



John 'Jack' W. Paradise

January 28, 1940 - February 10, 2021

Guilderland - John W. Paradise (Jack) passed into eternal rest at home surrounded by his loving family on February 10, 2021.

Born on January 28, 1940 in Albany, NY, he was the son of the late Vera L. (Clas) and Augusta R. Paradise. He is also predeceased by his older brother, August (Gus) Paradise.

Jack was a graduate of Vincentian Institute, Albany, NY and Siena College, Loudonville, NY. He was a member of the Army National Guard from 1960-1964. He began his 55-year career in the insurance industry immediately upon graduation. Over the years, his promotions grew with the Insurance Company of North America (INA) as a Claims Adjuster, Claim Supervisor, and then Claim Manager of the Albany and Syracuse satellite office. Under Jack's tenure, the Albany Claim Office received national ranking on three occasions and in 1981, was named number one in the country. In 1986, Jack became Founder and President of Paradise Adjustment Services, Incorporated, which he ran for 30 years. For most of his career he served as the Claims Adjuster for The Town of Colonie; a position he highly regarded, largely due to the wonderful relationships he developed. Jack's reputation in the insurance world

was one of professional integrity, esteemed insurance knowledge, veritable fairness, and loyalty to everyone he met.

Jack was an avid sports fan, especially of Siena Basketball, where he enjoyed season tickets and attending games with family and his best friend, Jack Nash. He was also a previous member of Tall Timber Country Club and Pinehaven Country Club, where he played golf with his sons and friends. Jack had a pure love of “working his property.” He would spend countless hours planting, edging, trimming, and expertly placing more and more stones and rocks, making his family laugh while enjoying the beauty he created. Jack was a communicant of Christ the King Church in Guilderland, where he loved talking to Father Jim about the New York Yankees. Jack was a wonderful storyteller to the special people in his life. Every time he told a story from his deep catalog, it would become embellished. He also had a keen love of music, with a particular appreciation of orchestration and his favorite performer, Frank Sinatra.

Jack’s genuinely big heart and outgoing personality made him a most authentic Santa during many Christmas seasons entertaining colleagues, family, and friends. He especially cherished his time in local hospitals visiting children battling illnesses to spread Christmas song, cheer, and love.

Jack is survived by his wife of 56 years, MaryLou (Querques), whom he lovingly called “Blondie.” Together, they nurtured and raised their three children, MaryBeth, John, and Derek. Without a doubt, Jack’s greatest joy in life was being with his growing family. He loved his son-in-law, Joe Kramer, and daughters-in-law, Mary Elizabeth and Jennifer. His three children and their spouses also became parents to three children each, making him the most proud and beloved Poppy of nine grandchildren: Ryan (fiancée Kara), Kaitlin & Courtney Kramer; Madigan, Katie & Teagan Paradise; and Emma,

Jillian & Anthony Paradise.

Jack is also survived by his sister-in-law, Janet (James R.) Leach, and brother-in-law, John (Mary) Querques. He is pre-deceased by his sister-in-law, Trudy (and Robert) Smith. He is also survived by many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The Paradise Family thanks with a full heart the people who helped us care for Dad throughout his struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. We most especially thank a very wonderful nurse, Tena, for her kindness, compassion, and the special presence she brought to Mom and Dad over the past year. She has become a treasured friend to our family.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jack's family Monday, February 15, 2021 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Funeral services Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 11:30 am at Christ the King Church, Guilderland, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Masks and social distancing are required.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY 12204

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

FEB **16**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John 'Jack' W. Paradise*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 15, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *John 'Jack' W. Paradise*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *May you be comforted to know Uncle Jack is with his mother Nana, his Big Brother Gus and my Beautiful Mother Anna in Heaven. Prayers for your continued strength during this time of loss.*

Dana Paradise-Knowlton - February 15, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Dear Mary Lou and family, We wish to extend our sympathy to this gentle man whom we shared many memories,. We had so many laughs, good times, and embellished stories between Jack and Dick. We are very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Still remember INA, Jack starting his own business, and his care when Dick was ill. God bless. Dee, Patty, Shelly, Dave, Ann Belanger.*

Patricia Caruso - February 15, 2021 at 07:10 PM

BJ

“ I want to express my sorrow for your loss, Mary Lou. While I have not seen you in many years, I remember knowing you, your Mom, & your sister....working at Flahs, school, & as friends. Jack played ball with us occasionally across from your house in V'ville, In later years I spoke with him frequently when I visited my wife who worked in an office near his in a bldg. on Washington Ave. ext. Both she and Jack stopped working there 2or 3 years ago. So it is with sadness I think of him and the loss felt by you and the rest of the family. A good man, a great loss. Best wishes...Barry Jamason .

