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018,; KAIR, PO Box 766, Kalkaska MI 49646; or The Grand Traverse Regional Foundation named to Camp Greilick (Boy Scouts) Endowment Fund, www.GTRCF.org. Jack enjoyed traveling with his wife, golfing with his buddies, a good party, family gatherings, and a cold beer on the 19th hole. His insights, humor, and calming demeanor will be greatly missed by all. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Celebration of Life

MAY **24.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ Dear Mrs. Siddall, Mark, Shannon, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's and father's passing.

Working with him at TCOH for so many years was always interesting with his sense of humor and the diverse and different patients from Kalkaska.

He will be missed.

Chris VanLooy

Bellaire

Chris VanLooy - May 24, 2014 at 10:28 AM

NC

“ Thinking of you Lorann and family. Praying for you in your time of loss. Dr. Siddall was a gentle-man and I am grateful to have worked with him.

Nancy Cross - May 24, 2014 at 09:12 AM

DD

“ Doctor Siddall stitched me up many times and I always appreciated his happy smiling demeanor. I thought of him often over the years even though we were separated by many thousands of miles. I have very fond memories of both hr and Dr Bland and my condolences and heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Don DeNike

Don DeNike - May 23, 2014 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ Our deepest sympathy as you say goodbye to this wonderful man, loved by so many. Sending our prayers and hugs to all of you. Bob & Norma

Bob & Norma Bogard - May 23, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KB

“ So sorry for your loss. Greg & Kitty Becker

kitty becker - May 23, 2014 at 09:34 AM

WC

“ Warmests Regards, Xerox Healthcare Consulting purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of John Douglass Siddall D.O..



Warmests Regards, Xerox Healthcare Consulting - May 23, 2014 at 09:01 AM

HF

“ Herb and Carol Mitchell, and family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of John Douglass Siddall D.O..



Herb and Carol Mitchell, and family - May 22, 2014 at 01:05 PM

KE

“ Jack, make sure you go find Jim and toss one off. If you can't find him in his ordinary garb, he might be parading around as Santa, but you already know that. I will so miss you when I come to visit in Michigan but, boy, do I ever have great memories going all the way back to Osteopathic. I know, my friend, that God has you in his hands and that you are at peace. Love, Kristy Evon, Bradenton, Florida



Kristy Evon - May 21, 2014 at 12:14 PM

RM

“ We wish to send our condolences to Lorann and the family. Doc was a good doctor and a great friend.

*Bob and Diane Millis,
Perry, Michigan*

Robert Millis - May 21, 2014 at 08:29 AM

DF

“ Hey Uncle Jack - you are missed by everyone who loved you. Aunt Rannie, Mark and Shannon, our love and prayers are with you. Love Russ and Debbie

Debbie Fuller - May 20, 2014 at 10:32 AM

CS

“ Chapin Middle School Faculty & Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Douglass Siddall D.O..



Chapin Middle School Faculty & Staff - May 19, 2014 at 01:33 PM

KP

“ So many memories, such good times we had. I remember Doc giving my mother a hard time and the giggle that would follow. There was always lots of laughter when you would get together with my parents.

Doc was also the best Doctor! He will be missed.....

I know you will have a laughter filled reunion with my mom in heaven.... maybe even a drink or two....

Prayers,

Karen (Dodge) Page - May 19, 2014 at 01:08 PM

JS

“ Our thoughts, prayers and hugs to Lorann and family. I will remember Jack for his warm smile, kind heart and love of family, friends and our community. He will be truly missed. God bless you, Lorann, for your love and care.

Janet Sieting - May 19, 2014 at 07:29 AM

TL

“ My grandpa was the best. One of my best memories with him is our trip together to Universal Studio. I am sad that he is gone but glad that he is in Heaven and I will one day see him again.

Taylor Lehmann - May 19, 2014 at 05:57 AM

CL

“ I loved my grandpa. He was the best. He always let me use his remote control cars. I will miss him until I see him again in Heaven.

Conner Lehmann - May 19, 2014 at 05:49 AM

CL

“ Going to miss my father-in-law but know that we will meet again!

chris lehmann - May 19, 2014 at 02:48 AM

TC

“ Theresa Campbell lit a candle in memory of John Douglass Siddall D.O.



Theresa Campbell - May 19, 2014 at 01:21 AM

TC

“ Dr. Siddall was well-loved by our family. As young girls various of us babysat for his children, including one occasion when his son locked himself in the bathroom! When our father went into shock at home following an accident, there was no 911, we called Doc, who arrived at the house minutes later in his bathing suit! Finally, he helped my husband and I through the misfortune of infertility, resulting in twin girls. If they had been boys, one was to be named John Douglas.

