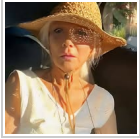


Ira W. Pack

November 3, 1949 - October 28, 2009

Pack, Ira W., age 59, of Royal Oak, died suddenly October 28, 2009. Cherished husband of Kristina Blom. Loving father of Sarah Steve Lake. Dearest brother of Kathy Joe Koenig, Betty Joe Newood and Janice Jim Jakstys. Dear uncle to Alex, Kyle and Dana. Beloved son-in-law of Mercedes Tuhonen and brother-in-law of Gretchen Marco Roberts of Merritt Island, FL. Beloved brother-in-law of Jack Sue Martin Blom, Doug Lynda Blom and Dean Blom. Predeceased by mom, Mildred, dad Ira Sr. and half brother Richard Evans. Proud member of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 283. Ira was an accomplished guitarist and in his youth taught guitar at Taber Music, and also performed at the Grande Ballroom in Detroit. Loved by many. Will be dearly missed. Memorial visitation Saturday 12 noon until time of memorial service 2 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorials to Michigan Humane Society or favorite charity appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *this is so late, but just found out from old schoolmates.. we all went to elementary and junior high school together.. we were a tight group and I remember everyone of these kids like it was yesterday.. my first gut wrench for tough love.. you know we were all about being greasers then with the pompadour hair.. bigger the waterfall the better!!! I don't remember if I knew what he got in trouble over, but his daddy shaved his head and I think I felt as hurt and embarrassed as he did about it.. I had never had punishment to speak of, and even now when I see the new "bald head look" on all the guys that really looks so nice, I always think of ira.. he sure looks good, and I'm sorry he left here so early in life.. god rest him in peace eternally.. hope you know we all love you.. Joanna sitterlet nee pappas*

Joanne Sitterlet - June 01, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JK

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AH

“ Kathy and family: We all hung out in your basement as kids practicing the "mashed potatoes." I'll never forget Ira playing "Louie Louie" over and over again! So sorry for your loss.

Ann Hadridge - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Sarah, my sympathy goes out to you and your family for the physical lost of your Father. I'm sure he has provided for you great memories of which, none shall ever be lost. Stay strong and mindful of His presence within your thoughts, for each thought shall bring you forever lasting smiles. God Bless, Rasheed

Masai Rasheed - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ so sorry for your loss keep your head high may go bless! TSO
Bruce Dunsmore

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BF

“ I first met Ira one summer in the early '60s on an elementary school playground and from there our paths in life would cross numerous times. Sometimes these crossing would be measured in months and others times measured in years. Every time our paths did cross we would pick up our friendship from where we left off and moved ahead writing new chapters to it. Ira's wit, sense of humor, talent and zest for life will be missed. God bless you old friend, may you rest in peace.

Bill Faison - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To Janice and family, I was so sad to read about Ira's death in the paper. Janice if you can find time please contact me d.b. at dolydager@yahoo.com

debby wohl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To Joe, Betty & Kyle: Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy go out to you all. Take care, Kathy & Mark

Mark & Kathy Schmeling - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Ira was my mentor, he could have taught me how to do a job. However he chose to teach me a career .His wealth of knowledge will be missed .

Lester Puckett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I remember seeing Ira and the Jagged Edge many times at the Northland Mump and the Grande. He was a great presence and a tremendous musician and will be missed by everyone who knew him. it's a sad day.

Brad Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Sarah, May The Lord provide love and comfort to you and family for your lost. Our prayers are with you.

Andre & Ramona - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Hey Boop! That was the way my brother always greeted me on the phone when he called. I will miss the deep booming voice, his huge presence and energy when he walked into my home and his unique sense of humor. Our family has taken great comfort in the other messages and memories posted here and thank you for them. The common thread that seems to run in many is what a kind man he was, what a wonderful musician and just a good person. From his childhood I remember the reading of everything science, and as he got older of course the music. Our home was a circus with the "band" practicing, and all the while my mother with that great Southern accent saying "I'd rather have you all here making noise and know where you are then to have you somewhere else". Smart Mom! Our loss is great, but we have his daughter Sarah to carry on the Ira style humor and thank God for that. We will meet again someday in a more wonderful place.

Betty Pack Newood - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sarah, I am sorry for your loss and from working with you over the years I can tell your father did one heck of a job raising you. He certainly instilled great social mores and values in you which you exhibit everyday at work. God Bless you and your family and I am sorry for your loss. Charlie

Charles Moffitt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Dearest Wife Kristina, We will always remember Ira, the big laugh, the big appetite and the biggest heart. We were so happy to have him as a member of our family. His passing was too soon, his talent and fun loving presence will be sorely missed at our family gatherings. Mom was so pleased that you came to Florida, in August to see her and to help celebrate her eighty eighth birthday. On Saturday as we celebrate Iras life, we will remember all the kindnesses and fun, but know that our hearts are still crying. We love you Kris.

Gretchen&Marco Roberts - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ It was a great pleasure and honor to have Ira as a member of Local 283 for many years. He was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. If there are Teamsters in heaven he'll be one.

Teamsters Local 283 Officers and Staff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Sarah and Family: I am Deeply sorry for your loss, My prayers are with you and your family.

