



John "Jack" Leary

November 11, 1930 - November 9, 2021

Exeter - John H. "Jack" Leary, 90, passed away suddenly yet peacefully at Langdon Place of Exeter on Tuesday Nov 9, 2021. Jack was born in Boston on November 11, 1930 and raised in Charlestown, MA. He was preceded in death by his daughter Maureen, parents Edward and Mary (Morris) Leary, his sister Barbara (Wall) and his brother Edward.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years E. Patricia "Pat" (O'Connell) of Exeter, his sister Ellen Leary of Cambridge, MA, his son John H. Leary Jr. and wife Brenda (Nyland) of Grapevine, TX, daughter Elizabeth and husband Robert Thayer of Granada Hills, CA and daughter Eileen and husband James Francis of Westport, CT. He is also survived by his grandchildren Kate Leary and husband Michael Wisniewski, John R. Leary and fiancé Bethany Darrough, Robert Thayer, Nathan Francis, Robert Francis as well as great grandchildren Jack and Will Wisniewski.

Jack graduated from Malden Catholic High school and Boston College class of 1952. He was a decorated Korean War US Army Veteran receiving a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and numerous other commendations for valor and leadership in combat. After Korea, he joined the New England Telephone Company where he spent his entire career, retiring in 1990 as an executive with Verizon. Subsequently he served for several years as a mediator for the National Labor Relations Board.

After raising their 4 children in Stoneham and Reading MA, Jack and Pat moved to Hampton, NH and ultimately to Exeter, NH. Jack enjoyed a very active retirement which included worldwide travel with Pat, all things BC # Go Eagles!!, tennis, cross country skiing, golf, and most of all quality time with family and friends.

Jack was a hands-on volunteer with many charities and church sponsored programs throughout his life including the Telephone Pioneers of America, the Special Olympics, the Knights of Columbus, and the St. Vincent De Paul Society where he served in several leadership roles. He was a youth hockey coach and referee, CCD teacher as well as lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Patrick's in Stoneham, St. Athanasius in Reading and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Hampton.

As a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, teammate and friend he will be remembered as strong, selfless, kind, honest, smart, loyal and funny. Just a great guy who made all who knew him feel special.

The family would like to thank the staff at Langdon Place of Exeter for their genuine care and support.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Monday, November 15, 2021 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton followed by a graveside service at Exeter Cemetery. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St Vincent De Paul Society of Hampton (<https://svdphampton.com/>) 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton NH 03842. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Cemetery Details

Exeter Cemetery

30 Linden Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Leary*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



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Patrick Greenish - November 14, 2021 at 07:13 PM



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Patrick Greenish - November 14, 2021 at 01:04 PM



It was an honor to know Jack. Sending thoughts of support for Pat and family. With love Donna and Peter Masucci

Donna Masucci - November 14, 2021 at 01:46 PM

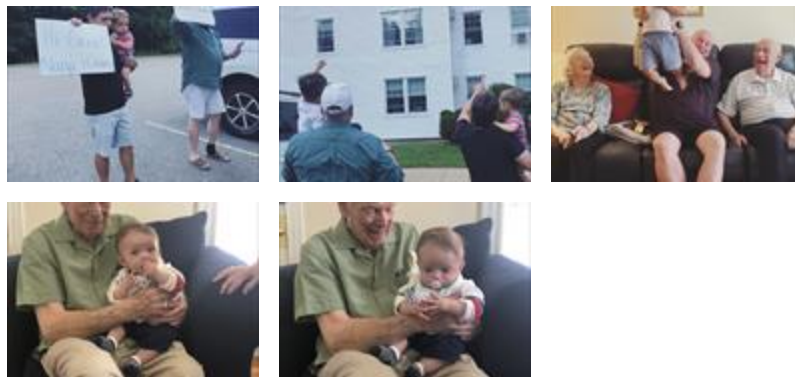
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“ It was a pleasure to have known Jack. I met him at “Poker night “ every other Thursday for a few years. It was “almost“ a pleasure losing a poker hand to him ! Condolences to his family. George Predaris

George Predaris - November 14, 2021 at 08:57 AM

KW

“ Love you always, Grampy.



Kate Leary Wisniewski - November 13, 2021 at 07:35 PM

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Beth Thayer - November 13, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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“ *Laura Sagalski lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Leary*



Laura Sagalski - November 13, 2021 at 06:38 PM

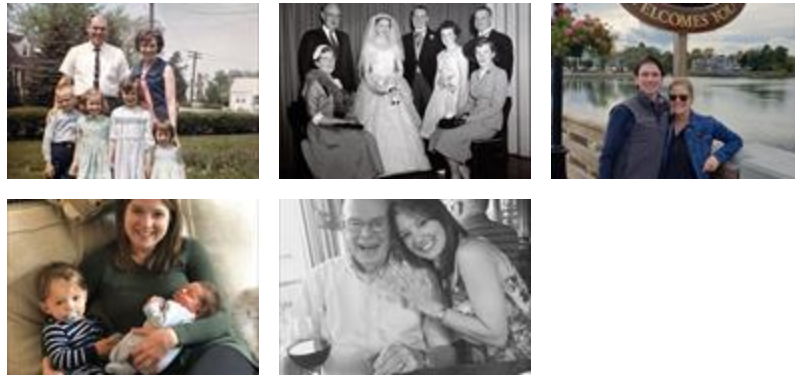
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I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. May he rest in peace in the light and love of our Lord! My condolences to his family.

Laura Sagalski - November 13, 2021 at 06:39 PM

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Beth Thayer - November 13, 2021 at 06:10 PM

JP

“ *Pat and family -- I am so sad to learn of Jack's passing. I will always remember him as such a kind gentleman with a great sense of humor. I am so glad to have known him and you through sharing Eucharistic Minister duties with him. May your memories comfort you and may he rest in peace. You are in my prayers. Judi Park*

Judi Park - November 13, 2021 at 10:24 AM