



## Frederick "Jack" John Busch

February 5, 1935 - January 25, 2025

Frederick John "Jack" BUSCH of Saline, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Jack was born February 5, 1935, in Ann Arbor to the late Frederick and Margaret Busch. He married Margaret 'Peggy' Rominski on December 1, 1956. They were blessed to have just celebrated 68 years together! Jack is survived by his wife Peggy and their four children, Carol Marie (Michael) Murray, Daniel (Elizabeth) Busch, Julie (Brent) Martin, Steven (Aruna) Busch, and their eight grandchildren, August, Charles, Nathaniel, Jacquelyn, Jack, Ryan, Sara, and Meera. Jack was preceded in death by sisters Helen Marie and Mary and brother Tom. Surviving siblings are Marge, Michael, and Patrick (Kathleen); Jack is also survived by cousin Jackie (Bill), sister-in-law Rose Marie (late Richard) Stone, and niece Cathy (Dennis) Flamme, and many many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from St. Thomas High School in Ann Arbor, Jack briefly attended Eastern Michigan University, where he studied electrical and mechanical engineering before enlisting in the United States Air Force Pilot Training Program, which led to his lifelong passion for flying. Following his honorable discharge, Jack returned to Ann Arbor where he earned his private pilots license. He then joined his father's plumbing business and became a licensed journeyman plumber. In the early 1960s, Jack worked as an electronics technician for the University of Michigan Willow Run Laboratories where he built the testing equipment used to conduct some of the earliest

infrared laser research in the United States. Jack was then persuaded back to the trades, serving as the plumbing foreman on many landmark commercial buildings in Ann Arbor. With a lifelong love for building and flying remote control airplanes, Jack purchased Rider's Hobby Shop in Ann Arbor with his late brother-in-law Robert Sattler in 1972. Rider's grew from one local store at 115 West Liberty to include six corporate stores in Michigan, and eventually franchised throughout the United States. Rider's was Jack's favorite childhood hangout and he felt lucky, fortunate, and blessed to have shared his passion with many. Over the years and beyond his retirement in 1991, Jack taught RC flying and mentored many young hobbyists and modelers who still speak highly of the life lessons they learned from him. In his retirement, Jack traveled the United States competing in the Senior Olympics, where he was awarded multiple gold medals in archery.

Jack built his family home in Pittsfield Township where they resided for 40 years before retiring up north. He had a hand in building all four of his children's homes. There wasn't a machine or motor that he couldn't repair. Jack loved his family and friends and would help anyone at a moment's notice. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, Local 190, the Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and the TRAMPS RC flying club. Jack and Peggy were former parishioners of St. Francis in Ann Arbor and St. Aloysius in Fife Lake, and current members of St. Andrews in Saline. When asked where he wanted to be buried, Jack replied "surprise me!". If you knew him, you loved him. Jack was a very generous, kind, and God-loving man. He will be greatly missed. He was the BEST husband and dad!

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, February 21, 2025 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 P.M. with Fr. John Linden as Celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jack's name may be

made to St. Andrew Catholic School ([standrewsaline.org](http://standrewsaline.org)) or The Parkinson's Foundation ([parkinson.org](http://parkinson.org)). Envelopes will be available at the Church. There will be light refreshments at the Church following the Mass. To share a favorite memory you have of Jack, to sign his guestbook, or for directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed by clicking below.

Primary: <https://youtube.com/live/6th6gtMG3SU?feature=share>

Backup: [https://youtube.com/live/jabFdq\\_0qgg?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/jabFdq_0qgg?feature=share)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
Saline, MI 48176-1157  
(734) 429-5210

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Dr  
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## Light Refreshments

FEB 21. 3:10 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestreaming will begin around 1:45 P.M. in memory of Frederick "Jack" John Busch



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**Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - February 11, 2025 at 04:14 PM

