



John "Jack" Florian

January 4, 1928 - February 9, 2021

John "Jack" E. Florian (1928-2021)

John "Jack" Florian of Toledo, Ohio passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on February 9, 2021. His long time wish was to be at home with his wife during his final days and that gift was granted, which was a great comfort to our family.

Jack was born January 4th, 1928 to Carl and Edith Florian in Toledo, Ohio. He attended Central Catholic High School where he played Varsity basketball and then furthered his education at the University of Toledo where he played on the Freshman basketball team. Jack went on to play many years in the CYO and TCCY Leagues for OLPH and St. Anne's Parish, winning many titles.

Jack endlessly told the story about the moment he saw Arlene (Petrie). He knew in an instant that he was going to marry her. From that day forward, until the day he left this Earth he did everything in his power to love her, care for her, and protect her. His endearing love for her was witnessed by their eight children, 15 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren. Jack and Arlene were married for 70 years.

For over sixty years, Jack proudly carried on the family name at The Florian Insurance Agency. The agency was started by his grandfather, Edward A. Florian, in 1907 and during his time there he helped transition the agency into its fourth and fifth generation. Most of his career was spent working alongside his sons, Tom and Gary. Jack had a way of turning customers into friends and

longed for each and every one of them to be taken care of the old-fashioned way.

Jack enjoyed golf, tennis, playing cards, magic, and in his later years he was especially skillful at corn hole. He loved playing, coaching, and watching sports all the same. Basketball was his favorite!

He coached his kids at OLPH for many years, later became the school Sports Director, and was awarded the CYO Adult Contributor Award in 1978.

After sending five boys through the St. Johns basketball program, he became a lifelong fan. For fifty years he rarely missed a game! He was later honored for this by the school.

Jack was a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish where he regularly attended mass with his wife on Sunday mornings. Together, they volunteered their time at St. Vincent de Paul Society where he became the President and Treasurer for sixteen years. Jack also was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a Former member of Heatherdowns Country Club and Laurel Hill Tennis Club.

Jack took great pleasure in playing in ping-pong matches with his friends and family. In his eighties, he even won gold medals in three Senior Olympic table tennis tournaments.

Jack had a way of lighting up a room with his blue eyes and bright smile. He encouraged his kids and grandkids to do big things and was always proud to hear of their endeavors. We will dearly miss his love of life, his enjoyment in the little things (taking his dogs out for ice cream and hot dogs), and his care for his family. That is when he was truly happy!

Jack is survived by his wife, Arlene Florian; his children, Gary (Janet) Florian, Vicki (Allan Schnerson), Jeanne (Larry) Loehrke, Janet (Randy) Koschalk, John (Beth Stock) Florian, James (Linda) Florian, Thomas (Karen) Florian, Jeff (Shazmah Hakim) Florian; grandchildren, Mark Florian, Gregory (Sara) Florian, Nicole (Jeff) Hopkins, Kurt Koschalk, Kyle (Ines) Koschalk, Sean Florian, Chris Florian, Stephanie (Jason) Connell, Erica (Jacob) McVicker, Sarah (Michael) Iceman, Emily (Jared) Parseghian, Allison (Zachary)

MacQueen, Ayla Florian, Ali Florian, Asim Florian; and twenty-one great grandchildren.

We want to be sure to extend our sincere gratitude to the many aides that helped allow him to remain at home during his final months, weeks, and days. Visitation and services at Coyle Funeral Home will be private for the family. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Toledo (St. Joan of Arc). Checks can be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul and mailed to 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614. Please leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

River Rd
Maumee, OH 43537

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Florian.*



March 29, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Sending you our love during this time of loss and transition. We are in gratitude to Jack and Arlene for the many beautiful characteristics they have passed down through their children and grandchildren! John & Beth, please know that we are here for you during this time and are here to listen and embrace you as you continue on with your lives - forever changed by the love, care and guidance of your father. May your father's light continue to shine in and through you.*
~ Teresa, Ben, Maria and Heather

Teresa Devitt - February 25, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Jim and Family,*
We are so sorry for your loss. Your father was an incredible man that raised a great family. We have many fond memories that will carry with us forever. May you find peace remembering all the wonderful contributions that your Dad selflessly gave to others in his lifetime.
Love and prayers.
Kevin and Cindy Cassidy

Kevin and Cindy Cassidy - February 21, 2021 at 09:19 PM

BS

“ I was fortunate to spend a good part of my youth growing up at the Florian home, thanks to my long friendship with Jeanne and Janet. I always felt welcome, and appreciated your father's generosity. How fortunate you were to have him in your lives as a healthy, wise man into his 90s!

Hugs
Barbara Brandel Spiro

Barbara Spiro - February 20, 2021 at 09:38 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to The Florian family. The quality of his family is a reflection of the man. My prayers are with you.
Mike Smith

mike smith - February 16, 2021 at 08:14 PM

Jl

“ In 1962 Coach Florian gave a young, boy who couldn't even dribble ,a chance to play on his basketball team. Little did I know I was playing for one of the finest people & absolutely best coach I would ever encounter. My hope is ,when he arrived "Home", that the basketball hoop that hung on his garage on Brookford will be waiting for him & that he will have many good prospects to coach & mentor & form into a team. I know that team, just like Jack ,will be a Big Winner with a Lot of Class. The Florian family should all stand tall & be proud knowing Jack Florian touched a lot of peoples lives in a positive way. Jack Florian was truely one of a kind. "Thankyou" Mr. Florian for the chance you gave me to play basketball with my friends. I never forgot that kindness.
I offer my condolences on his passing.
Joe Imhof

