



## Jack Clair Arends

February 27, 1944 - January 13, 2026

Jack Arends was born on February 27, 1944, to John and Vera (Martens) Arends of Ellsworth, Minnesota. He was the oldest of five children, followed by Jean, Lee, Keith, and Lloyd. Jack grew up on a farm outside Ellsworth and attended country school. During his high school years at Adrian High School, he played basketball and the trumpet.

After graduating, Jack attended South Dakota State University for two years, focusing on drafting and architecture. He later moved to Bennington, Nebraska, where he began working for a poured foundation business. He also enjoyed car racing in Omaha, driving his 1965 Mustang.

In 1965, Jack met Janice Timmermier at a bowling alley. The couple married on May 28, 1967, and made their home in Elkhorn, Nebraska. Together, they welcomed four children: Cheryl, Michael, Mary, and Nicholas. During these busy years of raising a family, Jack was actively involved in the Jaycees at both the local and national levels. He also co-founded Arends Bros. Poured Concrete with his brother Lee and drew house plans for clients. His hard work, honesty, and strong work ethic contributed greatly to his success.

Jack enjoyed reading, watching westerns and game shows, and playing cards. After the passing of his wife of 32 years, Jan, he reconnected with Carolyn Davis, a longtime friend from the Jaycees. They were married on

August 3, 2001. Together, they enjoyed cheering on Husker football, watching their children and grandchildren participate in activities, traveling throughout Europe and the United States, and spending time with family and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, John Arends Jr.; his mother, Vera Martens Arends; his first wife, Janice Timmermier Arends; and his stepdaughter, Jenny Davis Walter.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Carolyn Parr Davis Arends; daughter Cheryl (Jim) Houser; son Michael (Lori) Arends; daughter Mary (Brian) Vance; and son Nicholas Arends; as well as his stepson-in-law, Tony Walter. He is also survived by his grandchildren Luke, Valerie, Zach (Olivia), Rachel (Spencer), Josh, Bailey, Alison, Joe, Anna, Brett, Garrett, Maddie, and Adam; and his great-grandchildren Becker, Everett, Evelyn, Zaylee, and Teddy.

He is further survived by his sister, Jean (Clint) Allison; brothers Lee (Kathy) Arends, Keith (Terrilyn) Arends, and Lloyd (Linda) Arends; brother-in-law Greg (Amy) Parr; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Family requests Memorials to St. Jude Research Hospital or the American Red Cross

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
18602 W. Maple Street  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Jack was a friend I never would have met had it been for the Elkhorn Jaycees. We enjoyed all of the Jaycee projects and the friendships they kindled.

*Our condolences to the Arrends family. We are sorry we were not able to attend the visitation or the funeral - we just wanted you to know we we're thinking of you.*

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**Larry and Janee Dlugosh** - January 31 at 01:43 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Clair Arends.



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January 27 at 09:45 AM

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“ Your friends at Wade Trim purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jack Clair Arends.



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**Your friends at Wade Trim** - January 26 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Clair Arends.*



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January 24 at 11:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Clair Arends.*



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January 23 at 05:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack Clair Arends.*



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January 23 at 09:51 AM

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“ I can gladly share fond memories of Jack. We knew each other from Junior High in Adrian, Minnesota, and then were both starters on the Adrian Dragons high school basketball team. As 1962-63 college freshmen, we were roommates at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

In the high school band, Jack played the trumpet very well and I beat on a snare drum, poorly. He was very good at math, and excelled in both shop and mechanical drawing - likely why he made such a great success of his foundation business.

Memories fade over the years, but images of my '55 Ford drag racing Jack's '55 or '56 Chevy shine through the haze of time. And from our college years - flashes of many pool games, Northern Pike fishing at Lake Campbell, late studying, and an epic 19th birthday party at the Legion Club... much, much laughter... buddies having a great time helping each other navigate college life.

Jack was a very good friend. He will be missed.

May God Bless his family.

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**Steve Rust** - January 20 at 01:56 PM

PA

Dear Carolyn and Jack's family,  
Jack came into our lives after both Carolyn and Jack had grown families. Their marriage brought something really special to our lives. Over the past 25 years we've shared so many meaningful moments, cheering at the Nebraska football games, traveling together, playing cards, being present for both the joyful times and the difficult ones. Jack had an incredible sense of humor that never left him, even through his struggles. His humor was a quality we always enjoyed. Most of all he took such loving care of our dear Carolyn and through that love, we all grew close. Jack wasn't just the man she married....he became family....someone we truly loved....And his presence enriched our lives in ways....we will be forever grateful.

Blessings always,

Love,

John and Peggy Anderson

Canton, S.D.

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**Peggy Anderson** - January 22 at 09:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Clair Arends.*



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January 15 at 02:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Clair Arends.*



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January 14 at 04:34 PM