

## John "Jack" A Grasso

September 28, 1940 - June 15, 2019

## **Obituary**

John "Jack" A. Grasso, of Bedminster, NJ, formerly of Summit, NJ, passed away at Overlook Medical Center on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the age of 78. The visitation will be held at the Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial, 7 Summit Ave, Summit, NJ on Wednesday, June 19th, from 4-7 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, June 20th, at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 306 Morris Ave., Summit, NJ at 1:30 PM followed by the burial at St. Teresa's Cemetery, Summit. Please visit <a href="https://www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com">www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com</a> for directions or to send condolences.

Jack was born in Summit, NJ to the late Anna (nee Coyle) and Nicholas J. Grasso Sr. He was a 1958 graduate of Summit High School and a 1962 graduate of Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Soon after his graduation from Mt. St. Mary's University he went on to serve in the United States Army from 1963-1966.

Jack was employed as an adjunct professor at the Rutgers School of Communications in New Brunswick for the past 12 years, where he founded and served as president of the Student Club for Communications. Earlier Jack was employed as Director of Corporate Communications at AT&T.

Jack is lovingly remembered as a die-hard NY Yankees fan. He had a knack for writing short stories and made acting a hobby, having performed in 16 plays over the years. Jack did voice-overs for television commercials and hosted his own show on local television, "Java with Jack". He also enjoyed boating.

Jack is survived by his loving children, Elaine Beck and her husband David of Montclair, John "Jack" Grasso and his wife Christina of West Caldwell, and Andrew Grasso and his wife Kelly of Summit; his adoring grandchildren, Tyler and Annie Lashutka and Nicholas Grasso; and his dear siblings, Guy "Ozzie" Grasso and wife Barbara of Las Vegas, Sheila Duetschand Joseph J.

Grasso, both of Summit. Jack was also pre-deceased by his brother Nicholas J. "Babe" Grasso.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to American Cancer Society by visiting Jack's personalized memorial donation page at <a href="https://www.inmemof.org/john-jack-grasso">www.inmemof.org/john-jack-grasso</a>.

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