



John P. Vallier Sr.

July 3, 1926 - August 18, 2014

Chelmsford, MA – John P. “Jack” Vallier, Sr., 88, formerly of Hampton, died Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Chelmsford surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Portsmouth, July 3, 1926, the son of the late Myron and Alice (Howard, Badger) Vallier.

Jack was raised in Portsmouth and joined the United States Navy shortly after leaving school. He married the love of his life, the late Emily B. (Elwell) Vallier in 1946 and the couple settled in Portsmouth to raise their family. The family relocated to Hampton in 1955 where Jack was actively involved in Hampton’s baseball and basketball youth sports organizations. In their retirement years, Jack and Emily enjoyed spending winters at their home in Florida and summers in Hampton. Jack moved to Chelmsford in November 2012 for the care and companionship of his daughter and her family.

Jack’s employment history included his time in the Navy, assigned to the USS Power during WWII. When he returned home from the Navy, he worked 9 years for the American News Company of Portsmouth, ending as the manager of the business. Jack worked most of his career for Simon & Schuster Publishers, starting in 1958 until he retired in 1992 as Regional Vice President for Sales with over 34 years with the company.

Mr. Vallier leaves his daughter, Donna Cresta and her husband Samuel of Chelmsford, MA; his son John P. Vallier, Jr. and his wife Kathy of Hampton; his daughter-in-law, Elisabeth Duffy Vallier; his 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his beloved wife Emily who died in 2007, Jack was predeceased by his son Michael and his sisters, Phyllis Clark and Dorothy Rogers.

Visiting hours will be from 2 to 5 PM on Sunday, August 24, 2014 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. Services will be held at 11 AM on Monday in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Drive, Suite 110, Bedford, NH 03110.

Cemetery Details

High Street Cemetery

150 High Street
Hampton, NH

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 24. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
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Service

AUG 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John P. Vallier Sr.*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I was another lucky kid who got to grow up with Emily and Jack. Emily with her warm smile and Jack with the jokes. Jack came to see me at Valley Forge and brought along a Playboy and plenty of laughter. Years later it was jokes on the computer. They had great kids, and a loving home. Now they are in heaven and Jack is still telling jokes.*

Richard H. Elliott

Richard H. Elliott - August 31, 2014 at 12:13 PM

SJ

“ Jack and Emily (I am proud to say) were my Godparents. My parents grew up with them (Marion and Harold Elliott) Every year I got a birthday card which was something the other kids never got from theirs....Emily was a BEAUTIFUL person in every way just as you were Jack...I can remember as a very young girl, you would call the house and tell me to ask my Dad where he left the keys to the submarine because they had to move it and I would yell "Dad, they need to know where you left the keys to the submarine" etc. etc. and Dad would laugh and shake his head. (He was a pattern maker at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard) John and Donna, just as I feel about mine God could not have blessed you with more loving and caring parents. Family ALWAYS came first.

So until we meet again Jack keep them all laughing!! We will all miss you...

+ Susan (Elliott) Jones

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Susan (Elliott) Jones - August 30, 2014 at 01:37 AM

BP

“ Jack hired me as well - my first "grown up" job in the late 1970's. When he worked with me I always seemed to get lost driving. He would always say "you know, if you go 5 miles in the wrong direction that's really 10 because you have to go back." I have memories of drinking many Manhattans with him. I seem to remember 4 at a time was not unusual. A great man - one of a kind.

Bruce Paonessa

Bruce Paonessa - August 25, 2014 at 11:22 AM

HC

“ RALPH and Mlna Cresta would like to send their condolences to the family. We enjoyed Jack at Kittery Estates along with seeing him at family functions. He'll be missed. Love to all !!

Hermina Cresta - August 24, 2014 at 09:09 AM

JJ

“ Just heard the news as I was on the runway in Logan heading for Ireland. Did not make for a great flight! Jack hired me in June 1970 over a cup of coffee in Hampton, NH & over the last 44 years had a close relationship. I can honestly say he was a 2nd father to me. A tremendous "no nonsense" boss that had a huge impact in shaping my life & my work ethic throughout my career. Had a tremendous amount of fun & great times with Jack along the way.

I was basically Jack's driver when it came to sales conferences & also worked with me often as it kept him from those long weeks away from home. It used to drive him crazy as I was always running late & he would be out in the middle of 19 Milburn Ave. looking at his watch & just shaking his head.

They broke the mold after Jack came along, he surely will be missed. I have toasted him a few times already with some good PINTS & I know he is looking down smiling.

My condolences to the Vallier families (Donna & John).

John Jordan

John Jordan - August 23, 2014 at 04:46 PM

SS

“ February 1976...applied for a job as publisher rep out of Albany ,NY....came down with the flu shortly after and was then called for an interview (with Jack)....told him I was too sick to come in and he told me he'd be around for the rest of the week and to phone him if I felt better and well enough for an interview. Jack then phoned me everyday to check in on my progress, finally at the end of the week, we met and Jack hired me two days later. I am still in the industry that Jack hired me into...he knew his stuff, taught me well and supported me in my move from field to management...after I started the job, Jack would periodically come to work with me as he did with the other guys in his region....always a pleasure to be reviewed by Jack....even if you screwed up...which I did frequently 8-)>

Best Jack Vallier story: Pocket Book reps used to visit FW Woolworth stores to write additional orders beyond what HQ used to place....admittedly some of us got a little frisky when it came time to writing orders for Woolworths, and we'd pad orders and even send orders into the stores without visiting (drive by's!)....so Jack comes to work with me and the first account he wants to visit is a Woolworth store in Norwood, MA....so I whip out my account activity card with the driving directions and proceed to the store...as we pull up, I realize that we're in front of a vacant lot. What the heck happened to the store?

