



Jack Bedell

December 19, 1923 - March 23, 2016

Jack H. Bedell, age 92, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. He was born on December 19, 1923, in Spirit Lake, to Walter and Virginia (Price) Bedell.

Jack was united in marriage to Marcia Dowden on May 29, 1943, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They were married 72 years, before Marcia passed away on November 6, 2015.

Jack graduated from Spirit Lake High School and enlisted to serve his country in the United States Air Corps. He served overseas as a pilot, where he flew the Hump from India to Burma to China during World War II. When he returned to the United States, he graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in 1950, and moved back to Spirit Lake to practice law with his parents. During his career, he served as Dickinson County Attorney for 14 years, was appointed to the Iowa Board of Parole for 12 years and practiced private law until he retired in 1989.

Jack was a member of Kiwanis, where he served as president, the American Legion, the V.F.W., County Chairman of the American Cancer Society, secretary of the Dickinson County Republican Central Committee, Chairman of the Board of the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church, where he taught adult Sunday School and did some lay preaching at Superior, Ledyard and Burt and was Pack Chairman of the Cub Scouts. He enjoyed spending his spare time golfing, hunting, fishing, watching all sports, especially his great-grandsons, having coffee with his friends and talking politics.

Jack is survived by two children, Deenie Schuchert, and her husband, Jim of Spirit Lake, and Dr. Dick Bedell, and his wife, Kaki of Midlothian, Virginia; a daughter-in-law, Kristi Stahl and her husband Dan of Davenport; brother, Berkley Bedell, and his wife, Elinor of Naples, Florida; seven grandchildren, Chad (Jennifer) Schuchert, Wade (Joslyn) Bedell, Courtenay Bedell, Allison (Steve) Zabel, Clay Bedell, Aaron Bedell and Kara (Mike) Greer; and eleven great-grandchildren, Lexi, Grant, Payton, Taylor, Carson, Brock, Ridgley, Sydney, Lauren and David. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marcia; son, Dr. David Bedell; grandson, Todd Schuchert.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Monday, from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Jack's name to the Spirit Lake School Foundation, 2701 Hill Ave., Spirit Lake, Iowa, 51360 or JDRF, Taylor Zabel Tribe, Central Virginia Chapter, 1801 Libbie Avenue., #106, Richmond, VA, 23226.

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Jack and Marcia owned a home here in Lake Havasu City, AZ for many years, where they would spend the winter. Spring would arrive and they would return to Iowa for summertime with the family.

As a personal note, I loved both of them. It was such a pleasure two years ago, to spend a couple of days with them at their home in Spirit Lake.

Our LHC Duplicate Bridge Club sends our thoughts and prayers to the family and a very special pat to their little dog, Emma.

Clairell & Richard Ross - April 19, 2016 at 06:17 PM

LT

“ Bedell & Schuchert family: Jack and Marcia were favorites of the Jacobsen family from Lake Park. Golf parties, jokes, & just fun. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Jack helping me with some legal advice 40 yrs. ago & of course pro bono as friends of my parents. What a wonderful man. God bless! Lacie & Terry Thrall, Mesa, AZ

Lacie Thrall - March 28, 2016 at 10:44 PM

RL

“ I first met Jack and Marcia in 1947 before Burton and I were married and both fellows were in college. We followed them to S.L. and Burton and Jack had offices in the Beacon Bldg. When we moved out to the south shore of S.L. later they bought the place next door and we were neighbors and friends for many, many years. We used to kid that we would probably have adjoining rooms in a nursing home some day. They were wonderful friends and will be greatly missed. My prayers and sympathy are with you. Love you all,

Raeburn Newell Louscher - March 27, 2016 at 11:45 PM

JN

“ Growing up we had Bedells and Dowdens as neighbors and I've always thought we were very lucky to have both families so close by. I have lots of fond memories.
Jack and Marcia will certainly be missed by all. They did everything together and now they are together again, in eternity, with David and Todd.

