



John "Jack" Joseph Ryan

November 15, 1935 - June 7, 2024

Jack Ryan, beloved father and friend, passed away mid-morning on June 7, 2024 after a sudden cardiac event with two of his daughters by his side. He was 88.

Jack was born November 15, 1935 in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania to John and Dorothy (Mitchell) Ryan. He was the oldest of four boys. The brothers – Jack, Jim, Joe, and Jeff – were close and were sometimes referred to as “The Four J’s.”

He graduated high school from Friends’ Central School in 1954 and went on to earn a business degree. From there he worked in the mail room at Atlantic Richfield Company (“ARCO” which later became BP) and continued to advance to credit card sales manager until he retired after 31 years. After retirement from ARCO, he continued working as a consultant for some years later.

Jack had quite a sense of humor and was known as a jokester and ladies man since high school. He lived in the Brightmore of Wilmington community the last few years and was loved by many residents and staff.

He loved sports, particularly Notre Dame (football) and UNCW Seahawks (baseball). Rather than lullabies, Jack taught his children the Notre Dame fight song. He was also known by many in the Seahawk Baseball community as a loyal and diehard fan, appreciated for his love of the game. He finished his high school senior year playing Varsity Soccer, Varsity Baseball, and Varsity Basketball. He was an avid runner and golfer in his younger years and

enjoyed fishing and camping as well. When no longer able to play competitively, he coached, umpired, and enjoyed watching his children play their various sports.

Jack was very proud of all 6 of his children and often referred to his children from two separate marriages as the "First Litter" and the "Second Litter." He is survived by his First Litter and their families: Jack, Jr. (Akiko (wife), Marina and Amy), Tom (Theresa (wife), Briana, and Taylor), and Megan (Cory (husband) Jackson), as well as his Second Litter and their families: Christie (Patrick (husband), Ryan Olivia, Hunter, Aida, and Carson), Danny, and Callie. A memorial service will be held at Brightmore of Wilmington (2324 41st Street, Wilmington, NC) on Friday, June 14 at 2:00 pm.

Because Jack's family extends from Japan to Pennsylvania, a celebration of life for his family will be held in early August.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Members of Litter #1 and Litter #2, You might be interested in learning there was almost a third litter. Please watch the video link I shared of a story I told earlier this month at a storytelling competition in Philadelphia.

The Jack in this story is your father. After hearing me tell the story, someone in the audience gathered a few more details from me, did some homework and found your dad's obituary.

My mother (Bonnie) and your father dated for a time while working at the Atlantic Richfield Company when they were quite young. (I think my mom might have been only about 18 or 19 years old at the time.) My dad Bob worked in the mailroom with your father.

I grew up knowing this tale of how my parents met, and I wonder if any of you ever heard a version of this story from your father's perspective?

https://youtu.be/_EcbuX7hxRY?feature=shared

About a year ago, my mother and I were both wondering whatever happened to Jack Ryan. I wish I had a way to have reached out to you then, so they could have reminisced while your dad was still alive. I just assumed his name was way too common for me to ever find him!

*Karen Reiner
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Karen Reiner - February 21, 2025 at 02:40 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences. Sending love to all the family during this difficult time. He will be missed but not forgotten.* ”

Terri Ryan-Lipps - June 14, 2024 at 11:16 AM