Jack got that little impish grin on his face and asked me when I last visited this "store" I assured him that my last visit was pretty recent, like 3 months ago and that I sent in a whopping order from that visit....Jack chuckled and said, "I know about your order....you wrote it for a store that burned down six months ago!"

Would have ROFLMAO (if we had texting back then.....)

Jack cracked up too and we moved on with our day...which always included a stop for ice cream in a mall where we could watch the young ladies walk by...

Another credit to Jack's longevity are the amount of folks still in this

*industry that were brought into it or managed by Jack....TAMMIE
GLENN ALLEN, MIKE ROHRIG, KENNY OXENRIDER*

Jack, you were a major influence in my life and in my career....I will miss you terribly, but will take heart in the fact that my memories of you will never go awayyou were a GREAT man and the world needs more guys like you....

Steven Sussman - August 22, 2014 at 02:12 PM



Marty
Conroy

“ *I just returned from a week in the hospital to this news. Words escape me what this man, my other 'Jack' in my life, and every bit as influential shaping me as my father, Jack, meant to me. Jack taught me team, but more directly, common sense....*

His voice is always with me..."Use ya head, Mahty"...

I miss him terribly, now, his lessons about life remain with me to this day...always will.

The best person I could have ever worked for in a career. If you are lucky, you too will find that mentor.

But there will always only be one Jack Vallier.

Marty Conroy - August 22, 2014 at 11:02 AM

BK

“ I was Jack's boss Pocket Books when I was hired as his manager in 1986. Anyone who knew Jack will chuckle when they learn I was a 26 year-old "kid" who didn't know all that much, so the idea of Jack reporting to me was pretty funny. To say that I took direction from him, learned from him, and grew in so many ways by working alongside him and knowing him -- would be a big understatement! But part of what I learned from Jack was that he respected me, as he did everyone, and he was a calm, steady voice and hand on my back, whenever I felt in over my head or unsure of myself. Jack was the consummate salesman, and he did it by being a great leader and team player at the same time. Not a simple thing to do. I am a better person for knowing Jack, and I will miss him.

Brian Kelleher - August 22, 2014 at 09:50 AM

SD

“ A scholar and a gentleman. Jack was always the S&S rock, solid and strong, focusing his sales team and getting the job done! My confidence in Jack was endless, and when the pressure was on, he would calmly - and with a twinkle in his eye - rally the troops. He was a loyal friend and will be missed. Rest in Peace "Papa Doc."

Sally Dedecker - August 22, 2014 at 06:54 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John P. Vallier Sr..



August 21, 2014 at 06:13 PM

BS

“ Donna & John, Ellie and I were deeply saddened to read about Jack. He was a Great Friend & Great person to know & be around. I put his picture on our computer desk top as our way of saying "Goodbye".

Bob & Ellie Scruton Rogers Arkansas

Bob & Ellie Scruton - August 21, 2014 at 10:49 AM

KK

“ I met Jack when I joined Pocket Books in 1974 and I truly loved his gracious ways and his guidance. Always there for you and always a good word. Thank you Jack.

Ken Kaye - August 21, 2014 at 10:29 AM

KO

“ All my best to the family at this time. Jack hired me, trained me, was instrumental in forming the person I became. I still use some of his teaching techniques and stories to illustrate a point. Who doesn't remember the "Arm In The Bucket of Water" when you get a swelled head or "Park with the Windshield to the North" on those steamy summer days. We only replaced his shoes, we could never fill them.

Ken Oxenreider - August 21, 2014 at 08:22 AM

TT

“ The Entire Teva Global Compliance Team purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of John P. Vallier Sr..



The Entire Teva Global Compliance Team - August 20, 2014 at 07:17 PM

NF

“ There was never a dull moment with Jack around, he always had a joke available . Our thoughts and prayers go out to Donna, John, and their families. Jack will be missed.
Nancy(Elliott) & Keith Frank.

Nancy Frank - August 20, 2014 at 05:35 PM

HM

“ Love this man - he was such a wonderful guy who cared about everyone around him and always made you laugh. Forever in our hearts he will stay.

Heidi/Scott Maddock - August 20, 2014 at 11:23 AM

MW

How we loved Jack! He and Emily treated us like a member of the amazing Vallier family. We have so many happy memories of Ossipee, Portsmouth with the Maddocks, living in Hampton as neighbors. Our thoughts go to our cherished friends, John and Kathy, Donna and Sam, and the whole Vallier clan. Love, Cal and Marilyn

Marilyn Wallingford - August 21, 2014 at 09:58 AM

JS

Jack hired me into the publishing business in 1970 and i worked for him for eight years. He put together one of the best sales teams in the publishing industry. As we all know Jack. we worked hard and played a little harder. I want to offer my condolences to the family. We all lost a great friend and mentor in Jack. May he rest in peace.

John Simpson

John Simpson - August 21, 2014 at 10:08 AM

CE

When I was around 6 years old Jack & Emily were visiting my parents and Jack asked me, Charles, where do you get your hair cut? (he and Emily always called me Charles). I said Earl's Barbershop, why, where do you get your hair cut? He said "on my head". He had a joke for all ages. He will be sadly missed! Chuck Elliott & Kristine Weller

Chuck Elliott - August 21, 2014 at 06:38 PM