



## John David Slack

August 31, 1939 - August 5, 2020

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(August 31, 1939-August 5, 2020)

John David Slack, father, husband, brother, grandfather, uncle, friend and gentle and generous soul of Park Falls, WI, passed away at home on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at the age of 80 in Park Falls, WI.

John is survived by daughters' Annelies (Howard) White of Eau Claire, WI and Gretchen (Cale) Jackson of Darlington, WI and one grandson, Reagan Jackson. John is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary Slack and sister, Ruth Boushon of Park Falls, WI.

John was born on August 31, 1939 in Park Falls, WI, to the late Ivan and Lucille Slack. He attended Park Falls High School and graduated in 1957. In 1965, he married his wife of 55 years, Rosemary Borgen. John had numerous passions and career paths in life. He started his career working at Flambeau Paper Company and from there, purchased Forest Converters Saw Mill and Price County Lumber Company. John loved steam locomotives, to the point he purchased one and started a business entitled Lake States Steam Transportation, which included a steam engine and numerous diner cars in order to provide steam engine dining excursions in Wisconsin. After a few years, that business was sold and his steam engine, Number 18, currently runs in the Grand Canyon area. He started making maple syrup when he was

in high school and what started out as a hobby developed into a thriving business. At one time, John and his “crew” put in over 10,000 taps per season. The bulk of the business was sold a few years ago and John and Rosie continued to sell maple syrup in their store on their property and throughout Northern Wisconsin. Northern Wisconsin Maid Sugarbush continued to grow and prosper until the death of Rosemary in March of 2020. John and his family always had a house full of pets, mainly cats and dogs, which he loved dearly. He loved to spend his time cutting wood, making furniture, picking berries, listening to Mozart and polka music, playing with his cats and watching anything about World War II or baseball on TV. He enjoyed spending time with his friends, drinking coffee at various restaurants in Park Falls throughout the years. John attended First Congregational Church of Park Falls, WI throughout his entire lifetime. John and his kind spirit will be deeply missed

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at First Congregational Church of Park Falls, WI, with a visitation starting at 9:00 AM that morning at the same location. Interment for both John and Rosemary to follow at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield, WI. Reverend Donald Quigley will officiate. Condolences may be offered online [birchstreetfuneralservice.com](http://birchstreetfuneralservice.com) or sent to John and Rosemary’s home address. (Will be forwarded to family). Flowers or a memorial gift may be offered at the church on the day of the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Home Cemetery

Old 70 Road and Krucky Road  
Fifield, WI 54524

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
279 North 1st Ave  
Park Falls, WI 54552

## Memorial Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John David Slack*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John David Slack.*



August 24, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ *To the daughters of Rosie and John....what wonderful words you wrote in tribute to your mom and dad.*

*Sam and I got to know Rosie and John because of our love of good maple syrup....and then Rosie and I became better friends through Rosie and her gardening.*

*I am missing them.*

*May you find comfort in your memories.*

*Karen MacGregor  
Pike Lake*

**Karen MacGregor** - August 23, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of John David Slack.*



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August 10, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Dear Annelies, Howard, Gretchen, Cale and Reagan,*

*Blessings of peace to you all! My heart goes out to you! So many people have been changed because they have known and loved John and Rosie Slack. They have been "changed," too, since March 7, 2020, and August 5, 2020, when they stepped into eternal life. We give thanks to God for the assurance that death is not ending of life, but, just a transition into a new life in God's hands.*

*May God grant us wisdom and grant us courage for the living of these days. Mary Jo Laabs*

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**Mary Jo Laabs** - August 10, 2020 at 10:19 AM