



Charles "Jack" Edward Rife

October 9, 1929 - November 18, 2021

Charles Edward "Jack" Rife, 92, of Bloomington, passed away on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at IU Health Saxony Hospital in Fishers. He was born on October 9, 1929 in Lawrence County, the son of Cecil and Della (Eads) Rife.

Jack enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served during the Korean War from 1949 to 1952 when he was honorably discharged. During his service, Jack learned the electronics trade while stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. This skill led him to a 25-year career as an Electronics Technician with Crane Naval Weapon Support Center. Jack enjoyed family gatherings with his large, close-knit family. Jack cherished his time traveling with his wife, Mary, to the New England area during the fall season to see the leaves change color. He was a handyman by nature and was always doing home improvement projects. In addition to his career at Crane, Jack owned Charlie's Electrical Service, in which he wired many newly built homes. In his spare time, Jack enjoyed watching and reading westerns. Jack, along with Mary, had a special love for their dog, Rocky. His great care for his great grandchildren was notable, and he was fortunate to be able to be so involved in their lives. He loved cooking and canning with Mary; they made jellies and jams from raspberries and blackberries from their garden. He loved being outside; his morel mushroom and ginseng hunting skills were legendary. His gardening skills were much admired, and he was known as "Gardener Jack."

Jack is survived by his daughter, Tina Rife-Bastin (Tom Bastin); grandchildren, Kate Bastin (Chris Saligoe) and Kelli Bastin (Aaron Medenwald); great grandchildren, Izzy, Max, and Van; and siblings, Sue Martin, Carol Cain, Lois Hillenburg, and Brenda Eads.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 67 years, Mary K. Rife; and siblings, Betty Petty, Sonny Rife, Shelia Hogan, and Boyd Rife.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, with Rev. Matt Hinshaw officiating. Entombment will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Jack" Edward Rife.*



November 27, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Charles "Jack" Edward Rife.*



November 24, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *I worked for Charlie for nearly 8 years. He worked right along beside you. A very hard worker. Fair and honest. He taught me a lot. He raised your game if you worked for him. He protected his technicians. For Charlie, it was work or get outta the way. He will be greatly missed.*

H Bruce Alderson - November 22, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ *I worked with and for Charlie for many years before he retired from Crane. Great guy and always treated me and everyone with respect. Will miss him! Ray McAtee*

Ray McAtee - November 21, 2021 at 11:26 PM