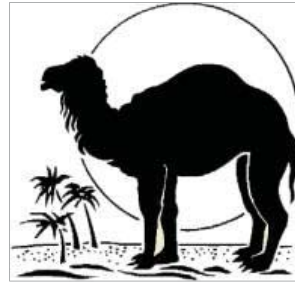


## Black Camel Call In Memoriam



John "Jack" R. Stephenson, age 82, of Marquette, passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at his home, after struggling with health problems over recent years.

Jack was born on September 24, 1935, in Duluth, Minnesota to Robert W. and Thelma M. (Graven) Stephenson. The family moved to Marquette in 1939 shortly after his father opened Marquette Auto Parts. He grew up in Marquette and graduated from Graveraet High School where he served as class president. He attended the University of Michigan Business School and was a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. While at the University of Michigan he met Elizabeth "Tish" Lyttle (Scarsdale, NY), whom he married in 1958. Upon graduation in 1957, Jack returned home to take over the family business, which he ran until his retirement in 1990. His business was expanded by the addition of a BMW Motorcycle Dealership in the 1970's. He will be remembered for his excellent salesmanship and business skills. Jack served as an Ordnance Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve 312th Engineer Supply Point Company located in Escanaba and reached the rank of Captain before his honorable discharge. Throughout his life Jack was active in the Marquette business community. He served on the Marquette General Hospital Financial Advisory Board for many years and was a member of the Marquette Ambassadors and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a lifelong Freemason, belonged to many Masonic Bodies and was a Past Potentate of the Ahmed Temple. He was also a long-term member of the Fraternal Order of Elks.

He will be truly missed by many, but we can take comfort in knowing that he did not suffer and as Jack, himself, said many times, "his troubles are over."