



## Jack W. Cramer

August 10, 1930 - February 2, 2018

Jack W. Cramer age 87 of Forest died peacefully at home on Fri. Feb. 2, 2018 in the presence of family. Jack was born in Flushing, Long Island, NY on Aug. 10, 1930 to the late Elmer & Frances (West) Cramer

He married Martha Simpson Babcock on Aug. 25, 1956 in Forest. He had a great love for his family and will be missed by his wife, Martha, sons Kenneth Cramer Sr. (Francine Murtaugh), AZ, Eric "Rick" (Cheryl) Cramer, Tiffin, daughter Holly (Larry) Dyer, Mt. Blanchard, and "adopted" daughter Dolores "Dee" Cramer, Findlay, 11 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles.

He graduated from Forest High School in 1949. Jack served in the U. S. Navy on the destroyer John R. Pierce during the Korean War and saw a great deal of the world. He served his community in innumerable ways. Some of the most memorable are his 47 years on the Forest Fire Dept. and his mulligan stews there. He also served as an EMT. Jack spent thirty years on the Hardin County Health Board. He was very proud of helping convert the Freight House into the library and the creation of the Veteran Memorial at the VFW. He retired from A. Van Brackel & Sons prior to that he worked as a welder at Daybrook Hydraulic & Wilco Companies.

Jack and Martha served as Grand Marshals of the Tree Town Festival Parade

in 1986 and were the first to light the Forest Charlie Brown Christmas Tree. Often, he could be found socializing at the local coffee shop. Jack was known and loved in the community. He was always willing and available to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He also liked to share his homemade ice cream.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00AM Tues. Feb. 6, 2018 at Clark Shields Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Pummel & Pastor Dennis Livingston officiating. Interment will follow in Hueston Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by McVitty VFW Post 1182, American Legion Post 259 both of Forest, and AmVets Post 1994 of Kenton. Visitation will be held Mon. Feb. 5, 2018 from 2-8PM and one hour prior to the service at Clark Shields Funeral Home. At Jack's request there are to be no ties at his funeral, also suits are optional. If you do wear a tie, you will be asked to remove it. Memorial donations may be made to Forest Jackson Public Library, or the Veteran Memorial Fund in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843.

# Cemetery Details

## Hueston

Forest, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home

301 S.Patterson St.

Forest, OH 45843

(419) 273-2631

[bringmanclarkshields@gmail.com](mailto:bringmanclarkshields@gmail.com)

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## Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack W. Cramer*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - February 04, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ *Martha & Holly,  
So sorry to hear this morning about the passing of your husband & father. I read Jack's obituary & watched the video, too. He certainly lived a full & good life! I will be keeping both of you in my thoughts & prayers.  
With sympathy,  
Cee-cee Smith*



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**Cecilia Smith** - February 06, 2018 at 03:31 PM

SR

“ Son James and I send our condolences. We pray that God brings His Greatest Comfort and Peace to the family and friends, and wraps you all in His Love and Hope and Grace.

*We remember Jack from the McKinley Family Reunions years ago. He was so wonderful with the little kids. He would take them to see the fire engines and try on some firemen clothes — really gave them a HAPPY experience! One of our favorite photos from James II's childhood is that photo of him on the step of the fire engine with the fireman's helmet on... We appreciate Jack so much for gifting him with that precious experience, as he did for all of the other McKinley relations, too.*

*We remember Jack as a good man, and know he will be greatly missed. Someday we will see him once again in Heaven when we also cross the divide. In the meantime, may we all hold onto our wonderful memories, and Praise God for the gift Jack's presence in our lives.*

*Praying for God's Abundant Blessings, Comfort, Peace, and Grace to shower family and friends.*

*With Love,*

*Stephanie Rowland  
& James II*

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**Stephanie Rowland** - February 06, 2018 at 07:06 AM

GP

“ Jack was a very good person. Always talked about his children and grandchildren. He will never be forgotten. Deepest sympathy to all his family. Gary Phelps

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**Gary Phelps** - February 05, 2018 at 08:21 PM

CH

“ *Holly & Family,  
Sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Although I never personally met your dad, I remember my mom speaking fondly of him. Please accept my condolences and know your in my thoughts!  
Cheryl (Jones) Hiller.*

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**Cheryl (Jones) Hiller** - February 05, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of  
Jack W. Cramer.*



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February 05, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JP

