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Frances (Fran) Petsche was born on November 26, 1920, and John (Jack) Petsche was born on January 12, 1934. Before settling down to a life together, Jack served for the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1957. Jack and Fran married on December 20, 1958, and were employed locally in Black Hawk County. Jack worked at Rath's Smoke House for 33 years until the establishment was closed. Fran worked for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroads, spending 40 years with the company prior to retiring.

Throughout their life together, Jack and Fran enjoyed spending time together while fishing, gardening, canning tomatoes, and visiting their cabin on the Cedar River. Fran passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2009, and Jack on May 11, 2020.

It was important to the Petsches to help serve the needs of Black Hawk County. In 2010, they accomplished this goal when Jack established the John and Frances Petsche Fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. The endowed fund supports CFNEIA's Black Hawk County discretionary grant process and gives back to the community in perpetuity.

During his life, Jack donated over \$100,000 to the John and Frances Petsche Fund, enabling him to see and enjoy the impact of his generosity. After his passing, the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa received a \$1.6 million dollar gift from Jack's estate. This generous gift will generate approximately \$65,000 every year for grantmaking to nonprofits serving Black Hawk County, forever.

**ONLINE GIFTS CAN BE MADE TO THE JOHN AND FRANCES PETSCHÉ FUND AT
[FUND.CFNEIA.ORG/PETSCHÉ](https://fund.cfneia.org/petsche). FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FUND,
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