



# Jack Lee Gatehouse Sr.

AUG 5, 1956 - MAR 22, 2022



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**L**eaving a large and loving family, Jack Lee Gatehouse Sr. died on March 22, 2022. Jack, born on August 5, 1956, came out singing, sharing that joy with anyone who would listen to his karaoke and even by himself if they didn't. His love of place, particularly Blanchard, prompted him to marry and raise his family there, be heavily involved with Blanchard days, volunteering at the Chicken BBQ and even roasting pigs for special events.

Adoring his children and grandchildren, "The Elder" spent many hours outdoors teaching them the delights of hunting, fishing, and love of the woods. Every kid and grandkid had their special time with him on the boat or in the woods, especially when they came across shed antlers, adding to his prolific collection.

If he wasn't camping or in the woods, Jack could be found partaking in garage beers, riding on the ranger keeping an eye on things or taking friends on tours of the land he loved so well. Even though he was a noted arm wrestler back in the day, it took nothing to twist Jack's arm to help a friend, his caring nature shining through.

Jack was preceded in death by his father Kenneth Gatehouse Sr., wife of 25 years, Sona, and his son Josh Gatehouse. Left to carry on his memory is his mother, Sarah Gatehouse, his brothers, Terry and Kenny Gatehouse, his sister Brenda (Brian) Krum, and legacy, children Jack (Joanna) Gatehouse Jr., Kelli (Christopher "Elmo") Walton, Karie (William) Boyd, Jerimiah (Whitney) Gatehouse, and Jenna Gatehouse along with his 15 grandchildren. Left to grieve with family are his special pals Dan and Mickie Fredericks.

Fittingly, a celebration of life for Jack will be held at "The Den", aka the Blanchard Millpond on Saturday, April 23rd at 1 p.m.



# Events


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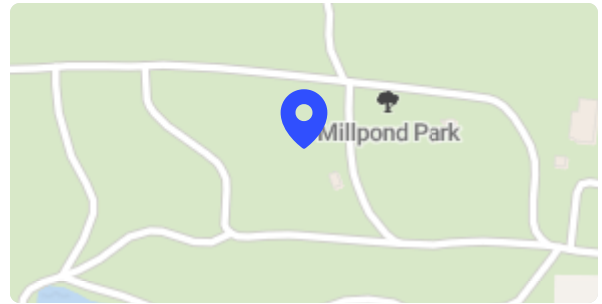
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## Service

 **Saturday**, April 23, 2022

 1:00 PM ET

 **Blanchard Millpond**  
11000 W. Blanchard Rd., Blanchard MI 49310





## Tribute Wall

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ET

**Echo Thomson** posted:

This is so sad and surreal at the same time he was taken way to soon I still have trouble believing it. I wish it wasn't true but as you said now, he is with all the loved ones who have gone before him. But he will be sadly missed by so many. I grew up with him, so it makes me so sad that he is gone too soon. RIP Jack Gatehouse Sr. I will miss you and until we meet again. Please tell all of the loved ones who went before you that they are loved and missed. I will miss you cousin, till we meet again.

March 23 at 3:33 PM

PW

**Pam Voss Westman** posted:

I'm so very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Sending my love. ❤️❤️❤️ Pam Voss Westman

March 23 at 2:58 PM

TH

**Tammy Haskin** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

In Memory of our Cousin Jack! You will be missed! Debra Wiersma Reanna Gatehouse Tammy Haskin

March 23 at 2:45 PM



LS

**Laurie Shine** posted:

Hamburgers with peanut butter, he said!! I'll try it, I said!! Didn't think it would be good but dang, he was right 🍔🍦 one of the best real people I've ever known.

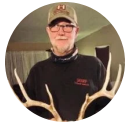
March 23 at 1:53 PM

CG

**Cheryl Fredricks Gaudard** posted:

The Gatehouse and Fredricks families spent many summer days playing baseball in a hayfield, riding bikes, fishing and catching frogs. Jack and I were the oldest in our big families graduating together from Montabella - class of '75. Jack has remained a friend of the Fredricks family and we are deeply saddened by his passing. RIP Jack, you are already missed.

March 23 at 12:18 PM



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KS

**Kay Sellers** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

I will miss his smile and his sense of community. We always joked about how we shared the same birthday, he'd always remind me same day, but I'm six years wiser than you!! My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family. R.I.P. Jack, I'll miss you.

March 23 at 11:50 AM



LR

**Lori And Jerry Reihl** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

March 23 at 10:50 AM



JK

**Jenni Knowles** lit a candle in honor of Jack.

Lots of love, hugs and prayers to you all. He was a good man who always made me laugh. Love Jenni & Vera Knowles and family

March 23 at 10:14 AM



AL

**Angel Larson** March 23 at 4:10 PM

So sorry for your loss of Jack it is a huge loss for the entire community Just know we are all here for your family Love You All ❤️ RIP Jack ❤️



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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