We pray that the wonderful memories they have will bring some comfort and peace to the Siddall family.

Dale & Theresa Silas Campbell

Theresa Campbell - May 19, 2014 at 01:20 AM

TS

“ I remember the day he came to town, the office was next door to my grandma on shaw street... my first physical, sutures twice, fractures, poison ivy, remove my tonsils, assisted in my first knee surg... later I called on his as a client at Olin Health Center... Nothing but the fondest of memories.. Doc was a Classic example of what made growing up in Haslett so special... so many more memories and stories, but for now I will simply say Thanks doc, I will never forget you

Terry Sack - May 19, 2014 at 12:27 AM

JS

“ Growing up in Haslett in the '60s everyone, especially kids in school sports, knew and liked Dr. Siddall. To his son, Mark, you may remember I was your Counselor at the 5th grade winter camp. My condolences to you and your family. Jim Sculley HHS 1970

Jim Sculley - May 18, 2014 at 09:21 PM

SV

“ lhugs and prayers to Lorann and her family! I will always remember Johns soft demeanor, he was a very kind, caring and giving man! Jack, as I called him, will be remembered and missed by all those the we're privileged to have known him.

Sue Vowels

suue Vowels - May 18, 2014 at 08:33 PM

RR

“ *Lorann and family, we send our love and prayers to you. We were shocked to hear of Jack's passing. We will miss our summer get together with Haslett friends. How to express our thoughts on someone so special? We all loved and respected Jack, he was a kind and thoughtful friend who always enjoyed a good time. We will always remember the pig roasts and pool parties in Haslett. What a wonderful life Jack had and he lived it to the fullest. He will be missed by all his friends and fellow Doctors and organizations he served. We all knew he fought his disease and never complained. So its with love and prayers we will say good bye to a special man, he will be missed. God Bless you all. Good bye dear friend, the Rays, former neighbors and friends.*



Ron&Judy Ray - May 18, 2014 at 06:55 PM

HM

“ *Dr. Siddall will be missed by many. He did so much for our little town of Kalkaska. We are sorry for your loss, Lorann and family.*

Herb and Carol Mitchell - May 18, 2014 at 05:22 PM

“ Dear Family, Although most of you have barely heard of me, possibly you knew someone from my family. "Jack", affectionately known by me and my sister Susie, as Uncle Jack . He was actually a cousin to our father, but a few years older than we were, so it was Uncle Jack. When we were kids, Jack was our baby sitter once in awhile. I'm not sure where Joan was at the time. As a young girl, I remember seeing Jack in his uniform as a sailor, very impressive. Then Jack became a doctor and I don't think anyone else in our family had held such a prestigious position. We were very proud of him.

Anyway time went by, people moved away from Jackson, Uncle George and Aunt Kathleen Siddall passed away, then Grandma Very Crawford, and life was not the same. We rarely saw a Siddall as we grew into adults and had our own families.

In 1998 I notified Jack that my father had passed away (Bob Crawford), and we had a little reunion with Jack and Lorann, one of our boys and his family. Later we got together with Jack, Lorann, Kathy and Coburn. Once we even met Jack and Lorann in Tampa and spent a week end with them and Shannon's family. Lately it has been only an occasional e-mail. Life goes on doesn't it?

How I wish I could have seen Jack one more time, just to say good bye and to see the unbelievable likeness to my long gone family.

Lorann, I look so forward to seeing you in the future. It seems that we take turns praying for each other don't we? You and the family will absolutely be in our prayers. Thank you for keeping us in the loop. God bless you and yours. I know you will be surrounded with all the loving care you need. I will stay in touch.

Sending much love and many prayers, rejoicing in the knowledge that Jack's life has just begun!

Cassie Crawford Moretz.

Cassie Crawford Moretz - May 18, 2014 at 01:57 PM

 Mary
Slick

“ *I am going to miss my big teddy bear! It was an honor and privilege to work with you all these years. We had some great laughs while we worked the ER. You will be greatly missed by all who came in contact with you. You had a beautiful spirit and I will remember you always. I celebrate you life with much respect!*

Mary Slick - May 18, 2014 at 12:42 PM

KB

“ *Lorann,*

Bill & I certainly have you and your family in our hearts and prayers. Although we haven't seen you recently, we've missed both of you, golf games, Super Bowl parties, water aerobics with Jack, etc.. He was a fine man—and a delightful friend.

Karen Brown, Loudon, TN

Karen Brown - May 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM