



## John P. "Jack" Bell Jr.

March 4, 1932 - January 1, 2017

Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN for Jack Bell, age 84, who died Sunday at the St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family. Entombment will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will be from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring.

Jack was born in Cold Spring, MN to John P. Sr. and Agnes (Stein) Bell. He married Dolores Johnston on June 20, 1953 in Alameda, CA. Jack served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked at the Cold Spring Granite Company for 43 years. Jack was known as the "Voice of Cold Spring" serving as the announcer for the Cold Spring Springers and Rocori sporting events. He was inducted into the inaugural class of the Rocori Athletic Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Hometown Pride Award.

Jack was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Korean Last Man's Club and Cold Spring Area Historical Society. He volunteered at St. Boniface Parish as a Lector, Finance Council Member, Religious Education Teacher and Adult Mass Server. Jack served on the Board at Assumption Home and volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Cold Spring Bike Drive.

Jack enjoyed golf, woodworking, puzzles, sporting events, all things Cold Spring and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Dolores; children, Kathy (Jo Ann), Mike (Kathy), Dan, Vicki (Mark) Jungels, Gary (Char), Sue (Scott) Massmann; siblings, Barb (Elmer) Walz, Dolly (Don) Smith, Julie (Bob) Manuel, Paul; in-laws, Ron Buettner; Dottie Johnston, Rudy Lorenz; grandchildren, John, Amy, Lizzie, Alicia, Amanda, Jackie, Matt, Chad, Leah, Andrew, Gabe, Rachel, Dani, Julia, Jack, Will; great-grandchildren, Lily, CeCe and Henry.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Elaine Buettner; sister-in-law, Darlene Bell and daughter-in-law, Deb Bell.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Relatives and Friends

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cold Spring, Wenner Funeral Home  
600 Red River Ave S  
Cold Spring, MN 56320  
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## Funeral Services

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JAN 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
501 Main Street  
Cold Spring, MN 56320

# Tribute Wall



“ *John P. "Jack" Bell Jr.*

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January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *How well I remember this uncle who was so kind and willing to lend a listening ear. He always seemed interested in me and my family and asked after them at reunions. He will be sorely missed.*

*Tina (Corrine) and Ron Fesler*

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**Tina Fesler** - January 08, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ *I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Jack Bell is one of the best people I have ever met. I enjoyed sitting next to him in the press box at games and considered him a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Tom Elliott** - January 06, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ *I was planning on coming today to share in the memories of Uncle Jack but due to the weather I will not make it. I think Jack was such a kind and nice man. My condolences go out to the whole family. I will be with you in spirit. He will be missed Marlene (Schloesser) Duclos*

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**Marlene Duclos** - January 05, 2017 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Dolores and family-my sympathy on the loss of your husband/father. Jack was a great man, always a joy to talk to and listen to. May wonderful memories lead you all through this sad time.*

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**Sue Tabaka-Kritzeck** - January 04, 2017 at 09:01 PM

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“ *A donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Research has been made in Jacks memory. Jeanette ( Jan Schloesser ) Seyk*

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**Jeanette Seyk** - January 04, 2017 at 01:31 PM

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“ *A fb friend from SCSU shared this link on his fb page. For some reason I read it.*

*Peace and Blessings to the immediate family and the Cold Spring Rocori sports family from a fellow small town high school sports announcer in central WI.*

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**Al Crider** - January 02, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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“ Dear Dolores and children,

*Life is a mystery of the Incarnation! Jack was close to God in so many ways. Jesus must have welcomed him into eternity as a gift of the New Year of 2017. I could write a book on how great a fellow Jack was on earth - now you have him at your side for all eternity until we all meet in heaven some day. May he be ever present to you in so many unknown ways - may your heart and eyes be open to his every visit in your daily lives. The tribute is just great and so right for this wonderful guy - "our" Jack to all of us.*

*My prayers and love during this journey in your lives as you miss him so much. I was pleased to hear from the chaplain, who was with you, that his last earthly moments were peaceful. Please know that we of the "Watkins Gang of Gals" are here for you, Dolores.  
Blessings, Sister Colleen, OSB*

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**Sister Colleen Haggerty, OSB** - January 02, 2017 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ one of the good guys he will be missed

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**joe conrad** - January 02, 2017 at 12:32 PM