



## John "Jack" Curtis

May 18, 1950 - May 4, 2012

John "Jack" Curtis, 61 died Friday, May 4, 2012 at the Avera Dougherty Hospice Cottage having suffered a stroke and heart attack on April 23. John "Jack" Edward Curtis was born on May 18, 1950 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the son of Robert and Doris (Matthews) Curtis. He grew up in Lennox, graduating from Lennox High School in 1968. He went on to graduate from Vocational Technical School in auto body repair in Omaha. He served in the South Dakota Air National Guard from 1968 to 1974. On April 27, 1974 he married Cleo Nordquist at the Augustana Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The couple made their home in Lennox. He had owned and operated Jack's Body Shop in Lennox and then went on to work in sales. He later worked for F.E.M.A. as a Quality Control Inspector from 1993 to 1996. Currently Jack worked as a project manager for Peska Construction in Sioux Falls. Jack was a member of the First English Lutheran Church. He had been a Cub Scout Leader and Scout Master when his boys were younger. Jack was an idea man. He loved to create, invent and problem solve. He was straight forward, kind, loyal, generous and could talk to anyone. He loved to work with his hands outside or in the garage where he enjoyed working on cars. Jack also loved his dogs Rudy and Abby. Besides his parents, Jack was preceded in death by his uncle Jim Curtis. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Cleo, Lennox; three sons: J.J. John (Angela) Curtis, Tea, Matthew (Sarah) Curtis, Montrose, CO and Adam Curtis, Mitchell; twin grandchildren: Gretchen and Grant; three step-grandchildren: Hannah, Emma and Olivia; sister, Carol

(George) Runyan, Robinsdale, MN as well as other relatives and friends. Memorial services will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service also at the church.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Cleo  
Neal was in Omaha this weekend and shared with me about Jack. I  
am so sorry to hear this and will keep you and your family in my  
prayers.*

*Sherry*

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**Sherry Dolan** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dear Cleo and Curtis family,  
Jack was a one-of-a-kind person. I loved talking with him (especially  
in recent years at Kaladi's). He always made me feel like he cared  
about what was going on in my life. Jack was so proud of you and  
your children!*

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**John Mogen** - May 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Thinking of you at this time sorrow. Your memories will be with me  
for ever. A class Mate of Jacks 1968 of Lennox High School. You are  
in are prayers.*

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**Les&Brenda Hyronimus** - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. I remember when Jack won a TV in a contest,  
he was the only kid in town that have a TV in his room. He loved his  
57 Chevy.*

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**Jim Buechler** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Cleo, JJ, Matt, Adam and the entire family...I am so saddened to hear the news of Jack passing! He was such a fun guy. I pray you hold tight to your memories...they become so much more precious at times like these. I pray God grants you the peace that only He can grant to each of you!!!

Hugs to you all!!!  
Nikki (DeCou) Paetow & family

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**Nicole Paetow** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Cleo & Family  
Thinking of you at this time. Your memories are your's forever.  
A classmate of Jackies at Lennox High School.  
Sandy {Miller}  
DeVries

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**Sandy DeVries** - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May your beautiful family memories and your deep faith be you strength in the difficult days ahead. God Bless.

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**Pat Bonfoey** - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Cleo & family--So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chuck and Glenda

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**Glenda Olinger** - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM