



Byron "Jack" Wollen

June 6, 1924 - February 23, 2018

Byron "Jack" Wollen was born June 6, 1924 in Washington, Nebraska to Clarence and Louise (Neuman) Wollen. Jack grew up in rural Washington County and attended school at Omaha South High School. Jack dropped out of high school to enlist in the United States Navy one week after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He spent almost 6 years in the Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater throughout World War II. According to his service records, Jack was involved many of the most serious battles in the Pacific, including landings in the Marshall Islands, the Philippines, and Okinawa, as well as engagements in the Coral Sea, Midway Island, and Guadalcanal. He was honorably discharged in June 1947 holding the rank of Signalman 1st Class, and earning numerous significant medals of honor.

After the war, Jack came home to work in the family restaurants, including Cliff's, and went on to open his own, Jack and Mary's, in 1975. It remains open today, under new ownership, but still bears his name.

Jack was an avid woodworker, and in the early 90's, he completely transformed an old, neglected cabin into a beautiful home, where he and his wife, Lennie, spent many happy years until his death. He was also an accomplished baker, making numerous delicious desserts, including cheesecake and cakes of all kinds. He could also be found canning the many things he grew in his garden. His favorite color was blue, and he was known

for his striking blue eyes. Jack enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, and in his later years, he could be found spending many hours with a challenging puzzle. In his younger years, he enjoyed restoring classic vehicles, and was always up for a good Husker game, or a good Western. He particularly looked forward to a visit from his grandchildren, especially Annie and little Adeline.

Jack passed away at Maplecrest Care Center in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the age of 93 years, 9 months, and 17 days. He is survived by his wife Lennie of Omaha, 2 sons, 1 granddaughter, 1 great granddaughter, 2 step children, and 3 step grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Byron "Jack" Wollen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My mom went to high school with Jack's ex, Mary. Knew both of them when they ran Cliffs next to the Golden Spike Drive in. Always thought well of Jack. I see he kept her name on the restaurant that succeeded Cliffs. Glad he had a long, good life.*

Jeffrey Young - March 06, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *To a man who reminded me of my father, you will greatly missed. I will miss you,
Thanks for the friendship, and looking over me. God Bless, and please continue to look over me,*

Dave Sautter

Dave - March 02, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Byron "Jack" Wollen.*



March 01, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SK

“ *Oi man! I know I gave you a few gray hairs!! I learned so much from you!! You were so much fun!! Love ya. RIP! Skinny*

Skinny - February 28, 2018 at 03:36 PM

MG

Still cooking shrimp?

Love ya! Mark G

mark geselschap - October 30, 2018 at 07:33 AM

JH

“ *Love him! So sorry Lennie. I know Bernie was happy to greet him!*

Joan Heck - February 26, 2018 at 07:56 PM

TJ

“ *Tim and Chris - Edward Jones purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Byron "Jack" Wollen.*



Tim and Chris - Edward Jones - February 26, 2018 at 11:24 AM