

Jack Douglas Loftis



MICHIGAN -- Funeral services for Jack Douglas Loftis, 73, of Eastpointe, Mich., formerly of the Double Springs Community of Putnam County, will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, from the chapel of Clyne & Sobocinski Funeral Home, 22121 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe, Mich. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township, Mich.

The family will receive friends from 2-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the funeral home.

Mr. Loftis died on Sunday, January 20, 2002, at Bi-County Hospital in Warren, Michigan.

He was born on November 10, 1928, in Double Springs Community to the late Milton Otis and Essie Avo Jernigan Loftis. He served as an Elder of the Northeast Church of Christ in Eastpointe for 20 years and was a board member of the Church of Christ Care Center. He was a retired spline grinder with Invo Spline and Eagle Spline Co.

His family includes his wife of 50 years, Joyce Burns Loftis; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary and Vicki Loftis, Dale Loftis and Jeffrey and Kathleen Loftis; a sister, Audrey Burton Wallace; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, John Loftis; and a sister, Geraldine Denny.

Rev. Stan Clanton will officiate at the services.

Information by Baxter Chapel of Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home.



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*Pray given at the funeral services for Jack Douglas Loftis
Written and delivered by his grandson Scott Alan Loftis*

Dear Heavenly Father, Healer of our hurt, Our Great comforter, Be with us now...as no other can help us. The one bond that unites us is that we were all a part of the life of Jack Loftis. The one reason we have been brought together today is that he has left us to be with you. We are walking through the shadow of death and we are afraid. Please deliver and guide us. We mourn...and we call on you to bless us in this time as your Son told us through your servant Matthew. We also cry...as your Son did as he lost his friend. We have lost a friend, a brother, a grandpa, a father...and a husband.

We pray to you at this time aware of your infinite greatness and sole ability to give us that which we trust and need. To give us the gifts to aid us through our grief. To connect with the promise that the Psalms tell us will allow us to preserve our life. (Psalm 119:50) We need to be touched by you. We ask for your hand. May your hand be with Grandma Joyce.

Wipe the tears of a grieving wife and fill the hurting heart of a wounded mother. She needs you now to bring to her your caress of soft comfort. To make each day a step of healing. Reach...reach deep dear God...as Isaiah tells us you can...to give her comfort that will transform the desert of her soul into the flowers of Eden (Isaiah 51:3) May your hand deliver her the gift of comfort. May your hand be with the sons...my uncles and father.

Might your power replace their pain with peace. Transform their sorrow into strength. The Hebrews were told of weakness that is turned into strength and Paul ended by telling the Phillipians that everything can be done with the strength you provide. Give them strength to help their minds to find rest. They are left to be strong and carry on the story of their Dad. To emulate qualities that fill this very room with loved family and friends today. Strength enough to support and direct their mother.

May your hand deliver them the gift of strength. May your hand be with our family. We are here today because we don't want to be alone. We come together from many into one because we know that the power of grieving comes from being with others. Please directly touch the hearts of Vicki and Kathleen. May the cleansing tears of pain provide an outlet for their grief. Convict them to draw on the gift of strength given to their relationships and direct them to serve as healing daughters for Joyce.

Your miracle has brought roads from Texas to Tennessee. Hearts that cannot be here today still pound in the stream of love that conflicts over the celebration of his calling home to be with Geraldine and John...but we hurt because "We just weren't ready for him to go."

May your hand deliver our family the gift of grief. May a special touch of your hand be with the grandchildren and all young that will be touched. Help use to live in the memories of Grandpa Jack and to grow into his legacy of serving you. For myself...Paulie...and Chris...we've lost the chance to make new memories so please grant us the ability to freeze those moments most precious and keep them in a special place in our hearts.

May your hand deliver the youth the gift of remembrance. May your hand be with our friends. We are not here simply because we knew Jack but because we loved him and directly or though another he touched us. Touch US now dear God. Move our friendship to support the family as we deal with our own grief and

pain. Paul taught the Romans how to love and taught us to mourn with those who mourn. May your hand deliver all friends the gift of support.

God, We'll be talking to you a lot in the next few days and weeks. We will have a lot of questions. May a shower of comfort...strenth...grief...remembrance...and support...gift us all and flood us with the cleansed power of your Holy Spirit.

God, We admit. Right now we are a bit jealous of you. For the one we gather to miss is the one sitting right next to you. Can you do us a favor? Nudge him. Smile. And tell him we love him.

We send these thoughts and others contained in our hearts through your son Jesus and into your presence to deliver the gifting touch of your hand upon us today.

Amen.

Prayer by Scott Loftis – January 24, 2002 – Grandpa Loftis' Funeral Prayer



Jack Loftis Family
Dale, Melissa, Christopher, Jeffery, Kathleen, Gary, Vickie,
Heather & Scott Loftis.

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Jack Loftis Obituary

Jack Loftis, 73, of Eastpointe, died Sunday, January 20, 2002, at Bi-County Community Hospital, Warren. He was born November 10, 1928, in Double Springs, TN. Mr. Loftis formerly worked as a spline grinder at Invo Spline and Eagle Co. He served as an elder of Northeast Church of Christ for 20 years and was a board member of the Church of Christ Care Center. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce Loftis; sons, Gary (Vicki), Dale and Jeffrey (kathleen) Loftis; sister, Audrey Burton Wallace; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Milton Otis Loftis and Essie Avo Loftis; brother, John Loftis; and sister, Geraldine Denny. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday at Clyne and Sobocinski Funeral Home, 22121 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, with the Rev. Stan Clanton officiating. Burial will be in Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township. Visitation is 2-9 p.m., Wednesday.