



## John "Jack" Evanoff

July 1, 1953 - January 4, 2026

John "Jack" Evanoff, of Warren, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026, at the age of 72. He was born July 1, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Samuel and Helen Evanoff. Beloved husband of Sandra. Loving father of Ian (Michael Barton) Evanoff. Dearest brother of Janet (Theodore Wells) Lawrence. Dear uncle of Nicole (David) Sovis. Also survived by many loving friends and family members.

Jack was a fixture of Michigan industry, spending 28 years at Detroit Diesel. He took great pride in his work, embodying the "Motor City" spirit through his reliability and work ethic. When he wasn't hard at work, Jack was a fervent supporter of his hometown teams. Whether it was the Lions on a Sunday afternoon, the Tigers in the summer, or Pistons and Red Wings, Jack was a true-blue Detroit sports fan.

While his career was in industry, his passion was in the gym. In a beautiful twist of fate, it was his beloved wife, Sandra, who first introduced him to the world of gymnastics. What began as a shared interest quickly became a lifelong calling. Over a remarkable 40 year career of coaching gymnastics, Jack touched the lives of hundreds of athletes. His expertise eventually led him to the University of Michigan, where he coached at the collegiate level, helping athletes reach their full potential. Jack was a well-loved man who touched lives of countless people through the years, and will be truly missed

by all who knew him.

Memorial visitation Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 10 a.m. until an 11:15 a.m. Sharing of Memories at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be addressed to the American Heart Association or cash donations may be made to the family to be donated to Game On Cancer at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SK

“ Shannon K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Evanoff.

Shannon K. - January 17 at 03:11 PM

SK

“ Jack was a huge influence in my life as my gymnastics coach. He taught me that perseverance, dedication, and hard work pay off. He was always full of enthusiasm and positivity. He will be so very missed.

Shannon Klapp - January 17 at 03:06 PM

JW

“ I knew Jack for more than 60 years, both as a neighbor and as a friend. I was saddened to hear of his passing, but I know that his unique spirit lives on in all of the lives he touched throughout his life. Requiescat in pace!

Joe Weglarz

Joseph Weglarz - January 15 at 10:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Evanoff.



January 14 at 09:18 PM

KR

“ Kim R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Evanoff.

Kim R. - January 14 at 09:18 PM

TC

“ Tina (Blair)Mead, Cepeda & Jamyra Carter purchased the Fairest of All for the family of John "Jack" Evanoff.



Tina (Blair)Mead, Cepeda & Jamyra Carter - January 14 at 10:50 AM

HH

“ Hannah Hilbert lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Evanoff



Hannah Hilbert - January 13 at 07:26 PM

TJ

“ Jack was a great guy to work with as he was always a step ahead of others to get things done. Jack and I used to have some great chats about his life coaching at Gym America and UM Gymnastics as well as the current UM gymnastics team. RIP Jack.

Tom Jenkins - January 09 at 10:52 AM

PK

“ 2 files added to the album Jack



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**Paul Kassab** - January 08 at 10:50 PM

JM

“ *Very sad to hear about this earthly loss of such a wonderful, kind and passionate man. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and close friends. I remember first meeting Jack at Detroit Diesel. It was ~2001 and I was a young engineer just fresh out of college. From our first encounter, to the last, he always greeted me (and everyone) with a HUGE smile. He had a superior talent for making others feel warm and welcomed in his presence. He always aspired to learn, to grow, to teach, to give back, and was an inspiration to me for decades. Jack, it was a great pleasure to have known and worked with you. May you rest in peace, my friend.*

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**Joseph Michalek** - January 08 at 08:03 PM

RM

“ *Wow. Such sad news. Jack was a teacher for me since 1996. He was kind, patient, ambitious, and could break a situation down to the clearest pieces. His integrity is an example to all. He will be missed.*

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**Rich Mandle** - January 08 at 02:01 PM

MS

“ Jack was one of the kindest people I have worked with. Such a soft gentle nature that was reassuring to a new young engineer like myself when I was starting out. Rest in peace Jack, anyone who knew you was better for it.

