



## John B. "Jay" Tanzer

April 8, 1931 - May 23, 2024

John B. "Jay" Tanzer (Ret. Col., U.S. Army) passed away Thursday, May 23, 2024, surrounded by family. Jay was born in Lawrence, MA in 1931 and went on to St. Patrick's Elementary, Central Catholic High School and graduated West Point, class of 1953. He was married for 67 years to the love of his life, Margaret "Peggy" Moran. After a career of U.S. Army service, he retired and continued to be a part of his community, working in the Receiving Dept and as a Regional Training Manager at Hannaford, teaching at Franklin Pierce and SNHU and as an active member of Rotary Club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society and as a Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church.

Jay is predeceased by his wife and leaves a legacy of children, Brian, Mark, Mary, Carole, John, Kevin, Kristen and Nel, their spouses, 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Jay was an avid New England sports fan, enjoyed golf, bowling and learning new languages. He had a great sense of humor, a very "punny" guy, was a talented lunch bag decorator and his favorite saying was MYOB, but his greatest gift was being an amazing Dad.

No services are scheduled. Those wishing to remember Jay may make a gift to Brookhaven Hospice in Portsmouth, NH by clicking here (<https://www.brook>

[havenhospice.com/make\\_a\\_donation.php](http://havenhospice.com/make_a_donation.php)) or by mail to 114 Turnpike Road,  
Ste 206, Westborough, MA 01581.

# Tribute Wall

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“ John, I'm so very sorry to read of your Dad's passing. Your folks were wonderful people.  
Thinking of you. Sue DeMarco

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**Sue DeMarco** - June 01, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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“ I loved Colonel and Mrs Tanzer. When they were stationed at West Point they treated me as one of their children. So much fun one summer at Camp Buckner that I will always remember and cherish. My heart is broken Love to all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. You were very lucky to have such loving parents. I will never forget them.

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**Maria Camporeale Newell** - May 24, 2024 at 07:52 PM