



## John F. "Jack" Cockroft

March 20, 1943 - January 24, 2022

Dodgeville – John “Jack” Francis Cockroft, 78, of Dodgeville, peacefully passed away on January 24, 2022 after a difficult battle with Hemochromatosis. We are devastated and heartbroken by this loss and will feel the absence of our husband and father forever. He will be so greatly missed.

Jack was born on March 20, 1943 to John Cockroft and Hilda Long in the bustling city of Richland Center. After Jack graduated from Lone Rock high school in 1961, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Jack remembered his Army days abroad in Germany and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. with great fondness. He was very proud to be a veteran.

In 1967, Jack met Karen Kay Kundert and they wed in 1968, going on to have two girls, Stephanie Ringelstetter and Vicky Cockroft.

After happily retiring in 2004, Jack spent his time doing absolutely anything his heart desired and always said, “If I get bored, I’ll just take a nap.”

Jack was predeceased by his parents and his sister Barbara Reed.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, two grandchildren Jamie and Holly, his sister Alice Cockroft, his close nephews JR Reed and Tim Cockroft, his close

friend Miles VanSlyke and many nieces and cousins.

There are no events planned, as Jack did not wish to have services.

Please consider making a donation to Agrace Hospice, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Fitchburg, WI 53711, in his honor, as an alternative to flowers.

Thank you Gorgen Funeral Home for guidance through this difficult time.

# Tribute Wall



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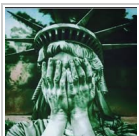


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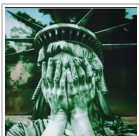


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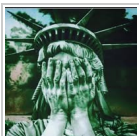


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I'd play a song that would never end.  
How I'd love, love, love  
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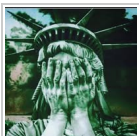


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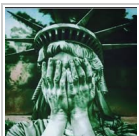


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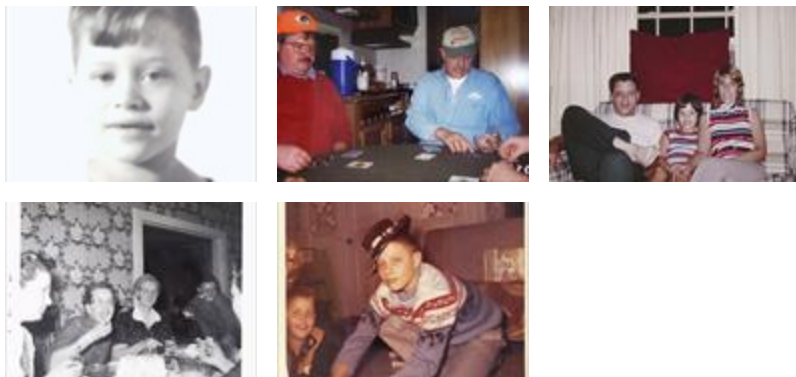


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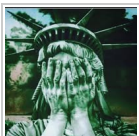


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*They say there is a reason,  
they say that time will heal.  
But, neither time nor reason,  
will change the way I feel.*

*For no one knows the heartache,  
that lies behind my smile.  
No one knows how many times  
I've broken down and cried.*

*I want to tell you something, DAD,  
so there won't be any doubt.  
You're so wonderful to think of,  
but so hard to live without.*



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F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 19, 2022 at 07:48 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 19, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 18, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 17, 2022 at 09:14 PM



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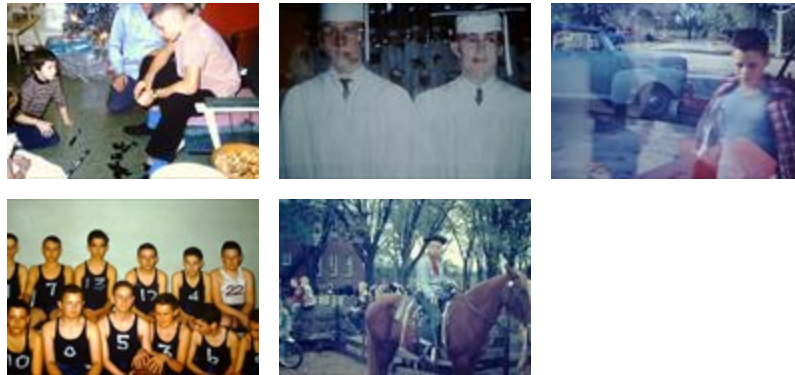


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Vicky Cockroft - March 16, 2022 at 05:55 PM



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Vicky Cockroft - March 15, 2022 at 08:05 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 14, 2022 at 08:25 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 13, 2022 at 06:25 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 12, 2022 at 07:53 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 10, 2022 at 08:55 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 09, 2022 at 08:25 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 08, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 07, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 06, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 05, 2022 at 06:31 PM

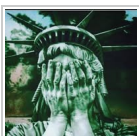


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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 04, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 03, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 02, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - March 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM

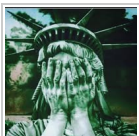


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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 28, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 27, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 26, 2022 at 08:03 PM

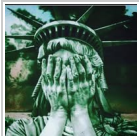


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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 25, 2022 at 09:27 PM



