

John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr.

June 8, 1935 - July 30, 2023

John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr., 88, of Hampton, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023, surrounded by his family after an extended illness. He was the loving husband of 66 years of Margaret "Peg" (Gaudreau) Duffin.

Born on June 8, 1935, Jack was the son of the late John Sr. and Blanche (Folan) Duffin. Raised and educated in Dorchester, Jack attended Roxbury Memorial High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps prior to graduation. Jack would leave the Marines in 1956 as a decorated First Corporal.

Jack was known as "The Legend" by many in the bakery trade and serviced almost every bakery in New England as a sales representative for such companies as, the Middlebee Red Pail Filling Company in South Boston and the Pillsbury Rothstein Flour and Sugar Division in Framingham, MA. He went on to take a five-year hiatus from sales and operated Duffin's Muffins in Clinton, Worcester, and Marlborough, Massachusetts. He would later retire from the baking industry after 25 years with Henry and Henry Corporation, manufacturer of fruit fillings and bakery ingredients out of Buffalo, NY.

Whenever Jack did anything, he did it with passion and love beyond words. Throughout his life, Jack was an active volunteer in numerous roles at several churches. He was a long-time member of the Marlborough Knights of

Columbus, served as President of the Massachusetts Retail Bakers Association and later, he served as President of the Portsmouth Country Club in Portsmouth, NH

Jack and his wife of 66 years were avid dancers, and in earlier days, won many dance awards and contests. He had an energy you could not ignore. He had a very contagious laugh and anyone who knew Jack would tell you what a great friend and sport he was. Jack has volumes of music. He was a great lover of music, especially Jazz. His best story was a night in Boston with Ella Fitzgerald. He and his wife sat in front and Ella sat with them at their table. Jack was in his glory. Above all, Jack's greatest joy in life was his family. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and Jack will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife, Jack is survived by his children; John E. Duffin III and his wife Jane of Brewster, MA, David Michael Duffin of Billerica, MA, Rosemary Duffin of Marlborough, MA, Harry R. Duffin and his wife Marybeth of Hampstead, Jennifer Marie Duffin and her husband Edwin Wyllie of Marlborough, MA, Kristen Harris and her husband Jack of Marlborough, Kathleen Hallock and her husband Paul of Tuscon, AZ. Jack is also survived by his 19 grandchildren as well as 10 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Jack is predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Ann Kirker.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Jack for a period of visitation on Monday, August 7, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Jack's Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jack's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project at WoundedWarriorProject.org

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church
289 Lafayette Rd
Hampton, NH 03842

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *LAURA SAGALSKI lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr.*



LAURA SAGALSKI - August 13, 2023 at 09:13 PM

LS

Dear Peg and family, I am so sorry to learn of Jack's death! May he rest in peace in the light and love of our Lord! Peg, I am keeping you in my prayers!

LAURA SAGALSKI - August 13, 2023 at 09:16 PM

PD

Thank you for your kindness

Peg Duffin - August 26, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JR

“ *Jack was the kindest person I've had the pleasure of knowing. You will be missed by all you gave touched. Thank you for your service*

John Recupero - August 08, 2023 at 05:08 PM

PD

Thanks John. You warm my heart

Peg Duffin - August 26, 2023 at 09:17 AM



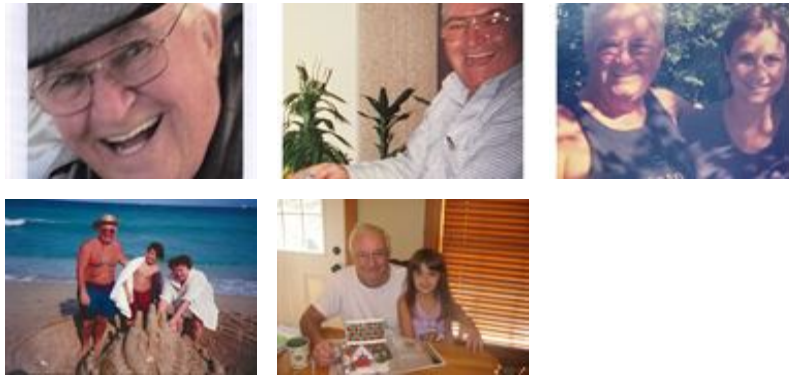
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..*



August 07, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *228 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 07, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Heather C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..*

Heather C. - August 06, 2023 at 05:18 PM



“ *A stuard in the world of baking. I always ran into Jack hanging out at the best bakeries in the Boston area. Avenue Bakery comes to mind , Daniel's, or Cara Donna. These guys were many of the ones who made MRBA what is was. A group of quality Bakers showing everyone how to do things better. Jack was instrumental in guiding / helping many of the younger fellas that are still in the business today. Jack always had a smile on his face , and will be missed by many in the small world of baking.*

Hoping all the Duffins know that Jack is looking down at you from the stars at night. I look up frequently knowing my parents are!

Peace be with you my friend!

*Best,
Mr. Sparrow*

Henry Baybutt - August 05, 2023 at 09:40 AM

PD

Thank you Henry

Peg Duffin - August 06, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JD

Thanks Henry... Kind words!

john duffin - August 06, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..*



August 04, 2023 at 09:41 AM

RL

“ Rest in peace dear sweet Jack. May perpetual light shine upon you and may your soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. You will forever be fondly remembered by us. Sincere sympathy to the entire Duffin family ❤️
Roseanne & Steve Lago

Roseanne & Steve Lago - August 03, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all the Duffins, my second family during childhood. I have nothing but the fondest memories of Jack.



Michael Cole - August 03, 2023 at 12:45 PM

KC

“ Karen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..

Karen C. - August 03, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..



August 02, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..

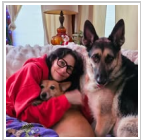
August 02, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..



August 02, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Danine Guimond lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr.



Danine Guimond - August 02, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..



August 01, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr..*



August 01, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Linda Vaillancourt lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr.*



Linda Vaillancourt - August 01, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *So many wonderful memories -- favorite one was his hat with the long ponytail hanging out of the back. Infectious laugh, family was everything to him - you will be missed Jackie ❤️❤️*

Jan Palermo - August 01, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *Rose Duffin lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Duffin Jr.*



Rose Duffin - August 01, 2023 at 05:40 PM

EP

“ Eileen Piet lit a candle in memory of John
"Jack" E. Duffin Jr.



Eileen Piet - August 01, 2023 at 05:16 PM

EP

Sending my prayers and support to you and your Family.

Eileen Piet - August 01, 2023 at 05:18 PM

HC

*Dear Peg and family,
Jack fought the good fight and you were there for him always. Our love
is with you during this painful time.
love, Heather and Richard*

Heather E Corston - August 02, 2023 at 04:08 PM

PM

*Dear Peg and family,
I will ALWAYS remember his smiling face and endless stories at the
bar at PCC. I missed him and all his golfing buddies when I left there,
but NEVER ever forgot so many wonderful people. My deepest
condolences to you all. May he RIP and get the Hole In One in the Up
Above!
Peg Maloney*

Peg Maloney - August 10, 2023 at 03:39 PM