



John Hugh Breslin

December 23, 1947 - May 29, 2025

John “Jack” Breslin, of Crofton, Maryland, died surrounded by family on May 29, 2025. Jack was born in Ft. Bragg, NC on December 23, 1947. He was the oldest child of Hugh J. Breslin, Jr. and Dorothy (McGuire) Breslin.

Jack graduated from Saint Vincent Pallotti High School and earned his Associate’s Degree from Anne Arundel Community College. He was drafted into the United States Army, and served in the Vietnam War, 1968-1970. He received the Army Commendation Medal for his service in Vietnam. Jack was a proud American, a true Patriot, a Fox News enthusiast, an avid Redskin, Oriole, and UMD Terrapin sports fan, a voracious reader, a dogged lottery partaker, an ardent dog lover, and a talented player of baseball throughout his life. He began sober living in May of 1988, replacing a beer can with his ever-present Dunkin Donuts coffee. He was known as Uncle Donut to a younger generation and celebrated his 60th birthday with a surprise party at his favorite Dunkin Donuts establishment. He was feisty, chivalrous, politically conservative and had a great sense of humor. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Bowie for many years.

Jack retired from the United States Postal Service after 20+ years as a mail carrier. He then gained his Class C license and drove 18-wheelers all over the US, traversing over a million miles without any accidents. He shared crazy adventures with Laura Cook, his partner of over 45 years. Jack was very involved in the lives of, and very loved by, his nieces and nephews. He was

the patriarch of the family “Social Club”, a monthly activities group open to all ages (6 months to 60 years) who chose to attend. In 2022, he left his longtime Crofton residence for the Annapolitan Assisted Living, where he was well-liked by many staff and residents.

Jack is survived by 5 of his siblings - Fr. Paul Breslin, Barbara Gass, Hugh (Alice) Breslin, Chris (Nancy) Breslin, and Kerry (Kirk) Brimmer, his significant other, Laura Cook, his 14 nieces and nephews and their respective partners, his 20 grandnieces and grandnephews, and dear friends. He is predeceased by his brother Tim “Chum” Breslin, and his brother-in-law, James Gass.

A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 2PM at Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, 1070 Cecil Avenue South, Millersville, Md. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be at a later date. A reception will be held at the church hall immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in memory of Jack to the Breakthrough T1D “Team Tougher than T1”, 555 Crofton Road, #111, King of Prussia, PA 19406 or to the Caitlin’s Crew Fund at the Community Foundation of Washington County, benefiting CF Research, 19638 Leitersburg Pike, Unit 203, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUL 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church
1070 Cecil Ave. South
Millersville
Millersville, MD 21108

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Jack and I were classmates for many years. Fond memories of how well he played basketball, great point guard.

Paul Campbell - July 15, 2025 at 11:20 AM

AL

“ We met Jack in 2022.
From the very beginning, it was clear how deeply he valued his time in Vietnam. He often shared stories of his service, showed us photographs, and proudly wore clothing with military insignia. It was a meaningful part of his identity.

When we were searching for work, it was Jack who kindly suggested we apply to the post office. That simple gesture reflected his generous spirit.

Jack was a bright and kind soul, and it was truly an honor to have known him.

With love and respect,
The Bubnov Family

Alex - June 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM

JM

“ So sad to hear of Jacks passing. Paul and I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart.



Joanne and Paul Murphy - June 03, 2025 at 03:07 PM

CB

“ As a USPS mail carrier, Jack used to spend his hour long lunch break at our family home on Belair Drive ... he would eat something, drink something to refresh ... and he never missed watching the mid-day Jeopardy show telecasts back then ... many, many times he would win the ‘at-home Jeopardy Champion’ first place award by out-scoring all three of the players on the TV show ... he was something else when it came to a wide range of trivial knowledge!!! ...

Chris Breslin - June 02, 2025 at 05:44 PM

AO

You will always be “Jackie” to me. Freshmen at Saint Vincent Pallotti High School, I will always remember your smile.
God keep you, Jackie.

Ann Nichols Oakley - June 04, 2025 at 02:59 PM

MM

After many years of school together, I lost contact with Jack after high school. But fortunately, I saw him again at our 50th high school reunion. He was a joy to talk to after all those years and was the same gentle Jack I remembered from school.

Mary Munson Maestrelli - June 04, 2025 at 03:30 PM