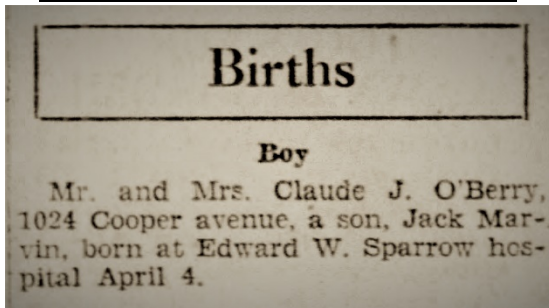


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*Lansing State Journal, April 8, 1930*

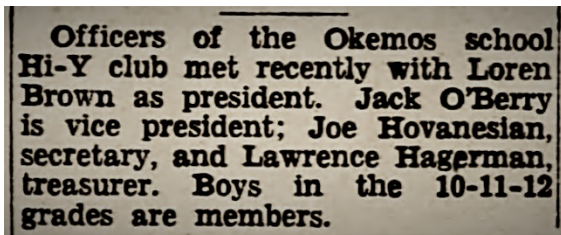


Ingham County, Michigan. Jack's mom, Nellie, graduated in 1923 from Lansing High School and in about 1924 went to Florida where she was employed by Judge O. C. Dayton, Dade City, Pasco County. It may have been

through her job that she met Deputy Sheriff Claude O'Berry. The couple wed 19 May 1927, Dade City. The couple's first baby, a son, died in infancy 2 March 1928, Pasco County. Jack was born in Michigan.

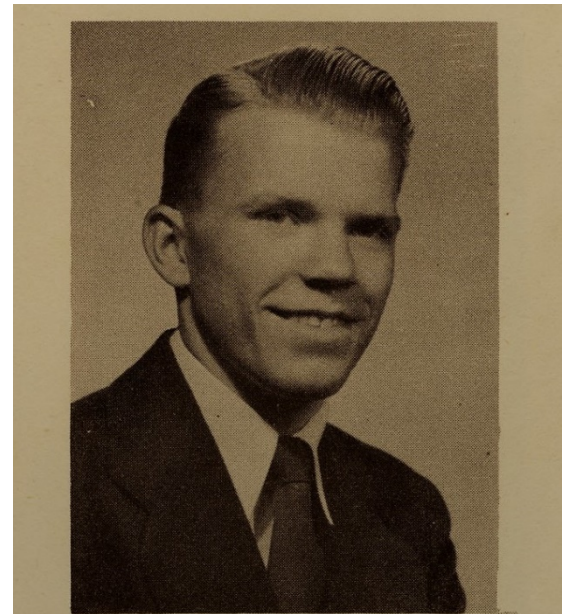
According to the 1935 Florida State Census, Jack and parents were living again in Pasco County. Mr. O'Berry listed "federal work" as his employment. By the 1940's Claude was in US Maritime Service. It was

*Lansing State Journal, November 4, 1947*



during the war years that Mrs. O'Berry left her husband,

took her son and only child, and went back to Michigan. Jack graduated from Okemos High School in 1948. Nellie O'Berry sued for divorce from Claude in Polk County, Florida, 1950. The divorce was granted in 1953, Polk County. Nellie was supporting herself and Jack during the late 1940's as secretary to the Rev. Malcolm Cronk of South Baptist Church, Lansing.



**Jack O'Berry** "Stubby"  
School would be alright if it weren't for the classes.  
President 3; Vice-president 2; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3; Baseball 2,3,4; Track 4; F.F.A. 2,3,4; Tomahawk staff 4.

*Senior Picture, 1948 Okemos Tomahawk*

Jack married 17 year old Wanda Mae Owens 24 August 1951, Lansing.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 29 August 1951

## **JACK O'BERRY WEDS WANDA MAE OWENS**

When Miss Wanda Mae Owens became the bride of Jack Marvin O'Berry Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock the rites were read by Rev. Malcolm Cronk of South Baptist Church. Locale was the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Nellie O'Berry, 1705 Kensington ave., East Lansing.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orb Owens, 817 Englewood ct.

White lace covered the bride's powder blue slipper satin in the street-length dress. Her corsage was of red roses. Matron of honor, Mrs. Donald Slater, had a dark blue dress accented by a yellow rose corsage.

Jack Mansel attended the bridegroom as best man.

Before the newlyweds left for northern Michigan on their honeymoon, a reception was held for their guests at the bridegroom's home.

They will make their home at R. 4, Lansing, after Sept. 1.

Jack entered the US Army in 1954 and served in Korea.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Saturday 24 July 1954



**O'Berry** - Sgt. Jack M. O'Berry, husband of Mrs. Wanda M. O'Berry, 127 1/2 S. Sheldon st., Charlotte, is nearing completion of his basic infantry training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., with a unit of the Sixth Armored division. Upon completion of this training he will receive a furlough before beginning another eight weeks of advanced training either at Ft. Leonard Wood or another training installation.

Jack moved his young family to Florida in 1957. He and Wanda would celebrate 44 years and 4 children together. They also worked together building their own successful family business, Florida TV and Company in Eustis, Lake County, Florida. Jack died 28 June 1996, Lake County. Wanda, born 22 May 1934, died 30 January 2016, Lake County. Before Wanda's death two of the four children passed away, Michael in 2012 and Laura in 2015.

Jack and Wanda were interred Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida.

*The Orland Sentinel (Orlando, Florida) Sunday 30 June 1996*

**Jack M. O'Berry**, 66, 22 W. Atwater Ave., Eustis, died Friday, June 28.

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*The Orlando Sentinel (Orlando, Florida) Tuesday 2 July 1996*

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By Dave Weber

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
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4/4/30-6/28/96

Dad, you taught us how to live and love, you taught us how to give and share, but you never taught us how to live without you. One year has passed and there's never a day that goes by without thoughts of you. We love and miss you very much. We know the love and joy you brought to us and those around you will live on forever. Your wife & children,  
Wanda, Mike, Marty, Laura, Leslie.