



## John J. McLoughlin

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Jack McLoughlin passed away peacefully in Wilmington, North Carolina on March 28, 2023. He is survived by Joan McLoughlin (nee Davison), his beloved wife of nearly 57 years, their children John and Laura, and their spouses, Justin and Bryan, grandchildren Margaret (Maggie), John (Jack), Brett and Ashlyn, and his dog Gus.

Jack was born January 6, 1943 in Brooklyn, New York to parents John and Lenora McLoughlin, and graduated from Fordham University with a BA in English in 1964. He worked in the electrical business in New York until moving with his family to Baltimore, MD in 1984 to found his own lighting manufacturers' representative agency, Maryland Lighting. Maryland Lighting was successful from the start, and Jack was known for providing best-in-class benefits to all who worked for him and their families. His son John joined Maryland Lighting full time in 1992, and the two later became business partners. The company grew, expanded territory, and ultimately merged in 2004 with another manufacturers' representative to form One Source Associates, which has since grown into a premier agency serving the Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia markets.

Jack was an avid tennis and pickleball player who organized games for his friends and relished making new ones to invite to play with those he already had. His was a big, fun-loving personality on any court, and if he was playing,

people were smiling. He loved his dogs, and was regularly seen by those who got out of bed early enough walking them at Oregon Ridge Park in Maryland, and later in Landfall in North Carolina. He was a voracious reader of The Bible and also of crime novels, which he shared with his friends after reading them himself.

People blossomed around Jack. He encouraged his wife Joan to attend college as an adult, which she did, even playing on the school's tennis team before graduating in 2000. He also delighted in her artistic success, took pleasure in the achievements of his children and grandchildren, and helped many friends recover physically and emotionally after surgeries, losses, and other major life events. He loved every member of his family unconditionally. Jack was a devout man who prayed The Rosary every day, loved his relationship with God, and prayed daily for countless friends and relatives. He volunteered regularly at Beans and Bread in Baltimore and The Sister Isaac Center (formerly St. Mary / Tileston Outreach) in Wilmington. As his meaningful life here ended, Jack was very much at peace.

A Funeral Mass will be held celebrating Jack's life on Saturday, April 15 at 11:00am at St. Therese Catholic Church, located at 209 Lumina Ave. S, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480. Parking is limited, so please plan accordingly.

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ *My heartfelt condolences To John Jr. and all the family and friends!!  
I have a lot of great memories with John Sr. in business and he  
always shared, the most important thing is his family!!*

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**Robert (Bob) Freedman** - April 15, 2023 at 09:15 PM

“ Jack has been my friend since our freshman year at St. John's Prep High School in Brooklyn. Most students lived in Brooklyn or Queens, and we commuted to school by subway. In our junior year Jack moved from Brooklyn to my neighborhood in Queens. Our friendship grew stronger. After we graduated Jack attended Fordham University in the Bronx, and I attended St. John's University in Queens. Our close friendship continued through out our college years....and through out our lives.

When Jack "got a car" during this time, we were off to the races.....literally! There were times when we were off the same afternoons and Jack would drive us to Aqueduct Race Track in Queens. Those were happy days, especially if we won. Since Jack had a car he was always picking me to go out to enjoy being 18 or 19, etc. I am not "a ball of fire" so Jack would spend a lot of time in my house waiting for me. He never complained. He would share with me later how much he enjoyed being with my family. My mother was a very warm, welcoming lady from County Mayo, Ireland. Jack shared many cups of tea with her while enjoying the banter of my three brothers and my sister. (Jack helped my sister, Kathleen, purchase her first car.)

Then Jack met Joan and very quickly fell in love with her.... and you could see why he did. I was honored when Jack asked me to be in his "wedding party" when they celebrated their Sacrament of Matrimony at their Wedding Mass nearly 57 years ago.

Jack helped me get my first job working for and with his father for almost 10 years in the electrical business in New York. Jack was then instrumental in a career change that was very helpful to me. We remained friends after Jack & Joan moved to Maryland in 1984. The distance did not diminish the love we have for each other.

Our last communication was from an email string when things were getting difficult. Jack wrote to me in his last sentence that, "We will all be together soon enough." That is an indication of Jack's

*unwavering Faith. Yes Jack we will all be together in your New Location.*

Kevin & Eileen - April 08, 2023 at 10:44 PM

RS

“ Hi Joan:

*I just heard about Jack's passing from my son Scott. My deepest sympathies. He was one of the good guys and I'm sure will be terribly missed and fondly remembered by friends and family alike.*

*Words escape me at this moment, but with the passing of Michele still fresh in my mind, I have a sense of how you must feel. I set up a small memorial of her in my den and stop by to talk to her every day. She was my confidante in life and will remain so for as long as I live.*

*I found this poem (below) that I recite to her most every day and would like to share it with you.*

*I Thought of you Today*

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*I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.  
I think of you in silence. I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping; I have you in my heart.*

*Author unknown.*

*With Love,  
Bob Stolzenburg*

Robert Stolzenburg - April 05, 2023 at 03:28 PM

DW

“ Jack will be missed by so many people in our community. We enjoyed and responded to his banter on and off the pickleball court.

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**Derek and Lesley Woods** - April 03, 2023 at 12:35 PM

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“ My cousin Jack was like a brother to me. He was my first friend. I was two years older than him. My mother Adrienne and his mother Leonora were sisters, And Jackie and I spent our childhoods together first in Brooklyn, then in Pennsylvania and then back in Brooklyn New York. There are so many stories and adventures that we had together. I can't possibly recount all of them here. I would be glad to share them perhaps on a zoom call with anyone who is interested. For now, what I can say is that I am so deeply grateful that our paths crossed in this life and for every precious moment that we spent together. Our prayers are with all of you and we will be with you in spirit on April 15th. Love, John and Suzanne.

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**John and Suzanne Mariner (Marinace)** - April 02, 2023 at 11:40 PM

RK

“ In Loving Memory of John J. McLoughlin,

*In loving memory of a wonderful person who will be loved and missed always. A Sympathy Gift of Grove of 100 Trees has been Planted In Loving Memory of John J. McLoughlin courtesy of Richard Klapper.*

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**Richard Klapper** - March 31, 2023 at 12:48 PM

MK

“ Despite illness the news of losing a loved one always comes with sadness. Our heartfelt sympathies to all members of the McLoughlin family, four legged friends included. Your circle of friends is strong and we are here to help in any way possible. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers,

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**Mark and Mary Katherine Koehler** - March 31, 2023 at 09:53 AM

CC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Joan, I'm thinking of you. Sending love to your family!

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**Christina Capra** - March 31, 2023 at 09:36 AM