



## John "Jack" S. Kopka III

January 5, 1937 - April 15, 2020

Exeter - John S. "Jack" Kopka, III , 83, of Exeter, passed away peacefully on Wednesday April 15, 2020 after a battle with cancer. Jack was born in Nashua on January 5, 1937, the son of the late John S. Kopka, Jr. and the late NH State Rep. Angeline (Landry) Kopka. He was a loving and devoted husband to Margaret "Maggie" Connor of Exeter.

Jack graduated from the University of New Hampshire where he was enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program. He honorably served his country as a Captain in the Air Force until 1969. A few of his medals and commendations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Longevity Service, Outstanding Unit Award, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was able to travel the world including more than 90 countries.

Upon leaving the Air Force, Jack joined the family business, Kopka Real Estate. He was an accomplished and industrious commercial real estate developer in NH, Maine and Massachusetts. Many of his developments can be seen today.

Jack loved to play golf, catch up on the daily news and was very active in the community of Hampton. He had an amazing ability to recount his life's adventures and entertain people with his stories and anecdotes. The only thing he loved more than real estate was his family.

In addition to his beloved Maggie, Jack is survived by his children, Susan Flynn and her husband David of Cincinnati, OH, Michael G. Kopka and his wife Sarah of Manchester, Michael J. Kopka of Nashua and Jennifer K. O'Blenis of Ormond Beach, FL; his step-children, Daniel DiCesare, Christian DiCesare, Kyle DiCesare, Nora DiCesare and Connor DiCesare; his grandchildren, David Canavan, Jr., Joseph Canavan, Michael Canavan, Angeline Kopka, Darian Kopka, Michael Kopka, Jr. and Sydney O'Blenis. He also leaves his sister Janice Geno and her husband Merrill, Litchfield.

Due to the current pandemic, public services are postponed. Private burial was held in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Hero Pups, 20 Portsmouth Ave., #127, Stratham, NH 03885.

# Cemetery

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## **New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery**

110 Daniel Webster Highway

Boscawen, NH, 03303

# Comments

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“ Sending much love and condolences to Maggie on the passing of Jack, who I know brought her many years of happiness and cherished memories. May he rest in peace.

**Colleen Cote** - April 26, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ So many great and formative memories with Jack - touring colleges in DC (even though I ultimately went to his Alma Matter UNH), pushing to the front of the line to see John Kerry, seeing Angie be sworn in as a State Representative in Concord, and of course the many summers working at the Hampton Beach parking lot. I can truly say that Jack helped inspire that career path I chose and continue to grow in and for that I am forever thankful. Sending so much love and sympathy to Jack's family.

**Brittany Matthews** - April 25, 2020 at 10:24 PM

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“ Fond memories of this pleasant man and fellow Nashuan. I will miss seeing him.

**donald bernard m.d.** - April 24, 2020 at 11:52 AM

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“ Jack was an old friend of mine, a classmate at UNH. I spend many a good time with him and his first wife Helen, one of my best friends. I even visited them in England in 1964 when Jack was stationed there. We sure enjoyed the pubs. Remember fondly the fine and fun times we shared. I still communicate with his daughter Sue.

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**Nancy B. Janus** - April 21, 2020 at 02:43 PM

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“ So many memories. Always with a joke, a story, a smile. He was an infectious optimist that made me believe he would live forever. I am comforted that I was able to see him recently and share about our families. He loved his family more than anything. My condolences to you. I can see him with Angie in heaven, they were two of a kind.

**Mary Weaver Eldredge** - April 18, 2020 at 02:26 PM