



Fern (Jack) and Nedalyn (Nini) Houck were born in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Nini graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1955 where she earned a Bachelor of Arts and Letters. Jack graduated from Gettysburg College the same year where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He received a commission in the United States Air Force, serving his 22 years of active duty in numerous locations around the world before settling back in Hanover upon retiring. Nini and Jack were dedicated volunteers in their church and community. They were both active members of the Hanover Area Historical Society. Nini was affectionately known as Hanover's 'Fastnacht Lady'. For well over 30 years, she enjoyed making Fastnachts and hosting Fastnacht Day for neighbors, friends, and family at their home.

Upon returning to Hanover, Jack and Nini discovered a shared passion for antiques. This prompted them to open "Houck's Antiques - The Eagles Nest". Even after fully retiring and closing the store, their weekly attendance at local auctions and antique shops continued to bring them joy. Over several decades, they became collectors of many different niches; particularly all things Americana, including postcards, coins, cast iron banks and furniture. Jack, particularly, and Nini had an eye for and were known to find hidden gems in every booth they perused. Their collection truly includes something for everyone.

They celebrated 65 years of marriage in July 2020. Sadly, Nini passed away in June 2021. Jack joined her just six days later.

The premier event featuring the antiques and Americana collections will be offered at Conestoga Gallery on January 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. This auction will also be offered on Live Auctioneers for live bidding. Online only auctions will be offered at Hess Auction Group for coins, jewelry and antiques.