



## Jack Herbert Ruth

June 26, 1927 - October 10, 2018

### Jack Herbert Ruth

Born June 26, 1927 and went to be with The Lord on October 10, 2018

Jack was born to Stanley “Doc” and Ella Ruth in Youngstown, OH, growing up in Cleveland and Detroit. He proudly became a United States Marine, serving with an honorable discharge as a Sargent in 1949. Jack attended Wayne State University and then married Lois Holstein. Together they had four boys, Jack (Carrie), David (Sue), Gari (Darlene) and Mark (Barb). In 1957 Jack started and ran The Ruth Corporation, a steel tube and machinery business. Years later he met his best friend and the love of his life, his bride Connie Floyd Girkins. They married in June of 1967 Connie had seven kids at the time Ralph (Joyce), Chipper (Pam), Johnny, Joe (Tammy), Julie (Yavuz), Gregory and Jennifer (Dennis). Together they decided to have two more children, Tony (Monica) and Sarah (Travis). That’s a lot of kids, each bringing more love and joy to this big crazy family!

They absolutely loved raising their children in Sylvania and cherished all the friends and memories they made. Jack was a founding member on the board of directors for Sylvania Tam-O-Shanter. He was an absolutely an instrumental lead in the development of youth hockey in Sylvania.

In 1995, Together with his best buddy and Navigator, Doc Tom Young, they ventured out on “The Great American Race” in what Jack named “Ol’ Darlin” that was a 1924 Buick Master 6 with 5” wide wheels traveling 4,500 miles across Canada, United States and Mexico. Our Dad continued his passion

and started "The Old Car Barn" which he owned to spend more time with his pals and other old car enthusiasts.

Jack and Connie shared a strong love for the Lake Erie Islands, spending many years on the water at Catawba Island Club. They spent some of their greatest years in Sarasota, FL entertaining and enjoying the very best of everything. They made the memories of a lifetime and the most cherished of friends.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bud and 3 of the children, Julie, Johnny and Gregory. He is survived by all that have loved him, his brother Tim and the rest of our family...including over 24 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

We will celebrate Jack's life in full Marine honor Saturday October 20, 2018 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM on the grounds of Swan Creek Retirement Village in the Reed Chapel 5916 Cresthaven Lane Toledo, OH 43614.

Special love and support to our sister Jennifer, you have been THE ROCK.  
Semper Fi Dad, Semper Fi!

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Swan Creek Retirement Village Chapel  
5916 Cresthaven Ln  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KF

“ I have known the Ruth family for appx 41 years. Sarah -- you are my longest life-time friend and your parents "adopted" me as their "14th child" when I was a kid. My heart hurts so much to lose your dad. Heaven sure received a great man. He and my dad I'm sure are sharing memories. :-) Your dad and mom have influenced me in so many ways growing up. They are such beautiful people. The last time I saw Jack and Connie was at a store a couple years ago and I had to remind your dad who I was. He was just smiling away remembering times I was talking about. I love you all and may God bless.

*Kirsten Fogle, Delta, OH*

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**Kirsten Fogle** - October 20, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Herbert Ruth.



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October 19, 2018 at 03:36 PM

TR

“ Connie and entire family, please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of Jack. Words could not express the sorrow I felt to learn the passing of a dear friend. “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but true friends will leave a footprint on your heart!” Until we meet again my friend.....!  
*Love Timio G. & Irene Ruiz*

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**Timio G. Ruiz** - October 17, 2018 at 08:45 PM

LD

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Jack’s entire family. If it were not for meeting my dearest best friend, Jennifer, over 35 yrs. ago, I would not have been as blessed as I am today from being accepted/loved into my second family/home & having a second mom & dad (Jack & Connie)! Jack always gave me an extra 15 minutes to sleep in before raking that huge yard on Eaglehurst, you know the marine roll call at the bottom of the stairs! Lol. & they both worked so well together in the kitchen, I learned so much! The heart hurts and no words can ease the pain. Celebrating his beautiful, fulfilled life! Jen & Den you are the rock! May you trust His heart, follow His leading, & rest in His hand.

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Larry & Leanna DeGroff - October 17, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jack Herbert Ruth.



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October 15, 2018 at 03:45 PM

RP

“ *My condolences to Connie & the whole family. Jack was like a second father to me . We did business together ~ but we were also the best of friends and that included some of my family. I first met Jack 45 years ago in Toledo and coming from Australia both Jack & Connie invited me into their home and on my visits Jack would always give me sound advice which was not ignored [maybe sometimes]. RIP my mate & keep a good eye on what's going on down here*

*Ross Palmer & Family*



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**Ross Palmer** - October 15, 2018 at 05:22 AM

CK

“ *My condolences to the entire Ruth and Girkin family. Jack and my father (Timio Ruiz Sr.) have been friends for many years. I worked for Jack at The Ruth Corporation for a short period of time and was honored to work for him. And, as you all know once you work for Jack you become part of the family. Jack was always such a kind hearted person and would do anything for anyone especially my father. I am honored and privileged to have known you. Jack you will be missed dearly! Love Connie & Neal Konzen*

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**Connie Konzen** - October 14, 2018 at 08:01 PM

TC

“ To Connie and the Family of Jack Ruth:

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Jack's passing. He was simply a great man, wonderful friend and stalwart in the hockey community.*

*May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.*

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**Tom Crothers** - October 14, 2018 at 10:28 AM

WR

“ Sarah and Joe - my deepest condolences 💜 I remember what a great "friend" Jack was to your mom. Hugs to Connie - you're all a great group of people that I enjoyed being with those many years ago...love and prayers  
Wendy Reed-Barayseh

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**Wendy Reed** - October 13, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jack Herbert Ruth.



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October 13, 2018 at 06:24 PM