



John J. "Jack" Gourley

March 21, 1928 - November 22, 2024

John J. "Jack" Gourley, 96, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, died November 22, 2024.

He was born on March 21, 1928, the eldest child of Don Carlos (Dan) and Marguerite Smith in Philadelphia. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jane (Naughton), and four of his brothers, William, Daniel ("Joe"), Robert, and Louis.

Jack is survived by his sons John and William (Susan), granddaughters Laura (Yasin) and Julia (Daniel), grandson Cole, two great-grandsons Ercan and Emre, and his brothers, Thomas (Joan) and Edward (Judy).

Jack graduated from St. Francis Xavier school and was a veteran of the United States Army. During his service, he supervised railroad operations in post-war Japan. Jack and Jane enjoyed their marriage for close to 74 years.

Jack appreciated family celebrations, also trips to hunt and fish with his brothers and friends, and following the Phillies and Eagles. He supported his wife's efforts to benefit the neighborhood by helping to collect and distribute Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts and with maintenance of an award-winning garden at Parrish and Stillman Streets.

Visitation will be held on November 29, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dinan Funeral Home, 1923 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia. On Saturday, November 30, 2024, a viewing will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 24th and Green Streets, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial.

Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Yeadon. A luncheon will follow at Jack's Firehouse, 2130 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to assist an organization feeding the poor or homeless such as Project HOME.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeanie Myers McCashin lit a candle in memory of John J. "Jack" Gourley*



Jeanie Myers McCashin - November 27, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ *Diane Stafford lit a candle in memory of John J. "Jack" Gourley*



Diane Stafford - November 26, 2024 at 07:04 PM

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Linda flaherty - November 26, 2024 at 07:24 PM