



John Stephen LaVee (Jack)

August 4, 1947 - April 9, 2025

John Stephen LaVee (Jack), 77, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina passed away peacefully on April 9, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Born on August 4, 1947, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Jacques and Jayne LaVee, John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He graduated from Rowan State College (formerly Glassboro State College) with a Bachelor and Master of Arts in Education. Although he started his career as an elementary school teacher, he found his true calling in sales in the shipping industry for 50 years, working for only two companies, Maersk-SeaLand and Globe Express. Known for his great sense of humor and fun-loving attitude, Jack was well loved by family and friends.

John married his wife, Lois, in 1970 after they met as schoolteachers at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Merchantville, New Jersey. Together, they raised two daughters and built a life full of love, laughter, and travel. His many promotions throughout his career moved him and his family up and down the East Coast and they lived in New Jersey, Georgia and North Carolina before retiring to Pawleys Island, South Carolina. They even lived and worked for several years in San Salvador, El Salvador. Jack was an avid and talented golfer and a highly sought after golf partner. He could be found most weekends on a golf course, watching golf or rooting for the Philadelphia Eagles. Jack was most well-known for his outgoing, fun-loving personality. He

was a constant jokester but made everyone feel comfortable and cared for in his presence.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Lois Dentino LaVee; his children, Andrea LaVee Bookout and his son-in-law Brian Bookout, and Niccole LaVee Bartley and his son-in-law Scott Bartley; and their five grandchildren, Nathan and Sarah Kate Bookout, and Benjamin, Malcolm and Samuel Bartley. They were the light of his life, his family provided him great joy and he loved them well. He enjoyed visiting his grandkids and spending time with them at the beach. He is also remembered fondly by his sister Maryanne LaVee, his brother-in-law, Karl Dentino and his family, and countless friends across the country.

Per Jack's wishes, there will be no public funeral service. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date to honor and remember him in the way he would have wanted—with good food, great stories, and the people he loved most.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

Please sign the family's guestbook at: www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear LaVee Family. I had the privilege of working with Jack at Globe Express Services. He was a true professional and a mentor to me. Colleagues and customers all respected Jack, who valued those relationships and nurtured us all, over the years. Today as a manager, I find myself asking in certain difficult situations...”what would Jack do.” Sending our condolences and prayers...Jack was a great man. - Bill & Viviane Bechtler-Smith

Bill Smith - April 27, 2025 at 12:25 PM

MK

“ Hello Nikki.
No doubt your family is devastated by the loss of your father, Jack. I must say that I was devastated by his loss and regarded him as a brother. Was aware that his health had deteriorated over the past two plus years.
I shed emotional tears when I learned that he had passed away. I loved him dearly as if he were one of my siblings. We had many adventures over our 50 years plus relationship and I remember them all with immense fondness.
Mike Kramer

Michael Joseph Kramer - April 18, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ A mentor and friend from my first day in the Philadelphia sales office; Jack was a sales professional. He knew the customers personally including their favorite restaurants and golf courses. Years later, after a hurricane came near our house; he called the next morning to check on us.
He cared. He was first class.

Fred Stribling - April 17, 2025 at 10:09 AM

PW

“ Dear Lois, Andie and Nikki,

I have fond, loving memories of Jack and Lois before they were married, at their wedding as maid of honor and years later. Your Dad was always smiling, fun and the life of a party. He truly loved you all wholeheartedly. I know he will be missed.

Love, Patty DePersia Westerfer



Patricia Westerfer - April 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM