



## John "Jack" Joseph Hinchén

September 18, 1926 - August 31, 2019

Dr. John "Jack" Joseph Hinchén of Albany, New York and Truro, Massachusetts (formerly of Manchester, Connecticut) passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 31st, 2019, a few weeks shy of his 93rd birthday, at home with immediate family by his side. Jack was born on September 18th, 1926, in Woodcliff, North Bergen, New Jersey to the late John "Johnny" Joseph and Elizabeth (Fahey) Hinchén.

After graduating from high school, Jack enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey until World War II ended in 1945. He finished college at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. Jack then received a Master of Science in physics from Columbia University and a Ph.D in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. While living in New York City, he met Gail von Borstel who was a nursing student at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. They were married at the First Reformed Church of Schenectady in 1954.

While completing his Ph.D, Jack worked as a research scientist at General Electric in Schenectady. In 1962, United Technologies Corporation hired Jack to become a senior research scientist at their labs in East Hartford, Connecticut. The Hinchén's moved to Manchester, Connecticut, where they happily lived for more than 50 years. Jack's career spanned the golden age of

science, characterized by an explosive growth in the number of scientists at work and fueled by a seemingly unlimited expansion in the level of government funding. Jack's area of expertise was inventing and developing chemical lasers. He truly loved his 30 year career at UTC.

Jack had many interests including skiing in Vermont, fly fishing in the Adirondacks, playing tennis, sailing on Long Island Sound, listening to jazz, attending classical music concerts, traveling in Europe, reading biographies, visiting Civil War battlefields, leading rousing conversations at the dinner table and enjoying cocktail hour on the deck at Cape Cod. Jack will always be remembered for his quick-witted intelligence, great sense of humor, curiosity about the world and kind, caring nature. He was a devoted husband, father and brother.

Jack is survived by his wife, Gail (von Borstel) Hinchon of Albany; his sister, Claire (Hinchon) Layton of New Jersey; his son, David Hinchon and husband Duane Barker of Albany; his daughter, Shauna (Hinchon) Joyal and husband Robert Joyal of Hamilton, Massachusetts; his grandson, Ethan Joyal of Poughkeepsie and his granddaughter, Ivy Joyal of Hamilton, Massachusetts. He was predeceased by his sisters, Mary (Hinchon) Muller, Florence (Hinchon) Nielson, Betty (Hinchon) Mann and Margaret (Hinchon) Gorman. Jack is also survived by 17 nieces and nephews, all with their own unique relationship to their uncle.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 14th at First Presbyterian Church of Albany, 362 State Street (corner of Willett on Washington Park), Albany, New York. The Rev. Dr. Miriam Lawrence Leupold will be officiating. All are welcome to attend the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Albany: [firstpresalbany.org](http://firstpresalbany.org).

Jack had a great love for his family and friends, who will miss him greatly. Jack's wife and children would like to thank his home health aide, Darnell Johnson and the staff at Community Hospice and Saint Peter's Hospital for their great care and compassion.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
362 State Street  
Albany, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Joseph Hinch*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Gail and Jack's family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Jack's passing He will certainly be missed.  
We lost contact after you all moved but I have many fond memories  
of Jack.  
We formed the first UTRC group to go out for Chinese lunches over  
40 years ago and we are still carrying on the tradition. Jack would  
call ~10 UTRC retiree's and I would do the same.  
We played a lot of tennis together in the UTRC League and also on  
our own. We were good competitors.  
Jack and I both worked on lasers and had a lot of mutual interests in  
this area.  
Please accept my heart felt condolences and know that I will cherish  
fond memories of Jack.  
Warmest Regards,  
David Smith email DCSLASERS@GMAIL.COM*

david smith - September 09, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *Dear Gail,  
I was so sorry to read of your husband's passing; my deepest  
sympathy goes out to you and your family.  
Sincerely,  
Gail Rosenberg*

Gail Rosenberg - September 08, 2019 at 04:59 PM

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*Dear Gail and family, we send you our love and heartfelt sympathy on Jack's passing. We have such fond memories of the both of you as our neighbors when we lived on Adelaide Road. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Diane and Gary DeCarlo*

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**Diane DeCarlo** - September 09, 2019 at 01:13 AM