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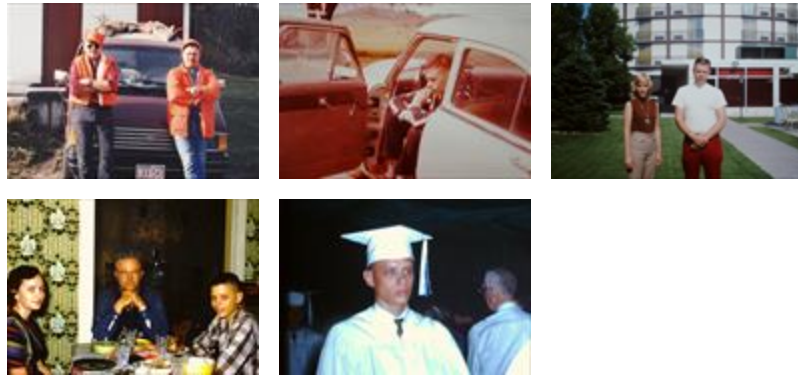


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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 24, 2022 at 06:55 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 23, 2022 at 08:07 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 23, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



**Vicky Cockroft** - February 22, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 21, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 20, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 19, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 18, 2022 at 07:21 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 17, 2022 at 08:12 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 16, 2022 at 07:49 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 15, 2022 at 08:21 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 14, 2022 at 07:47 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 13, 2022 at 11:35 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 12, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 11, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 10, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 09, 2022 at 08:00 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 08, 2022 at 09:13 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 07, 2022 at 08:47 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 06, 2022 at 07:03 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 05, 2022 at 08:27 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 04, 2022 at 08:26 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 03, 2022 at 08:06 PM



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 02, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 01, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



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**Vicky Cockroft** - January 31, 2022 at 08:41 PM



“ *Many memories with Jack but the one that'll never be matched by anyone was when he picked me up after we both got done work to head up to the deer camp in Warens off we went in his white mustang of course it was quite dark by the time we got there and we were having a hard time finding the gang driving around in the woods then Jack saw a light being waved and away we went running over small pine trees luckily it was our party and not someone we didn't know. Jack also had many funny jokes-stories and I don't think I heard the same one twice probably the greatest times were had on our fishing trips to Ely Mn. There were 4 couples that went on these trips and there was never a dull moment. Lucky to have known him may he R.I.P . Thanks for the memories*

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**Russell Symons** - January 31, 2022 at 07:19 PM



*Oh, Russell, thank you so much for sharing. It's wonderful to hear stories about my Dad. He so enjoyed the deer hunting camps with all of you guys and of course "The Ely Eight" stories will be told for years to come. You all had so much fun on those trips, for sure!*

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**Vicky Cockroft** - February 02, 2022 at 07:40 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



**Vicky Cockroft** - January 30, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ *Vicky Cockroft lit a candle in memory of John F. "Jack" Cockroft*



**Vicky Cockroft** - January 29, 2022 at 11:18 PM



“ Jack was my class mate when I moved to Lone Rock in 1959. He was a brotherly friend to me. He took me squirrel hunting with him and shared his .22 with me. I was okay with shooting them but I didn't want to skin the squirrels and get them prepped for the oven. Jack wouldn't hear of it. He said if a person shot an animal, they also had to know how to prepare it to eat. He taught me how to check the river for depth before we went off the top of the bridge, but he always double checked it to be sure.

He was the strongest swimmer I had ever seen, and he taught me his secret. Jack would get under the bridge and swim against the strong current that rushed under the bridge. He encouraged me to do the same. He was a naturalist before I knew what the word meant.

He was the funniest guy, too. Both he and Miles kept us all laughing with their hilarious banter. To be around the two of them was more fun than any comedy show I've ever seen.

Jack and I were chatting after the bell rang at the end of classes. As I reached in my locker to get a book out, I grabbed ahold of a live snake instead. I screamed and everyone came to see what was up. Jack had picked up the snake and was asking who the wise guy was that put the snake in my locker. He was furious that some jerk had scared me. He was determined to find out who did it and make them pay. He never was able to find out for sure who did it, but he always had a couple suspects. Fifty years later, as he and Miles were the emcees at our high school reunion, Jack announced he had an apology to make to one of his classmates. I could hardly make out what he was saying because he was laughing as he talked. He said he was sorry about putting the snake in my locker.

After high school I saw Jack at several reunions. We'd chat a bit about old times and talk more about our spouses and kids. He talked glowingly about Karen and the girls. He was always so happy and relaxed to be around. It was contagious.

*Jack was the genuine article, the real deal. He drew people to him by his warm personality and enormous heart. He will never be forgotten by the people who were lucky enough to have had him as their friend.*

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**Ann Potter** - January 28, 2022 at 04:09 PM



*Oh, Ann, thank you so much for sharing this story. It's wonderful to hear about my Dad as a child growing up, teenager and young man. And, I do remember him working on what he would say when he and Miles emceed the class reunion. They had great fun writing those speeches.*

*There are twenty-some years before he was my Dad. I hope to hear some more memories and stories.*

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**Vicky Cockcroft** - January 28, 2022 at 10:49 PM

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*“ I look at this picture of Jack and remember how proud he was to be going on the Badger Honor Flight. He and Tim had such a great day. So many memories of our childhood keep filling my heart.*

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**Alice Cockcroft** - January 28, 2022 at 11:39 AM



*You are so right, Alice. What a wonderful highlight the Badger Honor Flight was for, Dad. I'm so glad Tim and Dad were able to share that day.*

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**Vicky Cockcroft** - January 29, 2022 at 11:00 PM

RS

“ *My cousin Jackie was a part of my childhood that I will never forget. Our families gathered for many holidays and were together very frequently throughout the years. We grew up and years passed and we reconnected on Facebook on opposite of the political aisle. We had a great time sparring, always with respect and love. Rest easy, Jackie. I will miss you.*

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**Rhonda Sexton** - January 28, 2022 at 10:02 AM



*Thank you so much for sharing, Rhonda.*

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**Vicky Cockroft** - January 28, 2022 at 08:53 PM