



John (Jack) Kennelly

November 14, 1947 - May 19, 2017

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Jack Kennelly, 69 , of Hamden, Ct who passed away on May 19, 2017, will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Ave., Hamden on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:00 am. Jack was a life long resident of the Town of Hamden graduating from Hamden High School in 1965. He served honorably in the US army; earned degree's in Criminal Justice from the University of New Haven, and was a 1981 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Jack served the Town of Hamden for 36 years as a member of the Hamden Police Dept. holding many ranks and achieving the position of Chief of Police before retiring in 2006. He continued his public service for 14 years as a member of the Town of Hamden Legislative Council until his death. A skilled craftsman, he owned Pine Rock Builders until 2015 and an avid antique car enthusiast enjoying car cruises and shows. A 23 year member of the Chevy Classic Car Club he shared in this organization origination and annual Memorial Day Classic Car Show held at Quinnipiac College which benefited many local charities and scholarships throughout the years. Without doubt, many achievements were made in Jack's life but of upmost importance and pride was his family and the enduring friendships he shared throughout the years. He was above all a man of integrity, commitment, loyalty and compassion

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Timothy Joseph Kennelly. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, brother, Timothy (Teri) Kennelly of Palm Coast, FL. and sister Mary Ellen, nephew Christopher (Attie) Kennelly and their Children, Lucy, Leo and Mia of St. Augustine, FL.

The family will greet friends at the church prior to mass. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jack's honor may be made to the John "Jack" Kennelly Endowed Scholarship Fund for Criminal Justice. Checks should be made payable to Quinnipiac University and mailed to Quinnipiac University, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, AH-DVP, 275 Mt. Carmel Ave., Hamden, Ct. 06518 Please note, John "Jack" Kennelly Endowed Scholarship on the check memo. To leave online condolences go to <http://www.siskbrothers.com>

Comments



“ Jack, Jack, Jack !! Agosh Jack. Seven months ago while you were busy being sick, I was actually trying to contact you. Yes my friend, over the last few years I'd lost contact with you & dear Maryellen. It seems the information I had was a bit outdated. I had actually planned to find you at the annual car show and then it rained heavily that day. I sniffed around all summer, knowing you were usually here in Connecticut during that time. Meanwhile, you had moved on. I cannot imagine the pain & devastation your family felt, & still feels.... to this very day. Ah Jack, you always did it your way, didn't you ?? Now, I needed your advice on my new beach house restoration !!! You will absolutely be included in my chats with Bette Barrett on Chapman Beach. Looks like I'm still the only one who will be swingin that hammer !!! Damn !!!! Condolences to Mayellen, Pam, Timmy & family..... Jack was a special man. Anne Malone

Anne Malone - December 01, 2017 at 11:12 AM



“ Jack and I and my wife Phyllis we're friends since High School, and graduated together in 1965. We stayed in touch through the years that followed with many other friends with the same love of cars, yes car nuts. We got to know each other much better in 1993, when we were both looking to start a car show, I along with 6 other friends started our Classic Chevy Car Club around the same time, and Jack and I got together to form the Memorial Weekend Classic Car show at then Quinnipiac College. Jack had the connection at the college with John Lahey his friend, myself, and the car club had the know-how to organize and run a car show. Jack joined our car club, and we had our first car show in 1994 for the Special Olympics. That was the start of our Memorial Weekend Car Show, which has grown to one of the largest car shows here in Connecticut. This years show was the toughest for me, without Jack, he was a great friend and I am sure he will be watching down and making sure we do things the right way at all of our future shows, thanks for your help and friendship for all of these years, and the great memories, I miss you George Civitelli

George Civitelli - June 28, 2017 at 04:58 AM



“ Jack was a good friend to my mom, Barbara Starno. Sorry to hear of his passing. I hope you meet up with her in heaven.

Nancy Starno - June 27, 2017 at 06:37 AM



“ Pam, Mary Ellen and the rest of the Kennelly Family, I was so saddened to hear of Jack's passing in May. He was a long time, dear friend of mine since childhood. He was a kind, caring and giving friend and would do anything for anyone. His presence and that great smile will surely be missed by many. He was the best of the best. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sorrowful time. RIP my dear friend.
Laura Myjak

Laura Myjak - June 26, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ Pam and family, we were deeply saddened to hear of Jack's passing. Please accept our deepest condolences. The legacy of all the wonderful work he has done will continue for generations to come. We were proud and fortunate to have Jack as a friend and will always think of him with a smile

Sue and George Hutchinson

sue hutchinson - June 25, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Jack's family. Over our careers we worked on many cases of mutual interest. I knew Jack to be a man of integrity. A good cop and a good person. R.I.P. my friend.

Bob Lillis
Lt. ret.
N.H.P.D.

Bob Lillis - June 25, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ Jack was a friend for over 40 years I met jack when he walked a beat in Highwood section of town .I had a store on Dixwell Ave the World News @Tobacco Co.Jack would always stop in and our friendship grew .Jack was in my wedding party back in 1976.jack was a family friend always over our house ,was a pallbearer at my mother and fathers funeral .I moved to FL and come to find out Jack moved to PalmCoast .I also lived there.We were almost neighbors Jack and Pam came down to were I was GM of a Hess co store and we talked about old times we were going to get together but ,I came down with throat cancer .Jack staid in touch he was happy when I went into remission and I was lost for words on his passing .God bless my old friend and his family .Thank you Joe Velardi

joe velardi - June 25, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Jack. A great guy to have known and one of the best for the Town of Hamden. He will be misses by all. Prayers to all!

Donna Frandy - June 25, 2017 at 08:40 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Pam, Tim and family. Always a gentle heart. Till We Meet again. Lots of prayers and love to your beautiful family.

Joyce Martineau - June 22, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ Thank you Chief for all you have done over the years for so many. Your memory and your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers!

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Bob Freeman - June 21, 2017 at 08:46 PM