



Jack Jacob Merkin

March 10, 1925 - February 11, 2015

Jack Merkin, age 89 of Carterville, passed away at 9:35 am on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in Kansas City VA Medical Center.

Services will be private.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Jacob Merkin*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Jack Merkin and his wife, June, were residents of Southern Illinois since the early '60's when Jack took a position with a company that provided housing and food services to off campus SIU students. He later joined Stan Hoyer as the Food & Beverage Director for the Holiday Inn hotels in Carbondale and Marion. Between the mid 70's and early 2000's he was associated with The Plank Seafood restaurant in Carterville as well as developing the Ten Oaks apartment complex and the SI Playhouse Bowling Center, Calhoun Apartments and SI Racquet Center in Carbondale, work for Cecil Sullivan and became a regional Food and Beverage director for their 10 hotels, later he opened the Gardens Restaurant east of Carbondale. He retired after going back to the Holiday Inn in Marion as the Food and Beverage Director.*

Jack was a decorated WWII veteran with the 82nd Airborne Division of the US Army. He jumped numerous times throughout Europe including on D-Day.

He was born in New York City, the son of Russian immigrants and was the youngest of 7 children.

He is survived by his children Jack Jr, Philadelphia; Robert, Denver; Jennifer, Philadelphia from his first marriage with Dorothy, who passed in January. He is also survived by John, Los Angeles; and Jacqueline, Kansas City, from his marriage with June, who passed in 2009. There are 7 grandchildren.

John Merkin - February 12, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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