



Jack Crippen

October 31, 1939 - August 21, 2019

Jack Crippen, 79, of Ullin passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was born October 31, 1939 in Ullin to Olen Henry and Mabel Clair (Sutton) Crippen. He married Judy Price on September 22, 1965.

Jack proudly served his country for 8 years in the Illinois National Guard. There he excelled as a marksman and went on to own and operate Crippen Gunworks. He worked as a machinist for Osman Trucking. He was a “Jack” of all trades and became a master at many. He put his hands to work as a Luthiar creating handmade guitars, “Guitars by Jack” and used his carpentry skill in building several homes. Along with passion for guns and guitars came Cadillacs as well. He was a fascinating storyteller haven written many short stories. Jack was a trusted mentor to many especially his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters, Jerri (Chuck) Clark of Ullin, Jackie Klump of Wetaug; son, Stonewall Crippen of Camdenton, MO; grandchildren, Winston Skye Allen, Christopher Allen, Brent Moallankamp, Nichole Klump, Coen Crippen; great grandchildren, Caison Allen, Jaden Stokes, Liberty Allen; brother, Carl (Sue) Crippen of Ullin; sister-in-law, Mary Crippen of Carlyle; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; great grandchild, Landon Christopher Allen; brothers, Gerald (Marilyn) Crippen, Harold Crippen, Sonny (Barbara) Crippen; sisters, Deloris (Ivan) Coursey, Sharilyn (Leo) Wright, Eloise Bryant; and 2 brothers in childhood, Leland and Junior.

Visitation will be from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday, August 23, 2019 and on Saturday until the time of service at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin.

A celebration of Jack's life will be at 1:00pm Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the funeral home. A brief message will be delivered by Rev. Doug Atkins, with musical tributes by musicians with whom Jack performed and composed, and many for whom he built their instruments. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery with full Military Honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or 1st United Methodist Church of Mounds and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

Ullin, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Ullin
420 Ullin Ave.
Ullin, IL 62992
(866) 592-7246
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Service

AUG 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jack Crippen

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Jack was a very nice man. I remember sitting in the front room with him as he told me stories. He always told me a joke or something to make me laugh. No matter what I did or who I was Jack was very nice to me and he didn't have to be that way. He will be deeply.



Christy (Red) - September 30, 2019 at 12:43 AM



“ I am so saddened by the loss of this incredible man! Two days ago I found out about his passing! I want the family to know that I certainly would have attended the funeral had I known!!! I use to sing in his band (The Crippen Brothers) . Jack was such an incredible musician!! Heck, he could do about anything! He was so intelligent! I treasure the guitar that he made for me. The wood he used was from my grandparents farm house in Mississippi. I will hold it dear!! His wife, Judy, is wife a remarkable person, too. They were a wonderful couple! Jack loved his family so much!! The world lost a very unique and gifted person!! I know he is one of Gods top musicians in heaven! Jack, thanks for all of the incredible music memories back in the day. You gave me my first chance at singing on stage!! I still have my song "list" of all of the songs we performed back then!! Incredible man; incredible family! Will always love all of them!!

Cindy Hefner - August 29, 2019 at 12:36 PM

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“ I first met Uncle Jack on the day of my wedding, This man, wearing a blue suit and had a long beard came through the receiving line. He shook Ron's hand and gave me the biggest hug as he was introducing himself " I am Jack Crippen, head of the Crippen Clan, welcome to the family. If you ever have any trouble with Ron, just to let him know and he would straighten Ron out".

Uncle Jack was a part of Ron's life and he became a part of mine as well.

Ron and I will miss you..

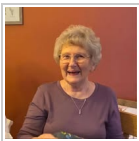
Cathy Coursey - August 23, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jack Crippen.



August 23, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ I'm sending my love and prayers for the family. So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed listening to My best friend and companion George Modglin talk and tell me stories of things that he and Jack did that I felt like I knew him. So wonderful to have good friends.

Norma Wiseman - August 23, 2019 at 11:37 AM

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“ When we moved to our current home, I can remember sitting on the porch in the evenings - often hearing the music being played from Jack's house. It was always a treat and something special. He will be missed.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.

Kim & Lee Reagan

Kim - August 23, 2019 at 10:06 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you*

Carol and Randy George - August 23, 2019 at 06:38 AM



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August 22, 2019 at 10:02 PM

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“ *Jack Crippen, one of a kind, had the pleasure of knowing Jack many years. Had the pleasure of serving in the Illinois National Guard with Jack. He was one of the smartest men I knew and had the respect of all. He was always willing to share his know how and knowledge if asked and he was asked many times about many things. Honored to know you.*

Nick L Nistrath - August 22, 2019 at 06:43 PM