



John "Jack" N. Fisher

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John N. Fisher “Jack”, 82 of Lewes, Delaware, sadly left us on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Jack, also known as Coach by many, died as he lived, fighting for one more yard, one more first down, and one more day with his beloved family.

Born August 29th, 1941, to the late Emily A. McPherson Fisher and Thomas A. Fisher in Titusville, PA, Jack often mentioned growing up in an idyllic small town, surrounded by many caring teachers and coaches. He played football, basketball, and track at Titusville High School, graduating in 1960.

Upon graduation, Jack continued his football career at Slippery Rock State College (University) playing in three PSAC Championship games, winning two of them. He graduated with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Physical Education and History.

Jack married his school sweetheart, Carol A. Rembold. They and their baby daughter, Ann moved to Dover, DE in 1964, where Jack accepted a coaching and teaching position at Wesley Junior College. In football he coached the offensive line and special teams, coaching several all-conference linemen. Jack started a wrestling program at Wesley in 1964. The following two years the Wesley Grapplers were Tri-State Champions and were Co- Champions in 1967. In 1968 Jack earned a Master of Science-Health and Physical Education from West Virginia University. He felt the ten years at Wesley Junior College were the most formative and learning times of his life. He would never forget what Wesley College provided for him & his family.

In 1974, the Fisher family, now numbering six with the addition of three more daughters, Margaret and twins Mary and Deby, relocated to Lock Haven, PA. Jack taught in the Physical Education Department and was Defensive Coordinator at Lock Haven University. He was named Head Coach in 1978, winning the 1979 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championship and was named Coach of the Year for the conference. That team formed a bond with each other and Coach that continues to this day. Jack stepped down as head coach in 1986. From 1986 to



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retirement in 2002, he helped coach with numerous new head coaches, some of whom were his former players. He began teaching in the Heath Science Department in 1984.

Upon retirement in 2002, Jack and Carol were able to travel across the country several times, visiting friends and former players. Jack gave up his noontime jogging to become an avid bicyclist, riding 70 miles on his 70th Birthday. He enjoyed more than 20 years of retirement.

Often people would comment to Jack, after having four daughters, that it was a shame he didn't have any sons. Jack would reply that he felt lucky to be so well loved by those four and eventually five granddaughters.

Not long after retiring, Carol & Jack were blessed with two grandsons and eventually two great-grandsons. He got his boys when he had the time to spend with them.

Jack always made sure to involve his girls in all aspects of the football program. They looked forward to staying in the dorms during summer camp, helping put equipment in player's lockers, and standing on the sidelines cheering. Jack raised four beautiful, loving, caring daughters, while having a profound impact on hundreds of young men, loving every one of them.

In addition to his parents, Jack was predeceased by his brother, J. Thomas Fisher; his beloved daughter, Mary Kathryn Zerbey; and his son-in-law, Rich Williams. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol Fisher; his children: Ann Fisher of Brooksville, VT, Margaret Murphy (Larry) of Lewes, DE, and Deby Evans (Jeff) of Milton, DE; his son-in-law, Jason Zerbey of Wilmington DE; his granddaughters: Bailey Tenerovich, Aja Tenerovich, Sadie Tenerovich, Emily Sferlazza (Tony), Marley Evans; his grandsons: Westen Zerbey and Isaac Zerbey; and his great-grandsons: Bowie Sferlazza and Crosby Sferlazza; his sister, Joan Carter (Allen) of York, PA; several nieces and nephews; and the many friends, players, coaches, and colleagues who Jack considered his extended family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday December 2, 2023, at 12:00 PM, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

All who are unable to attend the service in person, are invited to join via live-stream by visiting Epworth UMC - Rehoboth Beach, DE - YouTube



