



John Edward Hennessey Sr.

November 24, 1930 - July 3, 2018

Jack died of heart and kidney failure on July 3, 2018, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Jack was born on November 24, 1930, in Camden, NJ, to parents Michael and Elizabeth (Cole). He was one of 13 children, seven sisters, and five brothers, all of whom have predeceased him except for one sister, Dr. Geri Hennessey.

Jack is survived by his wife, Joan Charlotte (Heidenreich); four children, John Hennessey Jr. (Linda Polk), Michele Hennessey Kantruss (Mac Kantruss), Karin Hennessey Cates (Wayne Cates), and Joanne Hennessey Whitehead (Allan Whitehead). He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren of whom he was very proud.

Jack graduated from St. Joseph's with a degree in Physics. He also earned a law degree from the University of Baltimore. He served in the US Army in Arizona and worked on the early US Drones program in White Sands, NM.

After his retirement in 1997, from the US Dept. of Energy where he worked on Nuclear waste disposal, he pursued what he thought were gaps in his technical education. He earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts and studied voice and piano under Bonnie Forgacs. He was a champion for the

Red Cross donating over 30 gallons of blood personally during his life time. His grandchildren described him as “adventure driven and a very successful man who loved his wife and family with an unconditional love. He designed rockets for NASA and was an author, a poet, a singer, a student and a McDonald's fan, a loving husband, father and grandfather.”

Memorial Service to be conducted on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 11AM, at the Old Wye Church, 14114 Old Wye Mills Rd., Wye Mills, MD 21679.

Donations in his memory can be made to the American Red Cross, to Old Wye Church, or to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Wye Church
Wye Mills, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Hennessey Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Edward Hennessey Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Edward Hennessey Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Deb Gilmer lit a candle in memory of John Edward Hennessey Sr.*



Deb Gilmer - July 22, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ *Uncle Jack,
To Mom's closest Brother. As she always prayed: to a world without end.
Your Niece, Pamalambalambala (sing it loud) Love You.*

Pam - July 20, 2018 at 04:10 PM

CJ

“ *Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of John Edward Hennessey Sr.*



Claudia Jewell - July 12, 2018 at 10:28 PM

JN

“ *Joan and family
My heartfelt condolences. Jack was always a
pleasure and inspiration to be around .. may
god bless you and comfort you during this sad
time.*



Joyce Del Negro

Joyce Del Negro - July 11, 2018 at 10:38 AM