LaZandra White - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ For death is only a breath away for each of us. On behalf of The Thomas family we will be praying for the lost that you have suffered. For you and your family have lost a upright man. Your family as well Sarah, my God keep you is our prayer. If there is anything we can do please just let me know. Sorry once again...keep your head up.

Christopher ThomasCT - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Ira was my "big" brother and between the two of us, we managed to drive our parents crazy with our loud music, long hair, short skirts, partying and wild clothes. Both of us also drove our counselor at Henry Ford High School Nancy Reckinger nuts. My brother was a big guy, but was the nicest kindest person on earth. He loved music and playing his guitar. I will miss meeting him for lunch at the National Coney Island, and his jokes about my white Dodge Durango that he called "The Big White Whale" after Moby Dick. It will be hard to realize that I can't go see him play his guitar anymore. I will miss his sense of humor and his kindness towards other people. My mom and dad would have been very proud of him. Ira, I will miss you and will always love you. Kathie

Kathie Pack Koenig - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I certainly extend my condolences to the family of Ira Pack. I met him many years ago at UCC Linde and later on worked with him at Praxair/Liquid Carbonic. He was a very kind and intelligent gentleman and will be missed.

Mike Henry - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Ira and I started with Linde at about the same time so I have known him for many many years. I am truly sorry for your loss. Ira will be missed by many.

Jack Hercik - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'm proud to call Ira my friend and a fellow musician. We mainly communicated by email lately, but I really enjoyed the Grande Reunions that we played for Jeff Vail. It was always good to see Ira at those events. We always talked about getting together for a beer and a jam, but sadly, never did. I always loved that metalflake Strat he played, and always teased him about stealing it from him. Sad goodbye to a big and strong but also gentle and nice man. Rest in peace, Ira. Dennis Burr

dennis burr - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Knowing Ira was a pleasure. I first saw him play with Jagged Edge at the Grande in the late 60's, then later worked at Linde Air Products with him in Warren after I returned from the service. He eventually became my boss, and was a good one as we had alot in common. At the same time during the early 1980's, we jammed together in a band and played a few gigs. I later moved away, and hadn't seen him since 2007. We always had fun & I will miss him - and he will ever more be on my mind and in my prayers as is his family. God Bless.

Steve Grabias - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ To Kathy and the family of Ira Pack I'm sorry to hear about Ira. I won't be able to make the Service on November 7th. I'll be in St. Louis on Business.

Tom Grenfell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Ira was friend of mine from Jr. High and High School. He used to hang out with Dave Erickson and myself. I remember he used to teach guitar to the girl I was dating Sue Pierce. Many times I would go over her house and Dave and Ira would be there. They told me they were waiting for me, but I think they were there to see her. Dave and myself talked recently about going to see him play in his band. We felt he probably would be shocked to see us after all these years. I wish we would have. I glad to see he was in the Teamsters Union, because I'm President of one of the Local Printing Unions and believe in Unionism strongly.

Tom Grenfell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You could never miss seeing Ira. He was a tall, outgoing, and talented man. His home was our "hang out" when we were growing up in Detroit. He always had music playing in the basement and we always knew when he was home. He came from a great family and had the best Mom and Dad a person could want. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Jan Mahinske Forstot - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ My proudest moments and fondest memories were of standing on Ira's left side. I feel so fortunate to have been able to experience his talent, charisma, and sense of humor not just on stage but as his friend as well. Now, I miss him and I hope that I can participate in our next "Reunion Tour"...

Dave Les - bassist, Jagged Edge - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

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“ Ira was a good childhood and High School friend that I used to hang with when we lived near 7 & Evergreen in Detroit in the 60's. We used to hang out in his basement where he practiced his Guitar while entertaining us kids. He had a small band at the time and played at a dance at St. Gerards and played at the Michigan State Fair in "The Battle of the Bands". Later gigs were various places as mentioned in other posts and he may have played at BMF dances too. I lost touch with Ira personally but his name would come up often over the years and I'm proud to say, I knew him. Ira is now with a lot of great Guitar players up there and they probably have a jam session planned already. We will see him someday again and I'm sure he will play something for us all...

Dave Erickson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Brother, Brother in Law, friend and confidant your passing was too soon. Memories are plentiful and laughter was shared more often than not. Music was your life blood and displaying your talent was your sanctuary. You would find it interesting that alot of good friends will be remembering and honoring you on November 7th. God's speed Ira W. Pack, God's speed.*

Joe & Betty Newood - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ *Ira was my dear friend and fellow guitar player. We've been playing together for the last seven years. His wit and humor will be surely missed.*

Ira & Kathleen Shapiro - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *I've known Ira since high school, and as a personal-friend for the past few years. Ira is one of the kindest people I've known, and an incredibly insightful and skilled musician as well. To have a friend like Ira is very special. I have had the pleasure to have had spent time playing music with, and just hanging with him for hours. During that time he made all of us around him laugh endlessly. He brought a tremendous amount of joy to to my life. His warmth toward me, my wife, and all around him will always be with us. Thank you Ira for including me in your journey. God bless you.*

David Krammer - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM