



## John "Jack" Frank Doetzer

May 25, 1934 - February 14, 2024

John "Jack" Frank Doetzer, 89, of Easton, Maryland came to the end of his journey here on earth and passed peacefully into eternity on February 14, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Baltimore and was the loving husband of Mary Ann (Bast) Doetzer. Jack was a dedicated family man who was known for his loving and caring nature. He had a great sense of humor and loved to make others laugh. He especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren hunting, fishing, and all things outdoors.

Jack received his education at St. Dominic's Grade School in Hamilton and Loyola High School. He graduated with a Business degree from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland in 1956.

Pursuing his passion to fly, Jack proudly served as a pilot in the Army (ROTC through Reserves) from 1952 to 1965, retiring as a Captain. His military service was a significant part of his life and he will be remembered for his leadership, dedication and commitment. After serving his country, Jack turned to serving his community through many civic organizations. Jack started Consolidated Insurance Center, Inc. in 1969 to help people and businesses protect their assets. Over his career Jack received too many awards and accolades to list.

In the summer of 1955 while working in Ocean City, Maryland Jack met the love of his life, Mary Ann Bast from St. Paul, Minnesota. They were married in April, 1956 and enjoyed nearly 70 wonderful years together. Their dedication to each other and love for their family was the primary focus of their lives and this is felt deeply through each family member. When their first grandchild was born, Mary and Jack became forever affectionately known as "MeMe and PopPop."

In 1978 Jack and Mary bought property on the Eastern Shore and began building a homestead where the family will continue to enjoy gathering and sharing memories and PopPop's love of the outdoors.

Jack enjoyed many hobbies, including skiing, boating, water skiing, fishing, hunting, cards (so many fun poker games), golf, and reading. His greatest joy was spending time with his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids teaching them all the things he enjoyed. We are happy to report, we are all "Checked out on the equipment!" PopPop taught us how to handle boats, tools, equipment, and guns with safety and respect, fix just about anything, and enjoy and protect the outdoors.

Jack was an active member of St. Mark Catholic Church in Catonsville, Maryland, and Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton, Maryland where he will be interred.

Jack is survived by his wife, Mary Bast Doetzer, his son John Doetzer (Patty), daughter Beth Doetzer Easton (Rich), and son Bob Doetzer (Maureen). He was also a proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter Cathy Doetzer Kohlenstein, father Frank Doetzer, mother Maria Koegel Doetzer, and brothers, Bill (and wife, Kam) and Al Doetzer.

Jack will always be remembered for creating a beautiful, loving family that has made for a wonderful, fun-filled life.

On March 9th at 11am a Memorial Mass will be held at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church located at 1210 South Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601. A Celebration of Life will follow in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Saints Peter and Paul Parish at [www.ssppparisheaston.org](http://www.ssppparisheaston.org) or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation at [www.CBF.org](http://www.CBF.org).

The Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, Maryland, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Please join us in celebrating Jack's life and honoring his memory.

# Cemetery Details

## **Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium**

1214 S. Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601  
<https://ssppcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## **Funeral Mass**

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
1210 S Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Bill and I are so very saddened by Jack's passing. Even though I am lax in staying in communication, we love both of you and are so grateful to have met you all those years ago.*

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**Maria Livrone** - March 20, 2024 at 10:18 AM

 Susan Rittermann

“ *Dear Mary, I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. What a fine man he was. I pray your grief is outweighed by the joy knowing he's in Heaven with Kathy.*

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**Susan Rittermann** - March 09, 2024 at 06:29 PM

AC

“ *What a shock for me to read about Dear Jack in the Sunpaper this morning..For those who don't know, I was his 'first cousin'. I still remember him as 'beachboy' and 'lifeguard' in Ocean City, MD..Growing up I didn't have a chance with him and his 2 brothers...HaHa.....Jack was SO kind, thoughtful and LOADS OF FUN. And, don't remember him without a smile...And, he was one of the first there for me after losing my 1st husband... Jack, may the Dear Lord Bless and Keep You in His Care Always...Anne Koegel Pivec Case...*

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**Anne Koegel Case** - March 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DR

“ To all the Doetzer family, our family's thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I will miss my dear friend Jack. There are some you meet in this life that remind you, it's so worth living. You, Jack, are one of those people. God has truly blessed me in knowing you. Teaching me so much about life, family and fun over the many years.

When you first hired me, in 1985, to work for you, you welcomed and mentored me in the independent insurance agency system. Truly one of the largest, positive influences in my insurance carrier as well as me personally. I don't think there is a measure for how much you meant to so many families lives you touched in both opportunity and protection.

You welcomed me into your family as well. I got to know and care deeply for Mary, John, Bob, Kathy and Beth, over the years. Years I will never forget. You were like a father to me. We spent many a weekend fishing and catching on your boat in the hot summer sun and hunting in the coldest of winter days. So much fun!

As the The Beatles said,

"The love you take

Is equal to the love you make."

You take so much love with you!

I will miss you, my friend!

David Reeve

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David Reeve - March 01, 2024 at 02:47 PM

RB

“ Dear Doetzer Family, Barbara and I send you our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved Jack. I view him as one of the very truly fine men I have been honored to know in my life and have no doubt that he was a fantastic grandfather and great-grandfather. When I was with Consolidated, I knew him as being a fine mentor and boss for 17 years., as well as a devoted husband and father to his loved ones! I share Mike Deluca's memories of decades of early morning tennis with Jack, Mike, John Sandbower (RIP) and Tom Campion (RIP). We still own that Cruiser ski boat with the 140hp Evinrude motor that Jack sold to me for a song in about 1987 and it's still pulling skiers with that same engine. Rest in Peace, Jack !  
Rick Buck

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**Rick Buck** - February 24, 2024 at 08:03 AM

ED

“ Eva Devine lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Frank Doetzer



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**Eva Devine** - February 20, 2024 at 09:39 PM

MD

“ Jack, i remember the nearly 3 decades of twice a week tennis at Greenspring followed by coffee, chocolate donuts and intensive steam room discussions. You and Mary were always gracious hosts of the the July 4th celebrations on the shore. We also shared many rounds of golf at RRG. Good times, R.I.P. good friend.

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**Michael L DeLuca** - February 20, 2024 at 11:41 AM