



John M. Hobbs

August 13, 1915 - February 24, 2016

Albany-John "Jack" M. Hobbs, in his 101st year of birth, was born into Eternal Life Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Daughters of Sarah. Born in Schenectady, he was the son of the late Hubert and Helen Van Buskirk Hobbs.

Jack graduated from Iowa State University, and was employed for almost 50 years with General Electric. He enjoyed painting and furniture caning. Jack loved spending summers with family and friends at their Lake House in the Adirondacks at Lake George, NY.

He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Scully Hobbs; dear father of Lawrence M. Hobbs (Sue), Eileen Hobbs Ruppel (Gary), Jean Hobbs Conte, Kevin J. Hobbs (Monsie), Brian R. Hobbs (Kelly) and the late John Martin Hobbs; cherished grandfather of Mariah Cronin, Michael Hobbs, Stephanie Tabit, Joseph Conte, Kerry Conte, Kyle Hobbs, Richard Hobbs, Martin Hobbs and Kendal Hobbs; brother of the late Harold and Edgar Hobbs; 8 great grandchildren survive.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jack's family Sunday, February 28, 2016 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Monday, February 29, 2016 at 10:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to The Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 11:00 am where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Interment will immediately follow at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna, NY.

Those wishing to remember Mr. Hobbs in a special way may send a contribution to the charity of your choice.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, light a candle or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighfuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery

2501 Troy Road
Niskayuna, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John M. Hobbs*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2016 at 01:53 PM

CN

Beautiful memories ...

Carmen Navarro - February 26, 2016 at 09:55 PM



To the friends and family of Jack, I just want to extend my heartfelt sympathy. I'll miss seeing him and chatting with him. He was quite an amazing man. When his daughter mentioned he was in Daughters of Sarah, I went to see him that night. So glad I got the chance to see him one last time. He was one of a kind and he'll surely be missed by many. I'll never forget him. God Bless you all.

Daniela Filmer - February 27, 2016 at 06:15 AM



“ *John M. Hobbs*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MO

“ *My condolences on the loss of your loved one, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 be of much comfort during this time, "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces."*

Montana - March 30, 2016 at 09:52 PM

EI

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Eileen - March 24, 2016 at 11:54 PM

“ Jack Hobbs Eulogy

A warm Hobbs family welcome to all and thank you for being here today to celebrate the life of Jack Hobbs.

I am Larry Hobbs and I am joined by my sisters and brothers, Eileen Ruppel, Jean Conte, Kevin Hobbs & Brian Hobbs, our spouses, grand children & great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and Uncle Marty.

Our family is very blessed to have all of you --- what Dad would consider his extended family for this liturgy.

Although you cannot talk about our father without our mother as they were a life long couple and an inseparable team, I would like to begin with a few minutes about our father.

His personality was bigger than life with always a laugh, a joke and a very outgoing interest in all people and things. These attributes were a perfect complement to his more structured engineering background.

He was competitive on all occasions. It did not matter if the challenge was volleyball, croquet, bocce, dominoes, 99 or the family Olympics at Lake George ---- you had better bring your “A” game . I am sure that this applied to shooting a round of

pool at Avila, or exercising in the water aerobics class, or maneuvering that outsized walker through the Avila halls.

He was frugal --- yes. Most certainly a reflection of the times when he grew up. Cars did not necessarily need radios, tinsel on a Christmas tree can be saved for next year, electricity and hot water are not free and the snow shovels, wheel barrels and tools from 1942 can function just as well in 2016 ---- if properly maintained. Conversely, when the need arose, he was very generous with love

and support.

He was very focused on the important aspects of life including our Catholic religion, family and education.