Barry Jamason - February 15, 2021 at 03:48 PM

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“ My condolences to Mary Lou and the family. I have known Jack for a long time and I never recall him not smiling and telling a good story. He was a gentleman from the old school and very proud of his family.

Neil O'Connor - February 15, 2021 at 02:58 PM

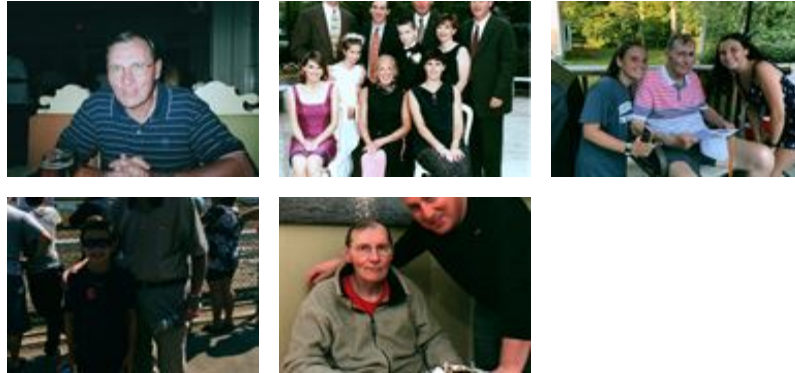
CB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. He was a truly honorable, classy guy. When he would visit me at the office, I knew that I had to have my ducks lined up for every detail that he wanted to “double check”. He was on top of everything about business, but most of all, he was the consummate story teller. I will miss seeing him and hearing his stories, most of all, updates about his beautiful, beloved MaryLou. I send my deepest sympathy. Love, Cheryl

Cheryl Barnes - February 15, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 15, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John 'Jack' W. Paradise.



February 15, 2021 at 08:27 AM



“ Tracey Leach lit a candle in memory of John 'Jack' W. Paradise



Tracey Leach - February 15, 2021 at 07:52 AM

TL

“ *My Uncle Jack was one of a kind. Such a beautiful soul. I will always remember his laugh and great personality. From dinners at our house to poolside at his & Aunt Mimi's, he always a joke or funny story to tell. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Uncle Jack.*

Tracey Leach - February 15, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of John 'Jack' W. Paradise.*



February 14, 2021 at 02:43 PM

NK

“ *Wishing you light and love and sending you prayers! I'm sure my Dad and my Uncle Jack are sharing stories and smiling as they share memories!*

*Love,
Natalie Nash-Keenan*

natalie keenan - February 13, 2021 at 10:43 PM

JA

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire Paradise family.*

*John Aidala
(Quail Auto Sales)*

John Aidala - February 13, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JH

“ Jack

You will not be forgotten, you will be truly missed. I am glad to have been a part of your family when you and Mary Lo needed things done around the house. RIP my friend. God Bless.

John & Erin Herrmann

John herrmann - February 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the extended Paradise family. Jack was a wonderful hard-working honest man who always had something nice to say about anyone he ever had contact with. His good humor and soul will be sorely missed. We are sure he and Jack are watching over all of you and smiling as they listen to Sinatra together.*

Our deepest sympathies,

Chris Brassard & Lisa Pouchak

Chris Brassard - February 12, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John 'Jack' W. Paradise.*



February 12, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JL

“ *It is with immense sorrow, the void left with the passing of a great brother-in law and uncle to the Leach family whose wit was always appreciated and inspiring GOD bless his soul*

James Leach - February 12, 2021 at 12:07 PM