

Jack L. Fowler of Point Pleasant, West Virginia | 1934 - 2020 | Obituary



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December 11, 1934 - August 10, 2020



Jack L. Fowler of Pt. Pleasant, WV passed from this life on Monday, August 10th at the Hospice House of Huntington at the age of 85.

Jack was born December 11, 1934, the son of the late Inez M. (Sauer) Fowler and Charles E. Fowler, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his older brother, Charles "Horsey" Fowler, Jr.

Jack lived his entire life in the City of Pt. Pleasant, always cognizant of the river industry and its history. He was a 1952 graduate of Pt. Pleasant High School where he lettered in baseball, basketball, and football and received All-State honors in football. He was inducted into the first class of the Pt. Pleasant Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. He attended Marshall University on a football scholarship after graduation.

In 1953-54 he began his working life as a pipe fitter at the Marietta Manufacturing Company. He went on to be an installer repairman with C & P Telephone Company, worked at Celanese Chemical, and then became a product marketing manager at Kaiser Aluminum in Ravenswood in 1965.

He retired from Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation after 24 years of service. Jack served for 16 years on the Pt. Pleasant City Council and chaired the finance committee. In 1983 he earned the City of Point Pleasant's Community Service Award. He later was appointed

executive vice president of the Gallia County Community Improvement Corporation 1989-1993. His next job was to serve as Executive Director of the Point Pleasant Housing Authority and Executive Director of Mason County Development Authority 1993 - 1999. He seemingly worked harder after retirement.

Jack was devoted to his hometown and its people. In 2003 he was honored to receive the Community Service Award from the Mason County Chamber of Commerce. In 2013 he was named as recipient of the Mason County Spirit of the Community Award.

All of his life experiences prepared him for the challenges to build and curate the Point Pleasant River Museum. His interest in people and his personality enabled him to secure many artifacts, photographs, and literature of river history that otherwise would have become lost. In 2009 he was the recipient of the Maritime Impact Award for preserving River Heritage for future generations. In 2016 he was honored as a History Hero by the WV Division of Art and History. In 2019 he was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his work promoting river history. He worked tirelessly with his hands, but always with his heart. Jack remained the Executive Director of the Pt Pleasant River Museum until the time of his death.

Jack was baptized and a life-long Christian and a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Pt. Pleasant. He was an avid tennis player, and supporter of PPHS athletics and Marshall University football. Most importantly, he was a loving father and grandfather who treasured the time with his kids.

He is survived by his son, Tony Fowler (Kim) of Proctorville, Ohio and his daughter, Tammy Hovis (Richard Watts) of Charleston and their mother Mary Fowler of Pt. Pleasant ,a constant friend; four grandchildren Ryan Hovis (Ashley) of Swansboro, NC, Anne Moses (Michael) of Charleston, WV, Drew Fowler of Huntington, WV and Morgan Fowler of Proctorville, Ohio; five great-grandchildren Allyanne Hovis, William Hovis, Landon Jack Moses, Palmer Moses and Charles Moses.

As per Jack's request there will be no visitation. A private graveside service officiated by the Rev. Raymond J. Hage (Father Ray) will be held for the family. Please follow recommended guidelines from the Governor and health officials by practicing social distancing and wearing masks for your safety and the safety of the family.

In lieu of flowers friends who wish to honor Jack's lifelong commitment to his community may make a donation to the Jack Fowler Memorial Fund for the Pt. Pleasant River Museum and Learning Center at People's Bank, Pt. Pleasant, WV.

Crow-Hussell Funeral Home has been entrusted with Jack's care and the care of the family. You may offer condolences by visiting www.crowhussellfh.com.