His working career, as I am sure everyone here knows, was 49 years at G.E. Starting with a tool & die shop apprenticeship, then an engineering degree at Iowa State (where, as a freshman, he also taught a course based on his knowledge from the apprenticeship training). On then to G.E. in support of the war effort where he worked to develop a radar aircraft surveillance system to intercept German fighters. This same technology was further enhanced to detect German submarines operating off our coast. After the war, Dad continued to be promoted through various G.E. businesses and accepted a post age 65 assignment with the Atomic Power

Division in California. Along the way he encountered numerous interesting characters including Warner Von Braun, Jack Welch the famous G.E President & CEO and Ronald Reagan with dad giving him a short course in the functioning of an atomic reactor.

One of his most recent great joys was his hundredth birthday celebration (1915 to 2015). This was not a single birth date (August 13), but actually a season ---- a season of celebration as many of you joined Dad in having a lot of fun on achieving such a milestone. There were parties, games, great food, cakes and songs. There were memorial shirts, books, DVD's , paintings and news coverage. What a great year!

And a few comments on the most important contribution, commitment, vocation of our mother and father --- that is the focus on the family. They let us know through words & actions, with love and guidance how important "family" is . I know that there were joys, frustrations, concerns & learning in raising six children, but they had a understanding of how important the family is, recognized the responsibility to do the best you can to get this right while instilling their basic beliefs and philosophies in us.

We as parents and grandparents have accepted this same challenge to get it as right as we can and to make Mom & Dad proud.

We have been blessed by having our parents with us for an extended period of time. We will miss them very much, but those "Hobbs" traditions that they instilled will be carried forward through the generations.

Thank you again for being here and may the peace of the Lord be with you.

Eileen Ruppel - March 08, 2016 at 10:14 AM

GC

“*Dear Hobbs Family, George and I send our deepest sympathies to all of you and will never forget Jack's smile, his laughter, his warm presence and his joy in the midst of his family. He was a wonderful and cherished father and grandfather and we are privileged to have known him. Blessings to all of you.*
Patty and George Carr

George and Patty Carr - March 07, 2016 at 08:12 AM

SC

“*Scully-Thurlow's lit a candle in memory of John M. Hobbs*



Scully-Thurlow's - March 05, 2016 at 04:12 PM

J(

“ We think Jack is telling his stories to St Peter who may not let him past the gate because St. Peter will want to hear more. When you were around Jack you knew he would be the entertainment. He was always personal and kind to me. I think there has always been a bit of a little kid in Jack. He always seemed to be in a good mood and it was contagious..

Mrs. Lee who is a good friend of my mother in law said Jack would make sure any physical problems at Avilia were fixed right. He really was an incredible guy. I guess I thought he would live forever too. We are so very sorry..

John & Maddy Thurlow

J&M Thurlow (Scully) - March 05, 2016 at 04:09 PM

EH

“ After reading all the fine and wonderful tributes and memories from so many people that Uncle Jack touched in his lifetime, I am absolutely moved to tears. I see that other people saw the same genuine, loving, full of joy and life man that we knew. When Ed and I first visited Jack and Betty at their home at Lake George, we were so touched by their warm, gracious hospitality. In looking at the pictures of all the family and friends that gathered at their summer house, we see that they also received that same joyful, welcoming hospitality as we did. Thank you all for sharing those wonderful pictures of Uncle Jack and Aunt Betty and their family. We so wish we could have spent more time with them, but we truly cherish the time we did have together. Our hearts go out to all of you as we all will miss him dearly. May the way he lived his life inspire us all to try to follow in his footsteps.

With much love, Ed & Kathy Hobbs

Ed & Kathy Hobbs - March 04, 2016 at 09:23 PM

JS

“ I was very sad to hear of Jack's passing. I had the extreme honor to have met him and to have shared a beautiful day with Jack and his family at Lake George. Jack was an extraordinary person. Very kind, bright, patient with an excellent sense of humor. With the energy he possessed, he had almost fooled me into thinking he would live forever. I did not know him long, but he made me feel special. My condolences to his family. He is missed every day in our hearts.

