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John "Jack" C. Foreman, age 85 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Beebe Healthcare in Lewes. He was born Friday, October 02, 1931 in Marianna, AK, son of the late John and Christine (Eck) Foreman.

Jack, will be fondly remembered by everyone who knew him as a gentleman and a gentle man. His handsome looks and his beautiful voice never failed to leave an impression on those who met him and those who remember him.

Jack was a proud US Army Veteran who served during the Korean Conflict. He held a Bachelors Degree from the University of Arkansas and a Masters Degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Jack taught Speech and Theater at the University of Arkansas, Washington University in St. Louis, Howard University in Washington, DC, and Marjorie Webster College in Washington, DC. He was the company manager of National Players of Catholic University of Washington, DC from 1962-1964. Jack moved to Lewes in the early 1970s and was the owner of several businesses including: The Old Shoe, The Lewes Emporium, John Ivy Shoes, Noah's Lark, and Just Looking Upscale Resale.

Jack loved to cook. He loved to bring a beautiful, lovingly, carefully prepared meal to serve to people who were fortunate to have been a guest at his home.

Jack's love of classical music and the arts, primarily Caravaggio and indeed, Shakespeare, always guaranteed the listener an admiration for his appreciation of the wonder of man, best expressed by Hamlet when he said, "...what a piece of work is man! How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty...in action, how like an angel...in appreciation, how like a god".

Jack toured with the play Hamlet in 1964 for a full year. He played Horatio, Hamlet's best friend. While Hamlet was dying, Horatio said the following beautiful words to his dear friend...how ironic that we now say the same to Jack: "Now cracks a noble heart, good night sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!".



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Jack is survived by his beloved partner, David Ruffo, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, with whom he shared 54 years of life; his sisters: Betty Easley of Hot Springs National Park, AR, and Mary Niet and her husband Bob, of Saint Louis, MO; and his two loyal and adored canine companions, Coco and Mickey.

All services will be private, with a Memorial Celebration to be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

Both Jack and David always believed in rescuing their pets from a rescue facility and suggest donations in Jack's memory to your local animal rescue.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.



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TN

Tim Niet posted:

While my uncle and I were sanding along side his van, Jack felt it was necessary to explain how dirt it was by claiming that the dirt is what keeps the paint in good shape, and if he were to wash it, the van would start rusting.

February 24 at 11:57 PM

TN

Tim Niet posted:

David,After all these years I came across my Uncle Jacks obituary. It never occurred to me to look.I'm sorry my family thought it was important to hide things.I loved my Uncle very much.I hope you're doing well.Tim Niettimniet@gmail.com

February 24 at 11:44 PM

CB

Clark B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John "Jack".



October 24 at 4:53 PM

BB

Bridget Beck posted:

Uncle Jack, what good memories of our talks on the phone about your childhood. You were always so humorous and so good natured. I will truly miss you. Your niece, Bridget Foreman Beck

June 11 at 8:58 AM

CS

Carole Smith posted:

My life is richer because of knowing Jack and David. It was 40 years ago when I traveled to Lewes on weekends to be with Gary Soulsman and the rest of the gang. Those invitations for dinner above the antique store was always special. I remember one year having Thanksgiving dinner and being served duck not turkey. It was my first break from that tradition! The case of a favorite wine was absolutely the best wedding present when Gary and I got married in 1981! Warmest memories of dear Jack. Take care David.Carole Smith

June 10 at 5:26 PM



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Pat And Stan posted:

Stan and I first met Jack when we bought our place in Eagles Landing in 1989. We loved being in Jack's company because of the stories he would share about his life. Being from the D.C. area, I (Pat) loved hearing about his experiences when he taught at Howard University and Marjorie Webster College in Washington, D.C. We would try to catch Jack at "Just Looking" at times just to see him, even if it was just for a few minutes. Jack had a very kind heart and he will be missed.

June 9 at 8:51 AM



Suzy Sherow Martin posted:

My deepest sympathy to David, our families have been with each other for years! Jack was a lovely person and I know my mother, Peggy Sherow will take this hard when I tell her tonight. Prayers to all family members and to David we love you, you are in our hearts always. Suzy Sherow Martin

June 7 at 7:01 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John "Jack" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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