



## John "Jack" Robert Kennedy

June 12, 1945 - January 23, 2022

John "Jack" Robert Kennedy, lost his brave fight with cancer on January 23, 2022. Jack was born June 12, 1945 to John F. and Alice M. (Burdick) Kennedy in West Allis, Wisconsin. He attended Beloit schools and graduated from Beloit Memorial High in 1963. Jack was a carpet rep for most of his career. Later in life, he joined Marling Lumber Co. for several years. Jack loved music, the Chicago Bears and Cubs, model airplanes and most of all, his family.

Jack is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jan (Manthe) Kennedy; daughter, Chris (Wes) Thomas; sons, Paul (Kelly) and John. He is further survived by his grand kids, the joy of his life, Aaron (Deniz) Whittier, Quinn Whittier, Lydia and Bobby Esterbrook and Jacqueline Kennedy as well as a niece, Laura Drath and nephew, Jeffrey Gunning. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Geraldine Gunning, his brother in-law Mike Manthe and his mother and father in-law Joan and Harold Blossom.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be on his birthday, Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. at Eastlawn Cemetery, where Jack will be interred with his father.

I will love you 4/ever Jack. -Jan

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 12. 12:30 PM (CT)

Eastlawn Cemetery  
2200 Milwaukee Road  
Beloit, WI 53511

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Robert Kennedy.*



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June 10, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *I didn't know Jack long met him thru Beloit Wisconsin Remember When. and he became a good friend . My condolences to Jan and his family .He will be missed*



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**Sharon Edwards** - February 24, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ *Rest in peace my Love. No more fighting that monster cancer. You fought the good fight just as you said you would.I miss you and will Love you 4/EVER JAN*

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**Jan Kennedy** - February 18, 2022 at 02:20 AM



“ *Jack is my uncle, my mom's brother. He was my idol when I was growing up. He always the best jokes, he loved life and his family and friends. I will miss his humor and his smile. Love you Jack. Your Nephew Jeffery.*

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**Jeff Gunning** - February 16, 2022 at 12:50 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



kevin van Kampen - February 02, 2022 at 10:06 PM

JK

*Thank you for that photo. We never saw that one before. Jan Kennedy*

Jan Kennedy - February 06, 2022 at 01:52 PM

KK

*This was taken on Buff street where Jack was a neighbor to us -The Van Kampens*

kevin Van Kampen - February 07, 2022 at 09:08 PM

JW

“ I have such fond memories of Jack when he sold us our stereo equipment. Jim and I went in the store so many times we ended up friends for the rest of our lives.

*My condolences for the loss of a truly great guy. RIP Jack*

Joyce Wehmeier - January 26, 2022 at 10:17 PM

YL

*So sorry for your loss Jan. He was a good man and will be missed. RIP Jack*

Yvonne Linn - January 28, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JK

*Joyce our friendship is a true blessing to me. Jack thought so much of you and Jim. Jim was like a brother to Jack.*

Jan Kennedy - February 06, 2022 at 01:54 PM

PK

“ I'll forever miss the inside jokes, watching football, and complaining about the Bears, bit most of all, I'll miss you, Dad. I love you.

*Till we meet again, homie  
Paul*

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**Paul Kennedy** - January 26, 2022 at 06:38 PM

JC

*I have many fond memories of John as we both attended Burdge school. Playing on Bluff St. and North Ave. with lots of friends. Boy scout camping trips. And I loved his dad's new '56 Ford. I've been gone from Beloit over 50 years, but these memories are indelible; thanks, John, happy journey.*

*John Cheadle '63, Baltimore, MD.*

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**John Cheadle** - January 29, 2022 at 06:41 AM

JK

*Paul, Dad will be in our hearts for an eternity. He was so proud of you and John and Chris.*

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**Jan Kennedy** - February 06, 2022 at 01:56 PM