John K. Sullivan

John Sullivan - March 01, 2016 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ What a beautiful obituary and video tribute. The pictures and music made me laugh and then cry. I met Jack a few summers back when my daughter and I visited from Burlington, Ontario. I can't ever remember meeting someone I felt such immediate affection for. He was a joy to be around! I remember we all walked down to go swimming one afternoon and after a dip of my toe, I decided I'd take my time going into that cold cold lake. Not Jack! He went right on in with the energy and delight of a kid. And later, when we all went on a boat ride and my daughter and I jumped off a high rock into the lake, he clapped and cheered for us with all his might. I was honored to have met such a man. His faith, kindness and integrity stood out to me and I'll never forget him. We will have your family in our prayers at this difficult time, as we know he will be missed. Hugs.

Debbie Sweet - February 29, 2016 at 11:17 PM

MC

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



MARYLOU CURRY - February 29, 2016 at 06:53 AM

MC

Birthday celebration at St Isaac Jogues-Hague -2014

MARYLOU CURRY - February 29, 2016 at 06:58 AM

TG

“ *Jack was a very special person. He was engaging and was always interested in what you had to say. Everything interested him. He loved life and the people around him, especially his family. We met Jack at Lake George and his wit and humor clearly showed in the numerous games we played. Jack always played to win. Marsha and I will greatly miss "Captain Jack" because the chance of meeting a man like him again will never happen.*

*Thank you for the memories,
Tim Galligan and Marsha Martin*

Timothy William Galligan - February 28, 2016 at 07:25 PM

MC

“ *Hobbs Family*

Jack was a special person. It was a privilege for the entire Curry family to have known him over many summers. He was a man that was happy, joyful, grateful and a man of strong convictions of his faith. He shared his gifts and talents to all that knew him. He will be greatly missed by all.

God bless you Jack and your wonderful family.

Love and prayers,

Mary Lou Curry and family

MARY LOU CURRY - February 28, 2016 at 11:27 AM

M(

“ *One Sunday after mass up at the lake, Mr. Hobbs invited us to his home. My boys were young and without anyone seeing my youngest took the fake gun to scare the geese and shot it right in the living room!!! It was loud and my son was so nervous - he knew he was in trouble! Without skipping a beat Mr. Hobbs said that's alright I don't blame him - I would've done the same thing if I was him! Mr. Hobbs is one of a kind, full of faith, smart, talented and kind. We were all blessed to have known him.*

Wish we could be there to give you all hugs. You are in our prayers.

Love,

Tom, Mary, Tommy & Colin

marywilliams (curry) - February 27, 2016 at 06:49 PM

MI

“ It was an honor to meet and work with Jack and a bittersweet joy to witness the love that his children have for him. Although I only had the good-fortune to know Jack for a very short time, he definitely has left his mark in my heart forever. He was so kind, funny and appreciative, and had the will to live like no other. I hope I was able to provide him with even an ounce of the joy that he brought to us. I will never forget that Jack said one of the sweetest things to me that anyone has ever said. He literally brought tears to my eyes when he said, "You make my life happier". I am sending prayers for peace and healing to his wonderful family. I will never forget all our speech and swallowing sessions and what an inspiring patient he was. God bless you Jack.

Marisa Ishkanian - February 27, 2016 at 06:23 PM

WJ

I knew Jack for many years in GE and considered him as a good friend and great mentor. Always after every encounter with Jack (business and social) I felt better about myself as well as the situation we discussed. Jack always set a positive and admirable example in his business and personal life. I will always have fond memories of Jack.
Bill Jessup

william Jessup - February 28, 2016 at 10:59 AM

EI

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Eileen - February 27, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John M. Hobbs.*



February 27, 2016 at 09:30 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Eileen - February 27, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing this vibrant and funny man for 4 years while working at Avila. He always greeted me with a smile and a joke. We talked about our love for Lake George since I had lived there for part of my childhood. My prayers and thoughts to Jean and the rest of the Hobbs family.*

Rhonda Ardia - February 27, 2016 at 08:12 AM

HA

“ When you are a college student, you often find yourself looking for nonjudgmental adults who simply love life and in loving life accept you for who you are---that was Jack. He made me feel welcome like few others and along the way he was funny, thoughtful and always curious about my life. He has left a last impression on me and my daughter about the value of simple kindness sprinkled with humor. We join the Hobbs clan in celebrating the life of the one and only Jack Hobbs!

