



Jack Alan Bensing

February 24, 1947 - October 9, 2020

Jack A. Bensing, of East Peoria, died peacefully at RLO Hospice Home in Peoria, Illinois, on Friday, October 9, 2020, surrounded by his wife and children. The love he shared with his family was as palpable in the room at the moment of his death as it was throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion (Hunt) Bensing and H. Orville Bensing; and his sister, Barbara Bensing.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Patricia (Foley) Bensing. They were married at Westminster Presbyterian Church, on August 17, 1969. Jack was the proud father of Karen (Scott) Skaggs, Julie (Anthony) Mills and Alan (Lucy) Bensing. He was equally proud of his 5 grandchildren, Madison, Tyler, Mekaul, Kysic and Donovan.

Jack loved to learn. He gravitated toward computer science and math and his passion for computers, in particular, led him to found multiple businesses and to teach and inspire many students over the years at Peoria High School, Bradley University and Illinois Central College. Jack's innovative ideas in computer programming were well known. Various businesses, local hospitals and personal friends called on him regularly to provide solutions to a wide variety of computer problems they encountered.

Jack and Pat shared a love story for the ages. The love letters they exchanged are family treasures and their love produced a beautiful family that collectively was the apple of Jack's eye. He was a wonderful provider and his family was the center of his life.

Jack was an insightful problem solver. He loved using logic to work his way through decisions. He loved to play as hard as he worked and he didn't know a stranger. As such, his life was full of adventures with family and friends. He enjoyed traveling across the United States with his family and visiting popular landmarks in each state. Jack was also a Master Scuba Diver and enjoyed diving throughout the Caribbean.

Jack was a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church, where he served as a an Elder, an Operation Inspiration youth leader and a Communicants class teacher. Jack's spirituality was present each day in every action that he undertook. His faith provided a foundation for the resilience he demonstrated throughout his life.

Jack was a 27-year brain cancer survivor. The grace, strength and dignity that Jack demonstrated through his experience with cancer was awe inspiring. He overcame great challenges through the years in order to continue to communicate with and inspire those around him. Jack and his family became involved with the Brain Injury Group of Peoria, the Wednesday Cancer Support Group and the annual Mark Linder Walk for the Mind. Jack's incredible influence will continue to be felt for years to come.

Jack Bensing's life was a life well lived. The lessons he taught by his example: Resilience, Courage, Strength, Humor and Love will live on in the people that he loved.

Funeral services will be private, but may be viewed from the website of United Presbyterian Church, date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to: United Presbyterian Church. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Although it has been 30+ years, I very much remember the Bensing family. I taught at Sterling Middle School and got to know Jack & Pat through the school functions and parent conferences. Jack and Pat were very involved in the children's education and I thoroughly enjoyed working with them and with the kids who were excellent students. As a teacher, when kids arrive in your classroom, it is evidently clear through their behavior, work and participation, if they have parents who have taught them expectations, life's lessons, responsibilities and understanding accountability - probably why I remember them so well - they were all outstanding people. I cannot say enough words of admiration for this family - please know that I extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to you all. Roberta Koch

Roberta Koch - October 16, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ Jack was indeed a master teacher. I had the privilege of being on committees with him, taking classes of his, and knowing him as a friend. He was a remarkable man, and I have thought of him often over these many years. My sincere condolences to the family. Jerry Servie

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“ Was so sad to see Jack has passed. My heart goes out to you and your family. I remember Jack coming in years ago, always pleasant man with a great smile. Pat you and I have spent time together which I will always cherish, a lot of our conversations were about Jack. Your a very sweet lady, I am wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Tinker Vinson - October 14, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the Bensing family.*

Derrick Amanor - October 13, 2020 at 05:51 PM