



John "Jack" Klausing

December 12, 1929 - July 15, 2021

John "Jack" Klausing passed away peacefully on July 15th 2021. Jack was born on December 12th, 1929, to Catherine and Fred Klausing. He was the youngest of 12 children. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, and his grandsons, John "JB" Klausing and Mitchell Klausing.

A devout Catholic, Jack attended St. Francis of Assisi grade school, and graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1947. After high school, he joined the US Navy, where he led the "USS Coral Sea" basketball team to The East Coast Basketball Championship. He was invited by Kentucky Head Coach Adolph Rupp to try out for the University of Kentucky. In 1953, Jack met the love of his life, Gwendolyn "Gwen" Thacker. Jack and Gwen would go on to have five children, Laura (Dave), John "Jack" Jr.(Patsy), Stephen (Janie), Mary (John), and Ann (Joe). His children blessed him with 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren with another on the way.

Jack was a pioneering man of many accomplishments. In the early 60's, he built Bluegrass Park. This became the mecca of Louisville softball. Home of the LIT. Jack had many successful ventures throughout his life. He was a lifetime member of the Bonnycastle Club. Rest in Peace, Jack. You will be deeply missed by many.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, July 19th at Ratterman and Sons, 3800 Bardstown Road. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Tuesday, the 20th of July at 10 a.m. at St. Martha Catholic Church, 2825 Klondike Lane, followed by burial in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be shared at <http://www.ratterman.com>.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY, 40205

Events

JUL **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

JUL **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Martha Catholic Church
2825 Klondike Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

Comments



“ Just found out about Jack. What a funny gentle soul will always cherish the day he let me drive the infamous teen angel,63 galaxie convertible. Always had the upmost respect for the great husband and father he was. Condolences to the entire family.God Bless

Randy Haynes - September 16 at 08:11 PM



“ Uncle Jack was a fine man with the Klausing sense of humor and fun to be around. He was a great sportsman and was always willing to help. I remember working the scoreboard at Bluegrass Field. Mulch love to Gwen and all his family. Stan Jr.

Stan Klausing - July 19 at 11:37 AM



“ He was my Great Uncle Jack and while I didn't get to see him much living in Texas these last 25 years, the times we did get to spend with him and Aunt Gwen were amazing. Hurts my heart we can't share our love with you all in person, but please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mark & Rachel Farnan

Mark Farnan - July 19 at 06:10 AM



“ Mr Klausing was such a funny man with a big heart. I spent a lot of time at his home while in high school. He would sing a certain song to me every time I walked in the door. I'll never forget the happy memories. My prayers are with you all.

Lura Bowling - July 18 at 11:16 AM



“ Jack, we are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was an impressive man. Keep the good memories close! Ron, Debbie and Matt Meyer

Ron Meyer - July 18 at 08:10 AM



“ I will miss you much.....Stannye

Stannye Tansey - July 17 at 12:08 PM