



Jack B. Easton

March 28, 2015

Jack B. Easton, 90 years and 9 days, of Clear Lake, died Saturday morning, March 28, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM, Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd ST SE, Mason City. Officiating will be the Rev. Brent Hamilton of Wesley United Methodist Church. A gathering of friends and family will be from 5:00 until 7:00 pm Monday at the funeral home and again one hour prior to services on Tuesday. Inurnment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery with the VFW providing honorary military rites. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to contribute to the Jack B. Easton memorial fund which will be used for educational and veteran programs.

Jack Berner was born one of four children to Leonard Locke and Anne Marie Easton in Mason City. He was educated and graduated with the class of 1943 from the Mason City school system. He continued his education at Iowa State University from 1946-1947, then Mason City Junior College from 47-48 and received his BA degree from UNI, in 1950, then returned to UNI for his Master's Degree in Education in 1960. On July 2, 1943 he enlisted in the US Army in Des Moines. Following his honorable service he was discharged on April 20, 1946 from Camp McCoy, WI, as a Sergeant. During WWII he served in the European Theatre seeing battles in the "Battle of the Bulge". "Battle of the Rintelnd-Remagen Bridge", "Battle for Central Germany" and the Army of

Occupation/Aster War Service. Jack was often the key note speaker on Memorial Day for the VFW. After returning to Iowa he met his future wife at the Surf Ballroom, fell in love with Jeannine Elaine Davis who he joined in marriage on July 18, 1947 in Mason City. One of his favorite verses was "Love never faileth (the greatest of these is Love)". To this union was born three children Cynthia, Paula, and David. Jack began teaching English in Clarinda, Iowa from 1950-52, Titonka from 53-58, Clear Lake from 58-59, then became a professor of English at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City from 1959 until his retirement 34 years later in 1993.

Jack was a life member of the Clear Lake VFW post 4868, Phi Kappa Psi at ISU, 40 year member of the Iowa State Education Association, served as president of the Iowa Teachers Association and was a member of the National Education Association. In 1972 received the Higher Education Service Award.

Jack very much enjoyed the outdoors hunting, fishing and tending his gardens. He made many fishing trips at Clear Lake, and Kabetogama and Namikan Lakes in Northern Minnesota. He earned the DNR Big Fish Award for catching a Buffalo Carp, and could be found trout fishing in the Iowa streams. His love of fishing put him in a lot of ice fishing shacks in the winter. He hunted pheasants and ducks around the North Iowa area too. He was an avid reader, enjoyed music and supported Iowa, Iowa State & UNI in all sports. Jack was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He lived his life by the motto "Think Right, Do Right and Don't Worry!"

Those left to cherish Jack's memory include his wife Jeannine of 67 years, three children; Cynthia and her husband Jon Burger, Cedar Rapids, IA; Paula and her husband David Sweat, Orlando, Fla; David and his wife Jane Easton, Cedar Falls, IA, nine grandchildren, Emily Blackhurst, Rachael Ray, Adam (Dana) Burger and Laura Burger, Rock (Myrna) Whitney, Mick Whitney,

Ashley (Lee John) Geisinger, Cole and Tess Easton; nine great grandchildren;
Sister Shirley Cahalan, Mason City, and William Locke Easton, Topsville, Ma.

Preceding Jack in death are his parents L. Locke in 1967, and Anne Marie in
1968, and one sister Lois Fey in 2009.

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8676 www.Fullertonfh.com, [Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhome)

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

Mason City, IA

Previous Events

Service

MAR 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jack B. Easton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I remember Jack being a very kind gentleman. His daughter, Cynthia, always spoke so highly of him. His grandchildren always smiled when they shared memories of their many trips to spend time together as a family! May all of the special memories you have bring you strength in the days to come!*

Rhonda Michels - March 30, 2015 at 11:03 AM

KH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. He had an uplifting spirit. When ever I met him he always greeted me with a smile and made always said something to make me laugh. He was part of the Greatest Generation. Without him and many like him we would not have the freedom's that we cherish today.

I always thought him as a humble man. A simple man. A man that would rather give then recieve. I often thought how lucky his students were that he taught over the years. I can imagine just how much fun it would have been. He just had that gift that made you want to listen and learn..

One story that I have to tell. Few years ago Dave and Jack invited me and my dad to go fishing up north. Something came up at the last minute and I couldn't go. (I regret that to this day). My dad didn't know Jack only Dave. They all went and my dad packed his gear. Which seemed normal except the fact that the last time he had gone fishing up north was in 1968.

Needless to say the gear was a bit outdated to say the least. Well no problem at all. They all laughed about it but made sure he was able to fish with the good stuff. I think only thing they asked....was that he buy the first round.....and maybe the second as well.

Knowing all three of them the way I do...maybe a third...

Anyway Jack you had a wonderful life....I think the lord called you home at just the right time. You were able to celebrate your birthday with your family and live on your terms right up to the end.

May the family take comfort in knowing that he will always be with you....because heaven is all around us...and he isn't far..peace be with you all...

Kim Hall

Kim Hall - March 30, 2015 at 10:50 AM

EK

“ *"Think right, do right and don't worry" is the best advice. Thinking of the Burger family at this difficult time. ~ Nick & Elizabeth Kueter*



Elizabeth Kueter - March 30, 2015 at 10:02 AM

CZ

“ *I had Mr. Easton as home room teacher in 8th grade at the old Central school. I also had him as an English teacher that same year. When we moved back to Clear Lake in 2000 we didn't live very far from him, so when I went for a walk many times he would be outside doing something. I would always stop and say "Hi" to him. He and I got to be pretty good friends. Even did some fishing together. Hard to believe that you can become friends with a teacher. No one ever likes a teacher, you respect them, but "really" friends with a teacher. I will sure miss our chats. Thank you Mr. Easton for being in my life.*

Charlie Zirbel - March 30, 2015 at 06:07 AM

RW

“ *We'll miss you Grandpa Jack.*

Rock Whitney

Rock Whitney - March 30, 2015 at 12:17 AM

RW

“ Rock, Myrna and Mirka Whitney purchased the beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack B. Easton.



Rock, Myrna and Mirka Whitney - March 30, 2015 at 12:12 AM

RW

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RH

“ *Mr Easton was an excellent educator and teacher I had him in CL junior high and MCJC
Sorry for your loss Ron Hunt CLHS 1963*

Ron Hunt - March 29, 2015 at 08:32 PM

PK

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Easton. He was my English teacher in Clear Lake many years ago. I remember him as a teacher who injected humor into his lessons every day. His dry sense of humor made learning a wonderful experience. I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Easton many years later at NIACC. He was my son's English teacher and we ran into each other at a NIACC function. I'm not sure if it was good or bad, but he remembered me after all those years. Mr. Easton was one of several teachers in the Clear Lake school system that nudged me toward the teaching profession. He will be missed by many. My sympathy to the family.*

Paula (McCray) Kitchen - March 29, 2015 at 07:07 PM