



John "Jack" Breslin

August 21, 1940 - February 6, 2024

John "Jack" Breslin, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Son of late Julia (O'Connell) and Charles Breslin, he was born on August 21, 1940, in the Paradise section of Philadelphia. However, he became a true Fairmounter after marrying his wife. He graduated from North Catholic in 1958 and entered the Navy shortly after graduation where he served on the USS Pinnacle from 1958-1961. Jack was a hard-working man, and only ever had one sick day during the 42 years that he worked as a teamster truck driver.

At the Polish American Club, he met the love of his life Marie. They were married for 58 years. One of their favorite things to do was travel. They traveled all over the world, with Greece, Italy, Alaska and Ireland being some of their best trips. However, his favorite place to visit was Aruba and he would vacation there every year; this is also the place that Jack and Marie renewed their marital vows on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jack was a stubborn Irishman, and this is best exemplified in the fact that he never wore a coat (in any season) until around the age of 75. Despite his stubborn nature, Jack was the most selfless, kindhearted, and adoring person to the people who were blessed to be loved by him. His biggest priority was his family, and he made sure to always be present for not only the big, exciting

moments, but also all the mundane day-to-day adventures. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to whoever was in need, no matter what the need was. One of his most memorable qualities was his sense of humor, and you could be sure that he would greet you on any day with his jokes in hand. Jack was so proud of his Irish heritage, which made St. Patrick's Day his favorite date of the year. Each year, he walked in the Philadelphia St. Paddy's Parade with the Emerald Society. He was a proud husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and neighbor.

He is survived by his loving wife Marie (nee Malfara). Loving father of Marie (the late Kevin) McCrea and son John (Lisa) Breslin. Doting pop-pop to Allison McCrea, Kevin McCrea, Jr., Jenna McCrea, Connor Breslin and Aiden Breslin. Caring brother to his sister Catherine (the late Bud) Marvel and adoring uncle to all his many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers James Breslin (Miriam), Charles Breslin (Eileen), and his sister Margaret MacWilliams (Jerry).

A Celebration of John "Jack" Breslin's life will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:00-10:45 a.m., at his home parish of Saint Francis Xavier (2319 Green Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130). The funeral mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. The Honor Guard will be present immediately after the funeral mass. At a later date, Jack will be buried at Washington Crossing National Cemetery with immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Folds of Honor at https://secure.foldsofhonor.org/site/Donation2?df_id=5121&mfc_pref=T&5121.donation=form

Tribute Wall

LE

“ I came across this obituary by mistake. I'm kind of curious, I'm wondering if this is the same man that married my mother in Philadelphia way back in the day and had three children, John, E Breslin, Margaret, Peggy, Breslin, and Joan Breslin? My mother's name that would've been The wife if this is the correct John Breslin , her name was Joan and monahan so if somebody could please let me know I'm really quite curious. I am the daughter of Joan Monahan, but with a different father, I would appreciate if anybody that knew This could please reach out and let me know. Thank you.

Lisa Esposito - March 04, 2025 at 05:01 PM

PM

“ Jack was such a nice guy. Love running into him at Krupas. My husband who just passed in May Fab McMonagle loved talking to him . He would just laugh and shake his head at us. Pat Magee Mcmonagle

pat Magee McMonagle' - August 20, 2024 at 08:51 PM

PC

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Paula Charnitsky - March 20, 2024 at 11:02 PM

GF

“ Gina Formicola-bass lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Breslin



gina formicola-bass - February 22, 2024 at 08:58 PM

VM

“ Dear Aunt Marie, cousins Marie and John & families- Uncle Jack was all those things written about him...and more! Kind, caring, loving and truly interested in talking with you. I know your family will miss him greatly. He loved you all SO much. Praying for God's continued comfort and peace. With much love- Vicky and Jeff

Vicky Maienshein - February 12, 2024 at 07:54 PM

JB

“ Jack I and my Brothers Jack Harry and Buddy will always remember you and the the good times we had on Taney Street growing up and playing sports ,swimming at Whittier recreation center,playing for the Paradise teams . We have fond memories of you may you rest in the Peace of the Lord, Jim and Nancy Herron Burke.

Jim Burke - February 11, 2024 at 01:38 PM

BO

Jack Breslin was a wonderfully kind and gentle man. He helped my Mother with whatever she couldn't do, after my Father died. I'll never forget him for his kindness. He certainly was one of a kind. He helped make the world a better place for sure. Much love ❤️ to you Jack. You will be missed by many.

Barbara Oldham - February 11, 2024 at 02:56 PM

BH

“ *Never wore a coat,always had a joke.Rest in peace.
Krupas,McKeevers veteran.
Brian Hunt*

Brian Hunt - February 11, 2024 at 10:48 AM

DF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jack was a kind and
funny man. We are fortunate we were able to
get to know him. RIP Jack you are with God
now. And, deepest sympathy to the
Breslin/McCrea families - Marie, Allie, Jenna
and Kevin. Prayers are with you. Love, Uncle Dan & Aunt Kathy*



Dan Falkenstein - February 11, 2024 at 08:40 AM

MK

*Jack's warmth, camaraderie, and sense of humor always will stay with
me as a fond memory! Whenever he entered a room he lit the place
up!!! Now that ray of sunshine has set and has risen up to heaven to
spread his warmth with the Angels!!! Jack you will be missed!!! 🥹🙏❤️*

Martha Kudenko - February 12, 2024 at 01:52 AM

EK

“ *The memories growing up and talking to Jack were always
interesting and always funny,He sure could put a smile on your face
and make you laugh.You couldn't ask for a better
husband,father,and grandfather,we will miss you for sure,RIP Jack
from the Klus family.*

Ed liz Natalie kaitlyn klus - February 11, 2024 at 02:34 AM

TF

“ *One of the kindest, gentle, & soft spoken man. Rest in Peace Jack & say Hi to all those gone before us. You will be missed.* ”



The Bowell Family - February 10, 2024 at 11:30 PM

SP

“ *Uncle Jack had a Great Sense of Humor. My nickname to him was Gabber Go figure.* ”

Sallyann Breslin Panzeter - February 10, 2024 at 08:45 PM

LB

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Lisa Breslin - February 10, 2024 at 07:15 PM

MS

“ *Matt And Diane Stafford lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Breslin* ”



Matt and Diane Stafford - February 10, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ We sent our condolences to John’s Family and Friends. I always remember seeing him at Church and always greeted you with a nod of his head. He was truly a family man. May he Rest In Peace among the angels. Jeannie and Steve Bilynsky and Family.



Jeannie and Steve Bilynsky - February 10, 2024 at 05:37 PM

TK

Jack will be sadly missed on Beechwood st. He was a great friend and neighbor. Will miss his sence of humor. Rest in piece my friend.

tom and diane kane - February 10, 2024 at 06:54 PM

LB

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Lisa Breslin - February 10, 2024 at 05:19 PM