



## Jack H. Reed

August 26, 1937 - September 28, 2024

Jack H. Reed, 87, of Gratz, passed away on September 28, 2024, at his home in Gratz. He was born in Manheim on August 26, 1937, a son of the late Evelyn Laudenslager Reed and George "Jiggs" Reed. Jack was a retired Elementary School teacher for Upper Dauphin School District and the owner of Reed's Inn and the Boardwalk in Gratz.

He was a member of Simeon United Lutheran Church, Gratz, the Masons, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, lifetime member of the Gratz Fire Company and on the Board of Directors at Gratz National Bank. Jack played baseball while attending Elizabethtown Collage. He played with the Valley View American Legion team winning the State championship in 1955 and the Twin County League State championship. Jack was inducted into the Allen-Rogowicz Chapter PA Sports Hall of Fame 2015. Jack was an avid New York Yankees fan, enjoyed playing cards, golfing and going to Penn National Race Track.

Jack is survived by his wife Virginia Kessler Reed; two daughters, Elizabeth Martz, Margaret (Terry) Koppenhaver; three granddaughters, Shayna (Kevin) Savage, Janine Koppenhaver, Sharda (Zeke) Conrad; grandson, Tyler Koppenhaver; great-granddaughters, Sedona, Indie and Raya.

A viewing will be held on October 3, 2024 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Simeon United Lutheran Church, Gratz. Funeral Service will be held on

Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 11:00 am at the Simeon United Lutheran Church, Gratz. Interment will take place in the Gratz Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Simeon United Lutheran Church, PO Box 478, Gratz, PA 17030.

# Cemetery Details

## Gratz Union Cemetery

173 N Center St  
Gratz, PA 17030

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Simeon United Lutheran Church  
173 N Center St  
Gratz, PA 17030

## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Ginny and all of Jack's family. I was so very saddened to hear of Jack's passing. He was a wonderful, caring person and a wonderful friend. I'm sure he and Pap are discussing the horse races. You will be greatly missed!



Patti Lower - October 02, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ Jack was my favorite teacher at Gratz Elementary, plus as a bonus, I got him in 4th grade and then again in 6th grade. He was also a great mentor, from the Estes Rockets to taking me hunting. Thank you Mr. Reed!!!

Jim Reed - September 30, 2024 at 11:22 PM

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“ Our sympathy and love to Ginny, Elizabeth, Margaret and all the Reed family & friends. Jack “Mr. Reed” was The best teacher you could ever have. I'm glad I got to tell him that a number of years ago and just how much he helped me when I was young. It meant so much to me. Seeing him in church with his family he was such a nice man & wonderful father. Always seemed patient, always had a smile & a kind word. God help & sustain us losing 2 of the nicest Jack Reeds within a week but we know they are with you in your kingdom now & forever. Amen

Evelyn Shepley & Vince & Sons - September 30, 2024 at 10:12 AM

TS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Reed Family, Ginny, Liz and Meg!! He was one of the greatest teachers I could have asked for as well as someone who was like a father figure during my growing up years because Meg and I were together so much as kids! He always had a smile on his face and I never ever heard him raise his voice at Meg and I because of some of the shenanigans we got into!! Rest in peace Jack! You will be missed greatly!!

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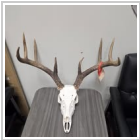
**Tammy Schade** - September 29, 2024 at 04:02 PM

BB

“ One of the best teachers I ever had. So patient and supportive. Fourth grade was a great year thanks to Mr. Reed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Brenda Bower** - September 29, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Our families were not related by blood but growing up I never knew that. We were always together at family gatherings. I remember the Sunday family dinner that Jiggs and Evy used to have at Reeds Inn. Jack taught me how to play pool in the bar room. Every Thanksgiving and Christmas the Reed family would come over to my mam and pap's to spend the holidays with us. Jack you will be missed.

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**Ronald Muth** - September 29, 2024 at 02:21 PM