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In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to The Jack Fisher Memorial Scholarship www.grayeaglesfootballalumni.com or Mothers Against Drunk Driving, www.madd.org/Delaware, www.de.state@madd.org.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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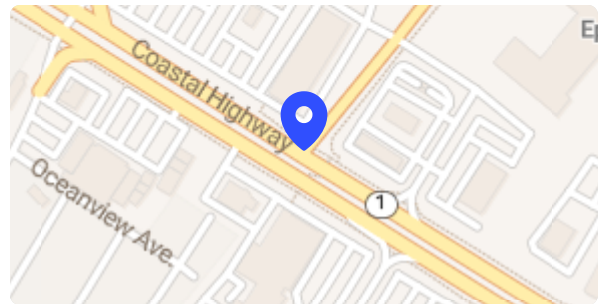
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, December 2, 2023

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **Epworth United Methodist Church**
19825 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach DE

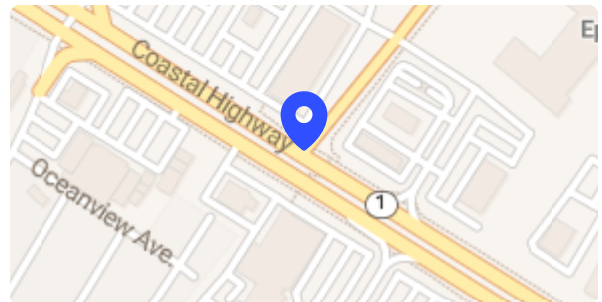


Memorial Service

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S

Scott Govern posted:

I was fortunate enough to be a player for Coach Fisher in 1986. He took a chance on me, and I will always be thankful for him. Coach Fisher was a tremendous man who I looked up too and respected so much. All of us who played for him were blessed to be with him. I have the deepest condolences for his family. You will be missed but never forgotten coach! Sincerely, Scott Govern, Class of 1991

April 17 at 1:46 PM

BC

Bill Connor posted:

Jack was a fine football coach and an outstanding leader of young men. May we meet again. Bill Connor

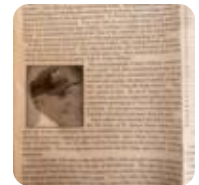
February 17 at 5:27 PM

SO

Stacie Orsini shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Beautiful, write up about Mr. Fisher in the Titusville Alumni News, newspaper in the fall/winter 2023 issue

January 18 at 8:46 AM



DT

Dan Toomey posted:

I played for Coach Fisher and the "Bear" in 1969. Followed Coach Fisher's footsteps and played for Slippery Rock State College in 1970-1972. Tough but fair. Carol so sorry for your loss. Dan Toomey

December 28 at 6:48 PM

JS

John Sheptock posted:

Great guy loved him as teacher at Haven he was great coach but even better person loved to talk football with him

December 2 at 2:46 PM



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JH

James E. Heinly posted:

I played football and wrestled for coach Fisher at Wesley College in 1970 and 1972. Coach Fisher inspired me to always give 100 per cent of myself on and off the field. Over the years I got to see Coach Fisher but I regret not taking the time to see him more often. My deepest sympathy to the Fisher family.

December 1 at 5:23 PM

DB

Doug Byerly posted:

Coach Fisher was one of the truly great guys and represented Lock Haven University at the highest level both on the football field and in the classroom. His legacy is one that will retain the utmost respect from all connected to LHU and the local community.

December 1 at 5:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Fisher family.



November 30 at 4:26 PM

LI

Linda lit a candle in honor of John "Jack".

Jack, I will forever be grateful for my time spent with you listening big to you impart wisdom to my brother after a loss or a win. I will always cherish your advice and kindness. Heaven has one of the best men I've ever known. Thank you! Hugs my friend!



November 30 at 2:48 PM

MS

Mike Sperry posted:

Deepest condolences to the entire Fisher family. As coach would say on the bus before leaving after a win, we must now say to him " Aloha! " Mike " Tex" Sperry and family

November 29 at 3:18 AM



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MF

Mike Feeley posted:

I played football at Wesley College in 1971 & 1972 and got to know Coach Fisher then. I played on the D-Line, so I had to go against Coach Fisher's crew every day and they were tough...no back down from those guys. I came to know the same about Coach Fisher, Coach "Lang" & The Bear, Coach Andrus! They were all cut from the same cloth. Great people and Great Coaches and Great Educators.

