



## John (Jack) Arthur Ensworth

December 9, 1925 - July 18, 2015

Jack Ensworth was born to Clinton B.F. and S. Isabelle Ensworth in Akron, Ohio on December 9, 1925. Jack graduated from East High School and served in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant in the Combat Engineers in three major battles during World War II. He completed his education at The University of Akron where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Education and The University of Oregon where he earned his Master of Education. In 1949 he started teaching in Akron, Ohio at Betty Jane Elementary School and King Elementary School and later as a Principal at Grace Elementary School. In 1955, Firestone Tire & Rubber Plantation hired him to supervise forty African schools in Liberia, West Africa. In 1957, Jack moved to Bend, Oregon to teach in upper elementary school. In 1959, Jack married Chrissie Blakley Ensworth. They were married for 35 years. In 1973, Jack was selected Oregon Teacher of the Year and National Teacher of the Year. He was presented with the award by Pat Nixon at the White House. In 1974, Jack achieved The Golden Plate Award in Salt Lake City, Utah. It recognizes the top fifty people in their field. Jack retired from Education in 1983. In 2004, The Bend LaPine School District named an elementary school honoring him. His favorite extra curricular activity would be fishing, fishing and more fishing! Jack was a talented and gifted man who touched many peoples lives. Those who were fortunate to have known him would say "Thank you, Mr. Ensworth. Thank you." Jack is preceded in death by his parents, Clinton B.F. and S. Isabelle Ensworth, wife, Chrissie Blakley Ensworth, brothers, Clinton B.F. Ensworth Jr.

and Robert Ensworth and step-daughter, Kim Sprague. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Judy Ensworth; sons, Kevin Ensworth, (spouse) Kenita Ensworth and Blake Ensworth, (spouse) Lisa A. Ensworth; daughters, Annetta Evans, (spouse) George Evans; and Lisa L. Ensworth; step-daughter, Kristi Thompson; grandchildren, Jacob Ensworth, (spouse) Melissa Ensworth, Viki Huber, (spouse) Brad Huber, McKenzie Evans, Quinn Evans, Tanner Ensworth, Hunter Ensworth, Skyler Evans, Kristi Sprague, and Troy Sprague; greatgrandchildren, Aidan and Tristan Ensworth, Kelsi, Colin and Kyle Huber. The Family would like to express their gratitude to the Partners In Care Hospice of Bend. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Jacks Memory to Jack Ensworth Elementary School, 2150 NE Daggett Lane, Bend, Oregon 97701. A celebration of life will be held at Jack Ensworth Elementary School on Saturday, August 8th at 2:00 pm.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New  
105 NW Irving Ave  
Bend, OR  
US 97701

# Tribute Wall



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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:28 PM

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“ *John (Jack) Arthur Ensworth*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *God be with you Mr. Ensworth you were a great teacher at Kenwood School when I was there in 1962.*

**greg hilliard** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Ive known Jack for many years as he was married to my cousin Judy. They were a great couple. Jack was a dedicated fisherman, hopefull they will have a nice pond in heaven.*

**Doug Shepherd** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Judy-, Im so sorry to hear about Jack. I know he was not well for a long time but seemed to maintain his cheerful outlook on life. My son, Tedd, had Jack for a teacher in the sixth grade at Kenwood School. Probably one of the best years he ever had. I am on an extended trip and will be gone when you have Jacks service but I will be thinking of all of you. We need to get together when I get back.*

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**Beth Marceau** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM