



Earl "Jack" Cate Jr.

September 20, 1939 - February 17, 2013

Earl J. "Jack" Cate, Jr., 73, of Sandwich formerly of Aurora, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2013 at Sandwich Rehabilitation & Health Care Center. He was born September 20, 1939 in Aurora, the son of Earl J. and Mary L. (Norr) Cate, Sr.

Jack was a 1957 graduate of East Aurora High School and a 1961 graduate of Drake University. He was employed by Connor and Sager, Aurora Beacon-News and later by Container Corporation of America. He was a very talented artist known around the Aurora area. He painted the Tomcat, the East Aurora Mascot. Jack's hobbies included hunting, fishing and the restoration of antique cars.

Survivors include his brother, Pastor Lynn (Janet) Cate; his sisters, Earlene Leifheit, Vivien (Daniel) Wallis and Kathleen Williams; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Nancy Wicks; and three brothers-in-laws, Donald Leifheit, Eugene Hasenheyer and Albert Williams.

Graveside services for family and friends will be held Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 10:00 AM at Lincoln Memorial Park. Pastor Lynn H. Cate will officiate. In lieu of flowers memorials to Sandwich Rehabilitation & Health

Care Center, 902 E. Arnold Street, Sandwich, IL 60548, or to Unity Hospice of Western Illinois, 1201 S. Seventh Street, Rochelle, IL 61068

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

675 Route 30
Aurora, IL 60503

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Aurora, IL 60503

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *My heart is saddened by the news of Jack's passing. He was a loyal friend and a talented artist. Without his help I would not have won my first election. God bless you my friend.*

Jack - April 24, 2013 at 11:09 AM

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“ *Earl was one of my mentors when I joined Great Northern Corp. in 1981. Earl was a unique man, but when you were his friend it was a lasting bound. I was with him the evening before he had his aneurism and it was like old times. I visited him in the hospital after and he knew me right away. I took a job in Virginia in 1992 and the last time I had with Earl was taking him to the Racine sport show after he was home. We had a great day together, I took him by our house and gave him some walleye. When I took him home he told me he had a great day, enjoyed being together, and then said "I hope I can remember this".....Many of us from GNC had thought he had already passed and this news caught us all by suprise, but gave us all a chance to think back on our "Earl stories", and they did bring a smile. Please know that you, the Cate Family, are in our prayers.*

Phil Brooks

Phil Brooks - February 19, 2013 at 05:38 PM

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Phil Brooks What a fine account of memories of our friend known to me as Jack! My wife and I also have fond memories and stories. Will miss the guy too!

Allen Hergenbahn - February 19, 2013 at 07:49 PM