November 17 at 7:20 AM

TF

Ted Egger And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of John "Jack".



November 15 at 11:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Fisher family.



November 15 at 11:09 AM

JB

James Bodamer posted:

Jack was a very good friend of mine as we grew up together here in Titusville. So many great memories!! I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. God Bless!
Jim Bodamer.

November 14 at 3:04 PM



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SO

Stacie Orsini posted:

I am a 1993 graduate of Lock Haven University where I first met Mr. Fisher. I was a health science major and he just so happened to be assigned as my advisor. After getting to know each other, he found out I am from Titusville, PA.. boy did we have a lot in common. He went to school with my mom and we often reminisced about our little town in Western PA. Fast forward to 2001 when my then fiancé and I moved from Pittsburgh to Lewes, DE where Mr. Fisher and I ran into each other and reconnected after all those years! I would often see him bike down my cul- de- sac in Lewes. I will always remember him fondly

November 13 at 7:12 AM

SO

Stacie Orsini November 13 at 7:14 AM

Carol- my parents are Keith Berneburg and Judy (Kantor) Berneburg

LF

Laurie Flowers posted:

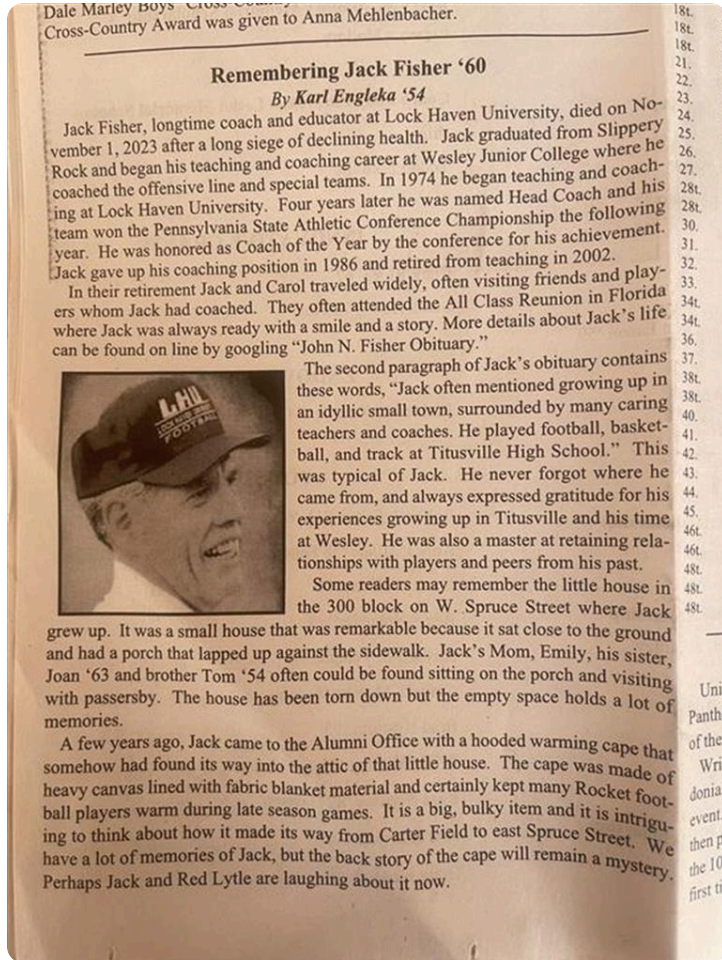
What I remember most about Uncle Jack is his kind heart , sense of humor and that smile.He is loved by so many and will be missed dearly by all who's lives he has touched.Prayers and much love to Aunt Carol,Ann,Margaret and Deby as well as the grandchildren and great grandchildren.🙏❤️🙏
Laurie Flowers and Family🦋

November 9 at 6:24 AM



Stacie Orsini shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

January 18 at 8:46 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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