



Jack 'Hoot' Evers

April 26, 1944 - July 7, 2016

John Thomas Evers, 72, of Shavertown passed away at his home with his family and friends at his side on the evening of Thursday, July 7, 2016. He had recently been treated for esophageal cancer at the University of Pennsylvania but lost a courageous six month battle with the disease.

Born April 26, 1944 in Wilkes-Barre he was the son of the late Thomas and Margaret Reese Evers.

A 1962 graduate of Saint Mary's High School, Jack was awarded a full scholarship to play basketball for Seton Hall University where he earned his degree in political science in 1966. Until his death he was an ardent supporter of Pirates basketball.

Always proud to have served his country; Jack completed a twenty-month tour for the Army during the Vietnam war.

A hard working man, Jack retired from Fairchild after a transition from RCA and many buyouts. He met his wonderful wife Cappie (Downs) at RCA and they enjoyed a loving forty-six-year marriage at the time of his passing.

Jack was always committed to his family and friends and continually saw the good side of everyone. Those who spent time with him enjoyed his quick wit and dry sense of humor. Jack was an avid golfer and member of the Wyoming Valley Country Club, and previously coached basketball at Wilkes-Barre Academy with his buddy, Michael Hirthler.

In addition to his parents, a niece, Kimberly Mihalchik, and nephew, George Mihalchik, preceded him in death.

Jack will be greatly missed by his wife Cappie; children, John T. Jr., of Shavertown, Samantha and her husband Vladimir Mundzic of Glencoe, Illinois and Erin and her husband Mark McLaughlin of Shavertown; four grandchildren, Riley Rose, Dimitri,

Sebastijan and Jack; sisters, Nancy and her husband Richard Walton of Ashley and Maureen and her husband Joseph Mullen of Carlisle; sister-in-law, Cletta and her husband Harry Salavantis of Shavertown; nieces and nephews, Jennifer Dompkosky, Ambria Kramer, Stefanie Salavantis, Stephen Salavantis, Brittany Holly; Linda Walton Ceklosky, Beth Ann Pascoe, Jennifer Todaro and Joseph Mullen; other family and friends, including close friends, Adam and Diane Burick.

Jack's entire family is grateful for the kindness and compassion shared with him by Ursina Tietlebaum, MD and Katie Green, NP of the University of Pennsylvania as well as Mary Ann, Nancy, Lisa and Jennifer of Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

Celebration of Jack's Life will begin Monday with visitation from 4 to 7 PM at McLaughlin's, 142 South Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre and continue Tuesday with a Funeral Mass at 9:30 AM in the Church of Saint Therese on Pioneer Avenue at Davis Street in Shavertown.

Memorial donations be made to your preference of cancer research, treatment, or service centers, or to Hospice of the Sacred Heart.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Jack's family at www.lifecelebrations.com

Events

JUL **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McLaughlin's
142 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US, 18701

JUL **Funeral Mass** 09:30AM

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Church of Saint Therese (Shavertown)
Pioneer Avenue at Davis Street, Shavertown, PA, US, 18708

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss. Your family are in my prayers. I have great memories of Jack & Cappie living on Forest Drive in Mt.Top, Cheryl Smith Page & family

cheryl smith page - July 12, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ I will always remember Cappie and I wincing as Jack's powerful voice so 'politely' coached all the early Wilkes Barre Academy basketball players at St. Joe's Oblates :) Jack for me will always be remembered as the big, powerful man he was, I will miss him whispering his "real" opinion in my ear! Janice

Janice Huntzinger - July 11, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ I will always remember Jack and feel very fortunate to have known him.....I have some idea of how great your loss truly is.

George Mihalchik - July 11, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ I had not seen Jack since the summer of 1968 following his safe return from Viet Nam. He and Tom Gill drove through Jacksonville, FL where I was stationed in the Navy. Like most vets, he spoke little about his time in-country. The three of us had a really good time reminiscing about our times in the Wyoming Valley.

Sadly, my military service and subsequent travels kept me away from W and we sort of lost track but I thought of him often. When my father died in 2000, some former teammates from St. Mary's came to his funeral and I was hoping to see Jack then. Same for our 50th reunion; neither Jack nor Tom were there and I found myself missing 'Hoot's" laughter and joi d'vie!. He was one of the good guys

I shall continue to miss him each time I visit Wilkes Barre.

Frank Smith
St. Mary's '62

Frank Smith - July 10, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr Evers was an elegant man; he had such a welcoming personality that you felt you made a friend the first or second time you spoke with him. He had an easy laugh; he brought a quick smile to our face when we saw him in church. And it was obvious to everyone how much he loved his wonderful wife and kids. I hope his good family takes pride in how much he gave in his life. We miss him.

jim - July 10, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ I just found out about my cousin passing. I am so sorry for his family' s loss. I was so proud of him when he played at Seton Hall. People in our neighborhood of East Brunswick N.J , would watch Jack playing ball for the Hall on T.V. .When I was 7 and 8 I wrote to Jack several times when he was in Viet Nam and he always related the positive. My favorite story was when he found a snake in his boot one morning. I still check my shoes whenever I leave them outside. He was a good guy even when he was twisting my arm at a family barbeque trying to see how tough I was; I will never be as cool and as tough under pressure as Jack Evers. God rest his soul and look forward to seeing him in Heaven.

Jeff Koch - February 10, 2017 at 10:35 PM