RB

*I too grew up with Riders as an after school hangout and met Jack when he bought Riders.  
I was fortunate to work with Jack for over thirteen years.  
He was always kind and fair and fun to work with, always willing to help with advice on any subject.  
I've missed him since he retired up north and will continue to always miss him.  
Peggy and the family, I'm very sorry for your loss .  
Bob Bartolacci*

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**Robert Bartolacci** - February 15, 2025 at 07:14 AM

BK

“ My memories of Jack go as far back as his parents were friends of my parents at St Francis. Jack and Peg needed a babysitter now and then for their children and I was recommended. One time, as Jack was driving me to their home off Textile a deer slammed into the car. Being Jack, we waited for the sheriff to put the injured deer down. That took about enough time to make Peg worry as to where we were. That was Jack’s character, worrying about someone or something like a dying deer before himself. Needless to say, it made sitting for his children fun. They were reflections of their parents. I know Jack is at peace with our Lord.  
Barb Knight

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**Barb Knight** - February 01, 2025 at 06:09 AM

DB

*Thank you for your kind words and sharing the memories. I had forgotten the deer story, I believe it was a blue Mercury station wagon.*

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**Daniel Busch** - February 02, 2025 at 08:03 PM

PB

*Thank you Barb! Good old memories!* ☐ 😊💕🙏👐

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**Peg Busch** - February 06, 2025 at 07:43 PM

TL

“ I guess the same for most everybody, with the exception of family I suppose, I know him as “Jack.” The name Jack is appropriate. What a friendly name. Or, Jack made the name friendly because that’s how he was and what I remember most about him. Much of the enjoyment I have experienced in my life, to this very day as I sit here and write, is directly because of Jack Busch. As young boys, my brothers and I would ride our bicycles about eight miles from our home off Plymouth road, over to Rider’s Hobby Shop in downtown Ann Arbor. Our summers back then revolved around buying models with our allowance, and then assembling them on the living room floor or the dining room table. Some were plastic models just for display, while some were for flying. Models would crash, and the cycle continued! Over time, my brothers became interested in different things, but I stuck with model aircraft, not to mention model boats, helicopters and cars. After high school, I realized I needed to get a job to partially fund my college. Dare I ask? I went into my local, friendly hobby store and inquired. Wouldn’t you know it, a few days later I was on the other side of the counter at Rider’s Hobby Shop! I was so proud to work there that I would dust the paint cans on the shelves and clean the airplanes hanging from the ceiling! In addition to making friends who I don’t see anymore, but are still important to me, I learned so many technical things from Jack. To this day I insist that I can solder better than anyone else, with the exception of Jack, of course! I have so many formative memories that range from breaking down cardboard boxes in the cellar to teaching flying lessons on Thursday evenings in Milan – all because of Jack. I had a lot of good laughs with his sons Steve and Dan, too! My stint at Rider’s lasted 4 or 5 years, until I embarked on a nearly 30-year career at a radio control hobby distributor out-of-state. I’m back in Michigan, but my passionate involvement in radio control airplanes continues. All the experiences and much of the personal growth I’ve experienced are directly attributable to Jack Busch. My sincerest and deepest condolences to Peg and the family.

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Tim Lampe - January 31, 2025 at 11:35 AM

DB

*My heart is full. Thank you Tim.*

**Daniel Busch** - January 31, 2025 at 01:17 PM

PB

*Thank you Tim! 💕💕🙏 Peg*

**Peg Busch** - February 06, 2025 at 07:47 PM

PB

*Thanks Tim for old memories! Those were the days! 🥰Peg*

**peg Busch** - February 20, 2025 at 04:45 PM

SR

“ *Hi Dan, sorry to hear about passing of your father. Scott Retzlaff*

**Scott Retzlaff** - January 31, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DB

*Thank you Scott. He was a good man.*

**Daniel Busch** - January 31, 2025 at 01:18 PM

MA

*Dear Peg,*

*My condolences to you and the rest of your family. Jack was a wonderful man.*

*I owe my success in life to lessons that I learned while working for Jack at Rider's on Liberty Street. I will be forever grateful for having had that opportunity.*

*Michael Allen*

**Michael Allen** - February 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM