



John J. Walsh Sr

January 4, 1931 - January 29, 2021

Loudonville-John Joseph Walsh, Sr. (Jack) died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 29, 2021. Born in South Troy on January 4, 1931, he was the son of the late Mary Devery and John H. Walsh and had 3 dedicated sisters who predeceased him: Marian Doring, Alma Walsh and Edna Kane as did several brother and sisters-in-laws.

In 1958 Jack married his beloved wife Theresa M. Walsh (Kowalski) who he shared a wonderful marriage with. Theresa sadly passed away after 34 loving years of marriage. Jack and Theresa had strong family values and shortly after they married started a family of their own having 5 adoring children who all survive him: Mary Walsh Snyder (Tom), Loudonville, NY, Janice DeVito (Joe) Doylestown, PA, Judy Ashley (Tim) Purcellville, VA, John J. Walsh, Jr. (Jeanne) Guilderland, NY and Michael G. Walsh (Jennifer) Oklahoma City, OK.

Jack was a dedicated grandfather and is survived by his loving grandchildren: Amanda Trinsey (Mike), Joey DeVito, James DeVito, Emily DeVito, Matt Snyder, John J (Jack) Walsh III, Lindsay Ashley, Jenna Walsh, Collin Ashley, Sean Walsh and Kara Snyder and his great-grandchildren: Hana and Elliana Trinsey and Sloane and Declan McKenna. Grandchildren Katherine DeVito

and Kieran Walsh predeceased him. Jack is survived by two sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was proud of his South Troy upbringing and would often mention it whenever he could. As a young man he attended St. Joseph's Elementary School and the original LaSalle Institute ('49) both in Troy. At LaSalle he played football and basketball and was named Captain of the basketball team. Jack was voted into the LaSalle Hall of Fame in 2006 along with many of his lifelong friends.

Jack proudly served in the US Navy during the Korean War on the USS Aludra-AF-55 as 3rd Class Petty Officer with the 7th Fleet. During his tour he received ribbons for Korea Service, China Service, United Nations and National Defense Service and was honorably discharged on February 25, 1955. Jack was employed by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P) for 40 years and during his employment was the youngest Store Manager and District Manager having served in the latter position for 27 years before retiring in November 1989 to care for Theresa.

Jack was a man of strong faith, he started his life as a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church, South Troy, and then at St. Casimir's Church in Albany for 42 years. At St. Casimir's he served as Parish Council President and a member of the Holy Name Society. At the time of his death, Jack was a parishioner at St. Pius X Church, in Loudonville. Jack was a member of The American Legion, Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520 since 1969 and the Navy Petty Officer's Club in Troy.

Jack loved family vacations in Cape Cod with Theresa and their children. Later in life he was fortunate to enjoy trips to Florida, Las Vegas, Aruba and Ireland with family and friends. Jack was very proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren traveling out of state to spend time with them attending countless birthdays and special events. He was fortunate to reconnect with many of his LaSalle classmates swapping old stories at Saturday morning coffee at Panera with them. He enjoyed the special times he spent with Dorey DeVita and her family, daily Mass at St. Pius and the coffee group afterwards and his workouts and swim class at the Rudy Ciccotti Center. Jack was a life-long Notre Dame football fan and could often be seen wearing a ND hat or shirt.

Because of covid, the funeral service for Jack will be held privately with the assistance of McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen Street, Albany, NY. A Mass celebrating his life will be held in the future and will be posted in the paper.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish to remember Jack, they may make a memorial contribution to PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease) Foundation, 1001 E 101st Terrace #220, Kansas City, MO 64131 or via link <https://support.pkdcure.org/give/319374/#!/donation/checkout> .

