



John Richard Vandervoort

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John Richard Vandervoort, Sr. (Jack) Born in Moline, Il. August 2, 1928 Died June 27, 2009 at home. As a young man, after Jr. High School, He earned a four year scholarship to St. Bede Academy in Peru, Il. Graduating in 1946 he entered college in Davenport, Iowa. An airforce cadet he earned his wings in Enid, Ok. He was a 2nd Lt. Test pilot at Kelly Airforce Base, San Antonio, TX. He was a fighter pilot in the Korean War flying 55 missions, and received a Bronze Star and Distinguish Flying Cross. He attended SMU Law School and became an attorney in 1957. He worked for a New York law firm for 3 yrs, then American Airlines 2 yrs. In 1962 he came to Texas Instruments, Inc. as the third attorney hired, travelling the world and was employed with them 24 yrs. He retired from the FDIC as a federal attorney in 2007. Survived By: Brother Jerry and wife Joan Vandervoort of Arizona, Wife: Eva Peterson Vandervoort, sons: John R. Vandervoort Jr. and his wife Michelle, Tony E. Vandervoort and his wife Amissa, Mike Heald and wife Linda, Steve Heald, daughters: Karen Vandervoort Vannatta, Susan Heald Griffith. Grandchildren: Colton Vandervoort, Amber Vandervoort, Ashley John, Sarah Griffith, Lance Corporal Persons Bryant Griffith IV, Eva Griffith. Great-grandchildren: Samuel John and Elizabeth Balder, also several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Mon. June 29th from 6pm-8pm @ Restland Funeral Home 13005 Greenville Ave. Dallas, Tx Services will be held @ 10:00am June 30th, Wildwood Chapel Restland, 13005 Greenville Ave Dallas. There will also be a Taps/flag ceremony at the Whispering Waters mausoleum after services



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FB

Fr. Ronald Margherio, O.S.B. posted:

Recently a notice appeared on our monastery bulletin board announcing Jack's death. There were no details. Knowing that Jack was a 1946 alumnus of our academy, I found his obituary on-line. Please be assured of my prayers and those of the other monks at the abbey. We will pray for the repose of the soul of your husband, father and grandfather and will pray for you as well. Fr. Ronald Margherio, O.S.B. St. Bede Abbey and Academy Peru, IL 61354-2903

August 24 at 7:09 PM

KM

Kevin Martins posted:

I've known the Vandervoort family for over 15 years. I don't really know exactly when the 1st time I met Jack was, but I remember specifically that when I did meet him, he acted as if he had known me my whole life. I mean I'm sure that he had heard some good stories from John Jr. about our adventures in college, but up until that point, he had never actually met me face to face. That's the kind of guy Jack was though, it seemed anyone whom he met was automatically elevated to "best friend" status. I remember just after he initially was hospitalized due to breaking his hip, in much pain, and probably heavily medicated, he still had his quick wit and smartaleck attitude, he was still cracking jokes and making funny comments about the his current situation. He will be dearly missed, and my prayers go out to his family. Jack is in a better place and is no longer feeling any pain

August 24 at 3:34 AM

CB

Carolyn Beavers posted:

Jack is the father in-law of one of my best friends. I was fortunate enough to meet Jack and Eva many years ago. One thing that always stood out to me about Jack was he seemed always be smiling. He was very down-to-earth and easy to get to know. I know he will be sorely missed here on Earth but I can honestly say Heaven has received a very good man. May God bless the family as they are enduring this difficult time.

August 24 at 3:28 AM

DH

Dr. Norman E Hodges posted:

Dr. Norman E Hodges purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Richard Vandervoort.

June 26 at 7:00 PM



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JV

John Vandervoort Jr posted:

Happy Veterans day dad. Thank you for your service in Korea. I know it was not easy for you while you were there, but you made life easier for all of us for doing what you did. We shall not forget. Love you so much. John Jr.

June 26 at 7:00 PM

JV

John Vandervoort Jr. posted:

3 years have passed since you left us Dad, and I just wanted to say how much we love you and miss you. God bless & thanks for being the incredible dad you were to me.

June 26 at 7:00 PM

DH

Dr. Norman E Hodges posted:

October 2010 I was one of John R. Vandervoort's closest friends when we were fellow commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force – serving in Korea at K-9 with the 452nd Bomb Wing based in Pusan in 1951. I authored an Introduction (in which Jack was referred to frequently) for "Our Family Hero," a book that was published by the family of Hugh "Jack" Rhodes, our fellow officer in Korea and my classmate at Officer Candidate School, at their invitation. Jack Vandervoort and I stayed in touch off and on through the years as close friendships formed in the military are often enduring. I do regret that those of us who served with Jack overseas were not able to offer comfort and encouragement during his prolonged illness – due to our inability to reach him via the telephone at his home though we tried frequently to ring Jack up during the final year of his life. It is still a mystery and a cause of sadness for us that no one ever answered that telephone. Nonetheless, I offer the most heartfelt and sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John R. Vandervoort whose memory will always be an indelible part of our military experience. Dr. N. E. Hodges Plantation, Florida

June 26 at 7:00 PM

MS

Michael Smith posted:

Jack's son, Tony, has been one of my best friends for almost 18 years. I always appreciated the generosity his mother and father showed me. Jack can rest in peace knowing that he left behind a truly wonderful legacy.

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Karen Austin posted:

Jack was my boss at TI and a true mentor. He was one of the smartest people I have ever met, and beloved by all his clients at TI. My prayers are with your family. I know you will miss Jack. It has been years since I have seen him, but I never forgot him and speak of him often. Karen

June 26 at 7:00 PM



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