



Mr. John A. "Jack" Ballard

January 29, 1923 - June 4, 2016

Mr. John A. "Jack" Ballard, age 93, passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at his home.

Born in Frankfort on January 29, 1923, John was the son of the late Tilman and Anna (Pickett) Ballard. He was raised in Frankfort and attended T.R. Proctor High School. A veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and a member of the Greatest Generation, Jack was proud of his time in the service of his country while stationed in the Pacific Theater of Operations for the duration of World War II. He was the recipient of Service Medals and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. In 1943, during war time, Jack met and married the former Jean Brown and to that relationship came the blessing of their two children. Jean passed away in December of 1956. In 1962 he entered into a second union when he wed the former Mary F. (Lukaszewicz) Synakowski and shared with her 52 years; their companionship and common interests enhanced their lives and they truly enjoyed their later years together until Mary's passing on October 13, 2014.

Jack was a vendor for the Freeman Beverage Company as a Pepsi Cola independent distributor in the Utica/Rome area supplying stores, restaurants, and independent homes. He was well-suited for the job and his congenial nature and conversational abilities afforded him the position of Route Salesman for various food broker companies, including his last place of employment, Casa Imports. In every facet of his life, Jack was hardworking and determined; he was a great provider. He was meticulous, orderly, and

accurate in accomplishing a task. He adhered to the adage, "A place for everything and everything in its place". Cleaning was his forte. Socially, Jack was charming and took an interest in people. His kindness and wit will be remembered by many. Each day he would reiterate his position — "I'm all right; the world's all wrong"! He loved fun times with family and he was a grand host. He enthusiastically followed the politics of the current presidential race. Jack was proud and honored to embark on a memorable bus trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial among others. He was so pleased with the warm welcome from people and dignitaries who greeted the visiting veterans. It was an emotional trip of a lifetime. A true patriot, Jack was proud to have been the longest standing member of the American Legion, New Hartford Post #1376. He was an active affiliate for 70 years! He was also a member of the Teamster's Local #182.

Jack had a sport for every season: in the spring he embraced the stats and the players of the New York Yankees, and the team lost one of its greatest fans; fall featured football and his favorite Dallas Cowboys; and the icy winds of winter ushered in the Clinton Comets of the past and the Utica Comets of the present. It seemed like yesterday that Jack and his wife, Mary, shared the sport of bowling in co-ed leagues on Monday mornings at the Pin-O-Rama Lanes. He was also a spectator of the game of golf. Jack was dedicated to his Catholic faith which sustained him all through his life. He was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church where he served as Head usher, a responsibility that he accepted with pride. He prayed passionately, lived well, and walked in a path lighted by his faith in the Lord.

John is survived by his son, Keith Ballard, currently at the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital in Oregon; his daughter, Karen Ballard of Binghamton; his step-daughter, Linda Iannone, and his step-son and daughter-in-law, Leo and Judee Synakowski. He held a fond remembrance of his late son-in-law, Anthony A. Iannone, Sr. who passed away on February 3, 2012. He also leaves his grandchildren, Sean Ballard, and Scott Ballard; Troy Jones, and Heather and Robert Haight; his great-grandchildren, Ethan, and Ryan Ballard;

and Andersen Haight; and his brother, Keith Ballard. His extended family includes his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Ballard. He valued and remembered the true friendship of Anthony "Tony" Scalzo, and his bowling friends. He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Gerald and Bernice Ballard, Donald Ballard, Kenneth Ballard, Robert and Betty Ballard, Mary and William Daniels, and Leona Ballard.

The family extends gratitude to the New Hartford Police Department and the Willowvale Fire Company for their timely response and professionalism; neighbors Joseph and Sue Hughes, and Dan and Sharon Berkhoudt for their kindness and support during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church or the Forgotten Friends Pet Rescue, 6930 State Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. John's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and 10:30 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Kevin Bunger; Military Honors will be conferred at the conclusion of Mass. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum in Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
60 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 732-8521

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Linda,
I was so sorry to hear of your step fathers passing. I am out of town for work, but send my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.
Jody

Jody Guarnieri - June 08, 2016 at 08:28 PM

JG

“ Sorry to hear of Jacks passing he just called me about a month ago, was nice talking to him.I worked with him at Pepsi in the 60s,also graduated with Keith from Blessed Sacrament in 1958. May God be with you all in this sad time. M.Jim Gau

Jim Gau - June 08, 2016 at 06:55 PM

LH

“ Leo & Judee,

We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. We know how much you cared for him over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love,
Lee and Mary Houser

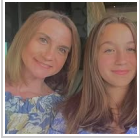
Lee and Mary Houser - June 07, 2016 at 05:27 PM

LF

“ Love The Ballard Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Mr. John A. "Jack" Ballard.



Love The Ballard Family - June 07, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Rest in peace Uncle Jack. You will be surely missed for all your wonderful stories and humor.
Love and prayers to all the family left behind. May all the wonderful memories shared help during this difficult time.*
Shirley, Matt, & Madison Damico

Shirley Damico - June 07, 2016 at 05:53 AM



“ *Linda...please know that you are in my thoughts and Prayers! It is so hard to know what to say to heal the pain. But know that I am always here for you! Love you!!*

Anne



Anne Laterza Waters - June 06, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ *Dear Linda,*

I am sorry for the loss of your father. He must have been a very special father because he raised an incredible father.

Joyce Urban



joyce urban - June 06, 2016 at 06:46 PM



Linda sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. We will miss him in church.

Marty and Mary Hernon - June 07, 2016 at 08:45 AM

CR

“ *Linda and Family,*

I am so very sorry for your loss. Heaven has surely gained another angel.. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Carol Rositano
Rocklin, CA*

carol rositano - June 06, 2016 at 06:12 PM

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“ *Carol Rositano lit a candle in memory of Mr. John A. "Jack" Ballard*



carol rositano - June 06, 2016 at 06:08 PM

GC

“ *Linda, I am so very sorry - My sincerest condolences to you and your brother. May your Dad rest in peace now with your mom.*
Grace C.

Grace Centola - June 06, 2016 at 06:03 PM

CS

*Linda, our Hearts & Prayers go out to you & your Brother !!
We met Jack & Mary 45 years ago, at a Clinton Comet Game
and we became instant Friends .We shared many good times
together, we miss them both !! Carl & Peggy Seiple*

CARL & PEGGY SEIPLE - June 08, 2016 at 03:10 PM