



Jacob Ritsema

April 23, 1927 - September 18, 2017

Jacob P. "Jack" Ritsema, 90, of Kankakee and formerly of Wichert passed away September 18, 2017 at Miller Healthcare Center. He was born April 23, 1927, on the family farm, in Wichert to Richard and Carrie (Salm) Ritsema. He worked on the family farm as a child and as an adult. He went to work for Ford as a machinist in Chicago Heights and worked there for over 40 years. Jacob was a member of Faith Church. Jack will be remembered for his generous spirit and unique sense of humor.

He is survived by a sister; Cornelia Kaluff of Demotte, IN, a sister-in-law, Geraldine Ritsema of Kankakee. Also surviving are 5 nieces; LuAnn Ritsema of Charlotte, NC; Liala Beukema of Chicago, IL; Jacqueline Kintz of Colorado Springs, CO; Donna Ooms of Demotte, IN and Vickie Porter of McLean, IL, 2 nephews; Richard Ritsema of Kankakee and Richard Kaluff of Demotte, IN. Jacob was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers; Herman and Nelson Ritsema.

There will be a visitation Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 9-10:30 am at Faith Church, Kankakee, IL. The funeral will also be Saturday, September 23, 2017, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Church,(2400 Waldron Rd.) Kankakee, IL. Rev. Al Salwei will officiate. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Wichert, IL. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Please visit his online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East of Rt 1 on E 4000 S Rd
Witchert, IL 60964
(815) 509-4145

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Church
2400 Waldron Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Church
2400 Waldron Road
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Jacob Ritsema*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, and send my condolences. This is one of the hardest times in a family's life, always know that others care. Most important God cares. He has promised a time when he will "swallow up death forever and he will wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) Praying for your family, and praying you will find comfort in this promise.*

Michelle - September 23, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *On behalf of Riverside Senior Life; Our sympathies to the family. Thank you for sharing a portion of his life with us. He was a true "Gentleman".*



Carolyn Blanchette - September 22, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ *Sad to hear our friend and parishioner , Jack, passed away. We remember him as a sweet, patient and caring man. He liked everyone and treated them with kindness. He joins a big heavenly family that preceded him so he will be welcomed with open arms. Our sympathy to the family for the loss of a fine man. I know he will be missed. Linda and Vern Smith*

Linda and Vern Smith - September 21, 2017 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Mr. Ritsema will be dearly missed. I enjoyed being part of his care team.*

Deborah Regnier CNA/CPT

debregnier1@gmsil.com - September 20, 2017 at 02:44 AM