



Mr. John "Jack" Crane

April 2, 1938 - June 23, 2023

Mr. John "Jack" Dever Crane, 85, of Pittsfield, passed away on Friday June 23, 2023.

Mr. Crane was born in Amsterdam, NY, April 2, 1938, son of Dever and Marieta Crane of Fultonville, NY. Jack graduated from Fonda Fultonville Central High School in 1955 and was a 1959 graduate of General Electric Company's Drafting Apprentices Program.

Jack married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Geraldine J. Bell of Fonda, NY on August 31, 1958. He began his career as a Draftsman for General Electric Schenectady's Large Motor and Generator Department before transferring to GE's Ordnance Systems Department Aerospace Division as a Design Draftsman in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

They moved to Pittsfield in 1960 and together raised two children, daughter Michelle and son John Crane. He continued his GE career as a Documentation Analyst and then as a CAD CAM Applications Specialist until his retirement from Lockheed Martin in 1994. From there Jack was a designer for Folsom Technologies Inc.

Jack was an amazing man with a wonderful sense of humor who made everyone around him feel happy and loved and to whom no one was a

stranger. He was a craftsman who could fix anything. He was active in his community with his involvement in the Boys Club Youth Hockey Program where he was a coach and mentor for young hockey players both novice and experienced. His love of this game also led him to become a hockey referee for local high school teams as well as Williams College, and as Secretary /Treasurer of the NHAOA (National Hockey Officials Association). He was a member of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church and, in his earlier years, taught Sunday school.

Jack was a member of Wahconah Country Club in Dalton where he also served as a Board Member. He enjoyed golfing, playing pitch and his passion for design spilled over to many community projects. One he was most proud of was the design and building of 18+ hole/Key Markers along the Wahconah Country Club golf course.

Jack enjoyed fishing with his son and grandsons as well as playing in his weekly bowling league. He was an enthusiastic and diehard New York Yankees, Giants and Rangers fan! He was an avid follower and strong supporter of his children, grand and great grandchildren's' athletic and extracurricular activities throughout Berkshire County. His dedication to his family and strong work ethic is embraced and instilled in his children to this day.

Jack leaves behind his loving wife Gerry, his two children Michelle, and John(Denise), his four grandsons John Henry, Curtis R. Crane(Laura), Gareth D. Phillips and Jeffrey, his great grandchildren Peyton, Camden, Carter and Jack Crane. He also leaves behind his sister Christine and brother-in-law Thomas Pullen, Fultonville, NY and his niece Regina Breton and nephew Frankie Pullen.

Jack was predeceased by his father Dever Crane and mother Marieta Crane

both of Fultonville, NY.

The family would like to give a very special thanks to all the staff at Mt. Greylock Extended Care Facility for their unwavering care, commitment and dedication to Jack during his stay.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. John "Jack" Crane will be Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 12 noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Burial will be at a later date. Calling hours at the funeral home will be prior to the service, from 10 am to 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John "Jack" Crane.* ”



June 27, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - June 27, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. John "Jack" Crane.* ”



June 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM

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“ Diane and I send deep sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time. Jack will be missed by so many. May his demonstration of a life well lived inspire all.

William Frazier - June 26, 2023 at 07:45 AM

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“ Richard O. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. John "Jack" Crane.



Richard O. - June 25, 2023 at 08:11 PM

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“ Dear Gerry and family. I am very sorry for your loss. Jack was a wonderful man who was happy and positive. He will be missed!

Gary Clarkson - June 25, 2023 at 07:12 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John "Jack" Crane.



June 24, 2023 at 01:10 PM

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“ *Dear Gerry and Family,*

We send our deepest prayers and condolences to you. Memories are always keep close to the heart. We know you will call on them when you need a smile, a laugh or a tear. Will always remember you and Jack stopping at the Irish Sister City booth on Third Thursdays. Sympathy.

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - June 24, 2023 at 10:24 AM