



John "Jack" Graham

January 12, 2021

Jack Graham, longtime resident of Yarmouth Port, passed away suddenly at his home in Fort Collins, Colorado, on the morning of 12 January 2021. The cause was congestive heart failure, complicated by arrhythmia. Jack was 92 years old and lived independently until the day he died. He is survived by his sons, John, Peter, and Matthew (Marianna), their families, and his stepdaughter Gail Ronan (Dennis) and her family. Counted among these are his daughter-in-law Nancy Callahan, beloved granddaughters Laura, Hannah, Samantha, and Leigh, his great grandson James, and his in-laws and lifetime friends, Anna May and Bernie Callahan. Jack was pre-deceased by his wife Claire, and his parents Peter and Jessie.

Jack was born to English parents in a hospital where Boston University now stands, in September 1928. He grew up in and around the Brighton-Allston neighborhood. After graduating from Brighton High School in 1946, and later from Boston University with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, his career took him to West Virginia, then Iowa, and finally to Ventura, California in 1965. He served the County of Ventura for 24 years, retiring as the Director of Mental Health in 1989.

Jack was a veteran of the US Army, serving on the occupation force in South Korea immediately after WWII, but before the Korean War.

Jack retired to Yarmouth Port in 1989, where he enjoyed an active retirement. His life centered on his home with Claire in Clipper Ship Village, and with the Cape Cod Senior Softball League—the best group of buddies he ever had.

Jack moved to Fort Collins to be with his sons after Claire died in 2017, but his heart stayed on Cape Cod where he first stayed with his parents in the 1930s.

Jack will be buried with Claire in The Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouth Port, only yards from his cherished home on Webfoot Way, at a later date in the Summer or Fall of 2021.

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Graham*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Jack was a team mate, competitor and friend for many years as we participated in the Cape Cod Old Timers Softball League. Jack's ready smile and quick wit made him one of the most popular ballplayers in the league. More than that he was a good and noble man both on and off the field. We shared many treasured good times with Jack and Claire. Indeed, we still enjoy the recipes Claire passed along to us. (Especially, the pickled cucumbers). We are deeply saddened to learn of Jack's passing and extend our condolences to Jack's family and pray that warm memories of Jack will sustain them all their days. In Sympathy, John and Janet Neal.*

John Neal - January 23, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *I worked with Jack at County Mental Health in the late 70's. I think he was the Chief Psychiatric Social worker. He was always wonderful to work with. I was in accounting. I ran into him at the Government Center lobby years later. Same friendly, caring individual. Sorry for your loss. His obit picture is exactly how I remember him. Doris Holland, Ventura CA*

Doris Holland - January 23, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Jack A great friend, A great team mate there are not words to write of the loss felt*

"X" McDonnell - January 22, 2021 at 12:18 PM

VK

Dick was one of the original members of the newly formed "Cape Old Timers Softball Group" which organized some 30 years ago when it consisted of four teams but later developed into a more viable organization of some 300 softball members.

Jack's passing has indeed saddened his many friends and fellow teammates and also devastates the ranks of our senior membership with the loss of many former "Dunkies": Joe Graziosi, Dan James, Don Brenner, Don Nolin, Roland Barker, Dennis Redding, and Jerry Hachadourian to name a few.

Jack, we shall miss your friendship, humor and commitment to the "Dunkies" and to the League as well.

*Rest in Peace Jack. You were a true gentleman.
Van Khachadorian*

Van Khachadorian - January 24, 2021 at 10:25 AM

BW

*I was fortunate to know and work with Jack for over 20 years at the Ventura MH Dept. He was a friend and mentor. May he rest in peace.
Bill Wakelee*

Bill Wakelee - January 27, 2021 at 02:02 PM

MH

Never had Jack on a team I was on, but played many games with Jack as a determined opponent. He was joy to converse with. He, in his later years perfected the art of utilizing foot dexterity, and he was good at it!

Mike Hanafee - January 29, 2021 at 11:05 AM