“ *The Kenton Hardin Board of Health appreciates all the years of service that Mr. Cramer served as a friend and mentor to everyone in the community. The board has fond memories of a great man.  
Thank you Jack!*

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**Jackie Prater** - February 05, 2018 at 09:18 AM

TC

“ *The lights in Forest will be a little bit dimmer now that Jack Cramer is no longer among us. His love for, and dedication to, the Forest community will be remembered far longer than these words. He was a dedicated servant to both his nation and Forest and we are all poorer for his passing but also richer for his being here for the time he was with us. My thoughts and prayers to all of the Cramer family, to the citizens of Forest, and to all who mourn the passing of this good man.*

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**Tim Curtin** - February 05, 2018 at 06:06 AM

VA

“ Dear Martha & family .... I know how much Jack was loved and how dearly he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry. I hope fond and loving memories you have bring you comfort. Love you xo xo xo xo xo Vickie

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**Vickie Applegate** - February 04, 2018 at 08:21 PM

VA

“ Vickie Applegate lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer



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**Vickie Applegate** - February 04, 2018 at 08:16 PM

BJ

“ Martha and Family :  
You have our sympathy on Jack's passing . I have many memories of Jack asking me to join the Fire Department. Fun we had at times, other things we would try to forget. Jack racing to help any and every one. Dedication, Friend, Jack would say what he thought was right. What should I say, I will miss you and say Thank You Friend.  
Bill / Susie James

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**Bill James** - February 04, 2018 at 01:22 PM

VA

“ I am so so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Much love and prayers for Jack, Martha and family. I know how much Jack will be missed. May everyone who loved Jack remember him always with kind memories of the sweet man he was.

*xo xo Vickie Applegate*



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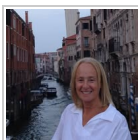
**Vickie Applegate** - February 04, 2018 at 11:58 AM

DJ

“ Will miss Jack sitting on the front porch, and the conversations we had as I walked by.

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**Dave Jesse** - February 04, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dolores Cramer** - February 04, 2018 at 08:09 AM

BS

“ Beth Snider lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer



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**Beth Snider** - February 04, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - February 04, 2018 at 07:32 AM

KD

“ Years ago Jack was seen around town all the time. He had a habit of slowly walking across the street and oncoming cars would need to slow down, but with Jack, it was no problem. He would always raise his hand and with a wide smile, yell out "Hello, how ya doing?" And in our thoughts we knew it was okay as long as it was Jack!  
Greg and Kathy (Buxton) Dyer

Kathy Dyer - February 04, 2018 at 01:17 AM

JW

“ Jeff Wentz lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer



jeff wentz - February 03, 2018 at 07:47 PM

TH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Cramer family. Tish Boyd Hatfield*

Tish Hatfield - February 03, 2018 at 10:53 AM

DK

“ *Douglas Kempher lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer*



Douglas Kempher - February 03, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack W. Cramer.*



February 03, 2018 at 09:51 AM

DH

“ *Dave & Cam Hemmerly lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer*



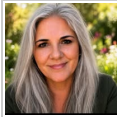
Dave & Cam Hemmerly - February 03, 2018 at 08:49 AM

CT

“ *Cherie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer*



Cherie Taylor - February 03, 2018 at 07:48 AM



*Forest won't be the same without Jack. He was always such a sweet guy...*

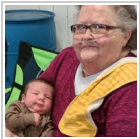
Cindy Cavinder - February 03, 2018 at 10:40 AM

JR

“ *You have our most deepest sympathy. Jack was a WONDERFUL man. So glad I got to know him, going to moss our talks on the porch & his homemade ice cream!*



Jessica Ropp - February 03, 2018 at 06:49 AM



“ *Lori Curtin lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer*



Lori Curtin - February 03, 2018 at 02:55 AM



“ Joseph Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer



Joseph Lawrence - February 02, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ My dear neighbor you have always been there for everyone who needed you. You were there for me and my family on so many accations. I will miss my daily waves! Forever in my heart! Love you, Jack!

Martha Sherman - February 02, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ Darla Boose lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer



Darla Boose - February 02, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ Martha Sherman lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer



Martha Sherman - February 02, 2018 at 06:13 PM

JR

*He was a wonderful man! Hugs to you!*

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**Jessica Ropp** - February 03, 2018 at 06:51 AM

SH

“ *Scott And Marie Hastings lit a candle in memory of Jack W. Cramer*



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**Scott and Marie Hastings** - February 02, 2018 at 06:04 PM