Joe Imhof - February 16, 2021 at 10:42 AM

KP

“ *Florian Family,
So sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of your Dad and your family growing up in the OLPH community. My prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of grief and sorrow.*

Ken Pezzin

Ken Pezzin - February 15, 2021 at 04:17 PM

SS

“ *Dear Vicki,
My prayers and sympathy to you and your family on the death of your father. I remember him well! I promise to keep you all in my prayers.*

Peace,

Sister Sally Bohnett, SND (McAuley '70 and OLPH)

Sister Sally Bohnett, SND - February 15, 2021 at 01:18 PM

HH

“ *My sympathy for the family of Jack who I have known for years going Back to OLPH, CY
O, Central Catholic and even business.*

Harold Hoffman, 3501 Executive Pkwy, Toledo, OH 43606

Harold Hoffman - February 15, 2021 at 11:44 AM

EH

“ My sincerest condolences on the passing of Jack Florian. I always viewed him as a dedicated family man who, with Arlene, raised a terrific family. I always appreciated his and Arlene’s long time support of the SJ basketball program. He was a most engaging man. Know that all of you are in my thoughts as you grieve Jack’s passing.

Ed Heintschel - February 15, 2021 at 10:23 AM

AB

“ Our condolences to the Florian family. I have fond memories of Jack discussing multiple times at Laurel Hill how he could obtain a better serve in tennis. He really enjoyed his tennis.

Our thoughts are with you.

Pat and Annette Birney

annette birney - February 15, 2021 at 07:45 AM

JS

“ To the Florian family, we are so sorry for your loss. May you find peace and comfort in your many memories of your loved one.
Dick and Jean Schneider

Jean Schneider - February 14, 2021 at 05:44 PM

JS

“ We knew Jack's father, Carl for many years. They were our insurance agent for many years also. Fine people, honest and forth coming. They treated you as you would like to be treated... Jack will be missed but left behind is Tom who carries on in the tradition of his father, and grandfather. Honest as the day in long.

*Jim Moriarty Sr.
Howard T. Moriarty Co. Inc
Toledo*

James Moriarty Sr - February 14, 2021 at 04:45 PM

NV

“ *Jim and Linda,
Keeping you both in my warmest thoughts as you navigate this difficult time— and wishing you hope and healing when you're ready.
I didn't have the chance to know your father, but I know he must have been someone special to have raised a great son like you.
Sincerely Nancy Vincent*

Nancy Vincent - February 14, 2021 at 04:16 PM

DM

“ *Dear Jeanne, Janet, and the Florian family,
In sympathy and gratitude for a life well lived.
Debi Matthews (McAuley '71*

Deborah Matthews - February 14, 2021 at 03:39 PM

RW

“ *What fine man Jack was.- always smiling, welcoming, warm, genuine. So many memories came flooding back when his picture jumped out at me today. Jack and Arlene were fixtures at St, Joan of Arc. He led a good life and has now entered into his reward to prepare a place for all of us. I offer my sympathy, my prayers and best wishes to all in the family. God bless you all*
From an old friend,
Father Dick Wurzel

Richard Wurzel - February 14, 2021 at 01:49 PM

AD

“ *Arlene, I was saddened to read of Jack' passing. I know you will miss him. My husband , Dave, died 2 years ago. I miss him very much I will pray for you both. I drive by Riverside Cemetery every week after Mass. I know many people ther. I say "Hi" to them as I drive by. I will greet Jack that way, too.*
Love,
Aggie Drury

Aggie Drury - February 14, 2021 at 11:51 AM

KA

“ *Dear John and Beth,*
I was sorry to learn of the passing of your father/father-in-law. Judging from the obituary, he lived a long, full life, and obviously successful, given that he produced YOU! (with some help, of course...). Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you adjust to a life without him in it physically. Peace to all. Love, Kim Anderson

Kim Anderson - February 14, 2021 at 09:09 AM

RE

“ Tom,

I want to extend my deepest sympathy for the passing of your father. I didn't know him personally, but it appears no doubt he was a wonderful person.

Ron Emch - February 14, 2021 at 08:30 AM

BH

“ Gary, Jan, and to all of the Florian family. We are saddened to read of your father's passing. Please accept our condolences and prayers for his soul, and for the family.

Bernie and Peg Huntebrinker and family

Bernie & Peg Huntebrinker - February 14, 2021 at 08:19 AM

KF

“ My deepest condolences to the Florian family, especially to classmate Gary .
Kathy (Ehrman) Farkas

Kathryn Farkas - February 13, 2021 at 11:29 AM

MM

“ *Mary Braker Martin lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Florian*



Mary Braker Martin - February 13, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MR

“ Dear Tom and Karen, Florian Family,
Brent and I would like you to know that you all are in our thoughts
and prayers.
As we were reading Mr. Florian's obituary we thought what a
wonderful tribute to him.
When you have a day that is full of tears sit back and close your
eyes and laugh about all the great memories you all made with him.

Peace to all,
Brent and Maggie

Maggie Reed - February 12, 2021 at 08:10 PM

JA

“ The Florian Family,

Many fond memories over the years. We really enjoyed the Florian
Family at many social gatherings. I told my mother and she sends
her love to you all. She said that she knows our Lord will wrap his
arms around all of you and carry you through.

Big Hugs from Columbus,

Louise & Jeff Arman

Jeff Arman - February 12, 2021 at 04:46 PM