The family would like to thank the staff at Loudonville Assisted Living for all the care, love and compassion that they gave our Dad and Poppy over these 2 years. The staff took care of him as if he was their family.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *John J. Walsh Sr*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *We always enjoyed spending time with Jack at many of the DeVita family gatherings. He was always smiling, and we will miss him. Our sincere sympathy to all of the Walsh family.*
Jim and Sherrie Schaffer

Sherrie Schaffer - February 05, 2021 at 08:57 AM



“ *I fondly remember Jack and Theresa and the kids many years ago when they vacationed in Cape Cod with my family and attended St. Casimir's Church and school. May all of his children be happy knowing that they were blessed to have "super" parents and it was a pleasure for me and my family to have known such a good man.*

John Fischer - February 05, 2021 at 12:16 AM



“ *Enjoyed seeing your Dad in recent years at St.Pius. Always had a big smile and wanted to know how everyone was doing. May he Rest In Peace.*

Mike Rowan - February 04, 2021 at 07:12 PM


RF

“ I was blessed to cross paths with Mr. Walsh and the entire Walsh Family. Mr. Walsh was a true role model and a man of faith, a family man, a pillar of the community, and simply a great American. He was devoted to God, Family, and Country.

On a personal level he was a tremendous male figure in my life and I'm eternally grateful for his generosity, kindness, and compassion for my family. Rest In Peace and may your family take comfort in the life you led and the love, values, and faith you instilled in all of them.

Rico Frese - February 04, 2021 at 05:19 PM

PD

“ To all the dear members of the Walsh Family,
Sending you all my deep heartfelt sympathy at this very sad time. My memory of Jack will always be his contagious big smile and huge hug whenever you saw him. I truly always felt like a vip in his presence. I'm so glad I was able to visit him at the Loudonville home. He was in great spirits and spoke so much about you and of course showed me your mom's picture on the wall near his bed. His face ever since she passed always lit up Everytime he spoke of her. As sad as you all are it has to bring a smile to your face that they are reunited and having a great time! God bless you all. Big hug


Phyllis D'Antonio - February 04, 2021 at 09:32 AM

JR

“ Michael, Jennifer and Sean, We are sending you love and prayers during this challenging time. We love you, The Rogers Family

John Rogers - February 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KZ

“ *Such a wonderful and gracious man. He will be missed by soooo many people. Our group of Oswego “girls” would have many reunions at the house and he never failed to greet us with his huge smile, hug, and made you feel like you just saw him yesterday. He always made us feel welcome and beautiful. Love ya Mr Walsh!*

Karyn Zanetti - February 02, 2021 at 05:21 PM

CB

“ Even though I only met Mr. Walsh once while he visited Oklahoma and after only spending a few hours each day with him I can honestly say he is one of the greatest men I have ever had the honor to meet. Not for what we talked about, not because of an immediate bond I believe we shared (both of us running around shirtless helped lol), not because of the love and devotion you could see he had for his family but because of how I viewed the love his family had for him. I have never met any of his children except for one. I never met any grandchildren except for one. Yet over the @ 20+ years I knew just the ones I was able to hear stories. I was able to visually witness exactly what Mr. Walsh meant to his daughters, other son and grandchildren. I had the privilege to witness that even though there was many miles between them all just how close they were and what a powerful bond they all shared for one another. It's unmatched the power of love and devotion that Mr and Mrs Walsh was able to instill and pass on in their family. I can also believe this to be true from how I see it being passed down in their grandchildren thanks to social media. With that being said no I'm not a stalker I just appreciate and envy a family such as what Mr. Walsh has provided this world with. We all are indebted to him for this and lucky are those that get to cross those paths. Even though I am sad that a great man is no longer with us in body, I know he still lives in each and everyone of his children and their children. Because of my own faith I am equally happy as I am sad. Without any doubt I am 100% certain Mr and Mrs Walsh are now together again and will be with us watching over their remarkable legacy.

Coy Burns - February 02, 2021 at 11:48 AM

JW

“ I lived next to Jack and his family from the time that I was three until my family left White Fir Drive when I was nine. I remember Jack always being kind and funny to me and my sisters. He would smile, joke and sing to us. He was a lovely person, and I will always think of him fondly.

JULIE Reddy WILTSHIRE - February 01, 2021 at 10:47 PM

RM

“ Any day he came into the pharmacy was a great day. I just enjoyed talking with him about anything. My condolences and sympathy to the Walsh Family.

Roland MacPhee - February 01, 2021 at 09:55 PM

BS

“ Lived a long interesting life for a simple man, he was so proud of his family, his Catholic faith and upbringing, so glad I met him through our kids.

Brian Jones Sr - February 01, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JN

“ Mike, I believe I met your dad once here in OKC... I did not know him... but I know the son he and your mom raised and they did good. Praying for you and your family.

Joseph Nelson - February 01, 2021 at 07:42 PM