Jeff Newell - March 27, 2016 at 03:49 PM

JN

“ *Jack Bedell*

Jeff Newell - March 27, 2016 at 03:40 PM

MN

“ *Jack has been a best friend to our family. We enjoyed many good times together. He was always willing to help anytime. I will miss his phone calls and emails. Rest in Peace My Friend.*

Mary Newton - March 27, 2016 at 11:13 AM

DC

“ *Jack Bedell*

Denise Christensen - March 26, 2016 at 12:55 PM

CS

“ *Jack Bedell*

Chad Schuchert - March 26, 2016 at 12:13 PM

HH

“ *Jack Bedell*

Harold Hyland - March 26, 2016 at 11:23 AM

CS

“ Chad, so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandfather. I remember how close you were with him. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Chuck & Kathy Sellevoid - March 26, 2016 at 09:23 AM

DK

“ Jack Bedell

Dick and Jackie Kelley - March 26, 2016 at 06:34 AM

LN

“ Jack Bedell

Lon & Cheryl Noble - March 25, 2016 at 09:45 PM

KW

“ Schuchert Families -
We are so saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kristie & Tim Wintz - March 25, 2016 at 11:43 AM

BM

“ Jack Bedell

Barbara May - March 25, 2016 at 10:22 AM

RW

“ Chad and Jennifer,
My condolences on the loss of your grandfather.
Rich Vander Werff

Rich Vander Werff - March 25, 2016 at 09:15 AM

RB

“ *Jack Bedell*

Rachael Bergquist - March 25, 2016 at 08:57 AM

SC

“ *Jack was a member of spirit lake noon kiwanis for 66 years! He was such a bright, funny, and wonderful friend to us all. He and his humor, stories, and gracious presence will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family.*

Susan Clark - March 25, 2016 at 08:37 AM

SH

“ *Jack Bedell*

Sheryl & Hank Hall - March 24, 2016 at 05:09 PM

SF

“ *Jack Bedell*

Sherry Fuhrman - March 24, 2016 at 02:26 PM

MW

“ *Jack Bedell*

Marlene Tatman Wexler - March 24, 2016 at 01:36 PM

GD

“ peggy and I loved you Jack. from Phoenix to Lake Havasu to Spirit Lake and beyond. you and your family became a part of our lives. great stories,fun golf with you and Marcia and wonderful memories. I can't be with you on Tuesday as I am having eye surgery in Madison that mourning. Deenie and Jim we send our love and prayers. May GOD hold Jack in the palm of his hand. Gene DeKoster

Gene /Peggy DeKoster - March 24, 2016 at 12:26 PM

BW

“ Jack Bedell

Bev Wittler - March 24, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ Jack Bedell

March 24, 2016 at 10:27 AM

DT

“ Jack Bedell

Denny and Sharon Thee - March 24, 2016 at 10:04 AM

DB

“ My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Broocks - March 24, 2016 at 09:03 AM

SB

“ Jack Bedell

Susanne Bicknese - March 24, 2016 at 08:46 AM

CI

“ Sending my condolences to the Bedell/Schuchert families - what a wonderful person and a wonderful boss Jack was - he lived a good long life and you should all be very proud of him.

Cheryl Hummel Ihry - March 23, 2016 at 09:47 PM

FM

“ Jack Bedell

Fr. Carl Mann - March 23, 2016 at 05:45 PM

LS

“ As a new attorney in 1980 Jack gave me what is still the best piece of legal advice I ever received- and after that many more. My family mourns his death with sympathies to his family, but with the knowledge that he is now with Marcia. Love you Jack.

Larry Stoller - March 23, 2016 at 04:58 PM

CF

“ Jack Bedell

Connie Tatman Fontenot - March 23, 2016 at 03:08 PM

DO

“ Jack Bedell

Diane O'Hern - March 23, 2016 at 12:07 PM

SS

“ Jack Bedell

Sheryl & Blaine Strampe - March 23, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ *Jack Bedell*

Linda and Bill Moore - March 23, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ *Jack Bedell*

Larry/mary ann Jansen - March 23, 2016 at 10:58 AM