Harriet - February 27, 2016 at 07:58 AM

DR

“ To Jack`s family I send hugs.....now he called me his girlfriend.....How many 100`s did he really have ? I loved him and still do...will miss him @ mass this summer. Hope to see you all this Summer..hugs..Deb the singer who coughs all the time..tell me one of his favorite songs and we will sing it at our previous...Church of the Blessed Sacrament..

deborah reid - February 27, 2016 at 07:34 AM

MF

“ One of the HIGHLIGHTS of Going to a Summer Mass at Blessed Sacrament in Hague was Hearing That Booming Voice across the Church "Hey Mick". Great Man with a Greater Sense of Humor. Very Honored to Have Known Him. Rest Easy Jack.

Mickey Fitzgerald - February 27, 2016 at 04:47 AM

MH

“ *Monsie Hobbs lit a candle in memory of John M. Hobbs*



Monsie Hobbs - February 26, 2016 at 09:32 PM

CL

Jack Hobbs was a man that was loved by all He wa meant to live a long life so whether you knew him a short or a long time you could bask in admiration from someone so amazing but so humble who lived life to the fullest and brought so much joy to his family. V

christine landon - February 26, 2016 at 11:24 PM

MT

“ *Jack was one of the funniest people I knew. He loved people and if you made a faux pas he would just gently cover it up with kindness and humor. I am so glad he got to see his granddaughter Kerry in a musical at Proctors Theatre. I heard through a friend that he kept the assisted living facility rocking and he introduced new people. (heard thru Mrs. Lee, another resident).*

I wish we could all have a little of Jack in us as it would be a much kinder, funnier world.

Madeline S. Thurlow

Madeline Thurlow - February 26, 2016 at 07:47 PM

LB

“ My husband, John thought the world of Jack. I only met him once but right away loved him! We visited with Jack and his family last summer at Lake George and are now privileged to own his old boat which we have fondly named, "Thanks Jack!" Our sincere sympathies to all Jack's family and friends.

Lisa and John Bolton
Brant Lake, NY

lisa bolton - February 26, 2016 at 05:15 PM

MH

“ Jack Was a great Mentor and friend to me when I was a young Executive.at General Electric. He took the time to listen and help in many assignments I had with him on GE's Corporate Consulting Staff. I was very fortunate to have visited with him several years ago when he was celebrating his 98th year. My God hold him in the palm of his hand. With admiration and respect, Marty Holleran

Marty Holleran - February 26, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John M. Hobbs.



February 26, 2016 at 03:54 PM

“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 26, 2016 at 01:48 PM

PS

“ With sadness I've learned about Jack Hobbs passing away. I have known him for several years now and fondly remember him as a warm and passionate man with zest for life with enormous accomplishments . Kind , generous , with great sense of humor and fantastic story teller. Surely will miss him.
My sincere sympathy and condolences to family and those who knew him.

Piotr Skladzinski, Albany, NY

Piotr Skladzinski - February 26, 2016 at 01:45 PM

BN

“ My sympathies go out to the Hobbs family. I did not have the privilege of knowing Jack Hobbs, but by knowing and working with his son Brian, I know he was a exceptional man.

Beth Fielden, Charlotte, NC - February 26, 2016 at 08:25 AM

JA

A rare man who always thought about others, We'll miss you Jack.

John Annick - February 26, 2016 at 01:37 PM