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**Matt Schumacker** - January 08 at 12:11 PM

BR

“ I worked with Jack for many years at Detroit Diesel. In fact, I wouldn't be a part of the Daimler family without Jack because he recommended me as a new hire back in 2004. Thank you my friend. Rest in peace.

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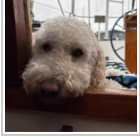
**Bill Rice** - January 08 at 11:23 AM

PK

The void in my heart for my friend Jack is hard to explain. I have known Jack for almost 30 years. His smile will be truly missed. Always willing to help you with anything. So many fun business trips we have had. I will miss our dinners at Roger's Roost every few months. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Paul Kassab** - January 08 at 10:07 PM



“ *This is so sad for me and I could only have wished the best for such a kind soul. We worked together for years, and I took him all sorts of places. Here are some of the team pics I could find from 2016 & 2017.*



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**J Carroll** - January 08 at 11:19 AM

DT

“ *Detroit Diesel/Daimler Service Training purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John "Jack" Evanoff.*



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**Detroit Diesel/Daimler Service Training** - January 08 at 05:54 AM

K(

“ *Jack was an incredible light in my gymnastics career. His smile, enthusiasm, and positivity made every practice and meet that he coached me through an absolute joy. Sending love and peace to his family and friends, his beautiful spirit will continue to live in all of the lives he touched.*

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**Kristy Masseth (Breznick)** - January 08 at 12:02 AM

SD

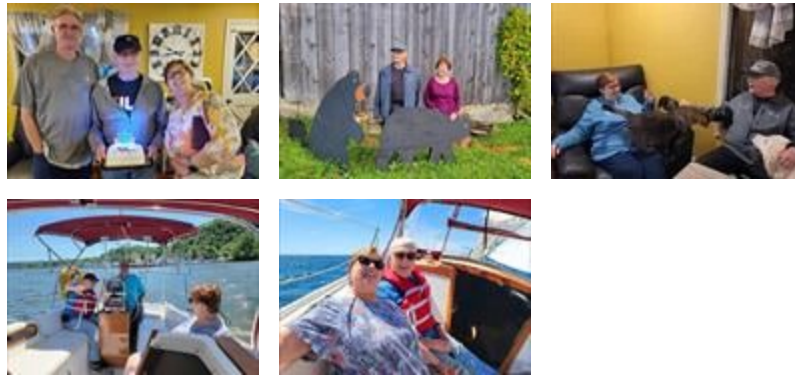
“ Many happy memories of Jack from my childhood. Deepest sympathy to Sandy, Dawn and Pam and the rest of the family.



Stella DeLosReyes - January 07 at 07:29 PM

NS

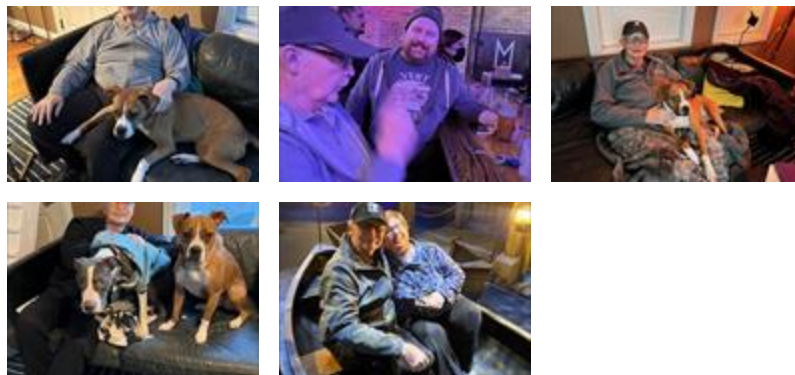
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Nicole Sovis - January 07 at 05:25 PM

IA

“ 10 files added to the album Jack



Ian - January 07 at 03:42 PM