



John David "Jack" Connery

June 4, 1934 - November 5, 2020

Retired Naval Commander, John David (Jack) Connery departed this world on November 5, 2020. Jack and his beloved wife, Juliet (Jill), moved to Trinity Oaks, a retirement community in Salisbury, North Carolina in 2011, from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Michael and Annabelle Connery in 1934, Jack attended local schools and went on to the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated with a degree in journalism in 1956.

Having worked briefly as a city desk reporter for the Oklahoma City Times, he soon followed his elder brothers into the Navy, and was commissioned an Ensign in December 1956. In a naval career that spanned over twenty years, Jack served on five different ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, including two deployments to Vietnam.

During tours of shore duty, Jack obtained a Master's Degree from George Washington University. He also served as Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He retired from the Navy as a Commander in 1977.

Jack then launched a second career as a technical writer/editor for the pipeline equipment company, T.D. Williamson in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On retirement in 1996, he continued to freelance as a consultant in technical writing beyond the move to Trinity Oaks.

Realizing a lifelong ambition, Jack memorably recaptured his boyhood growing up on a farm in Broken Arrow in the 2017 memoir, *After a Meal Like*

This, You Don't Need Dessert.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, three brothers Tom, Bill and Mike, a sister Mary, a son David and a granddaughter Leah. He leaves behind his wife Jill, daughters Kathleen, Peggy, Sue, and Trish, son Michael, their spouses Ron, Louis, Michael, David and Elizabeth, step-daughter Victoria, and foster daughter Brenda, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jack will be remembered for his dry sense of humor, his unfailing loyalty to family and friends, his love of a great story, and a rare ability to make strangers feel at ease. As a consummate volunteer, Jack gave back to his community in many ways, whether with Habitat for Humanity or as a polling station official on election nights. He had been president of his church council in Tulsa, and most recently, president of the Resident's Association at Trinity Oaks.

The family wishes to thank all the nursing staff who cared for Jack during his long illness and stay at Trinity Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center. They had a special place for Jack in their hearts.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Oaks on Monday, November 16th at 2:00 pm Eastern Time. Owing to restrictions imposed by the pandemic, attendance will be limited to 25. Others wishing to view the service may do so afterwards by going to the Trinity Oaks YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3TfVQ_843M3EtnoPJapMrQ

Memorials to honor Jack can be made to Lutheran Services Carolina, or the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Oaks
728 Klumac Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Dear Jill,
You have been in my thoughts and prayers since Jack's passing. I so enjoyed seeing him at Civitans and both of you at St John's. May God give you comfort and strength in your journey ahead. My condolences, Judy Klusman*

Judy Klusman - December 05, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John David "Jack" Connery.*



November 11, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John David "Jack" Connery.*



November 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John David "Jack" Connery.*



November 11, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ I always knew him as “uncle John”, but Jack or John, he was a great guy. Always had a smile and a good story. I loved reading his book about the early days of the Connerys in Broken Arrow. Very sad to see the last of that generation gone.

steve connery - November 11, 2020 at 11:19 AM

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“ I will never forget Uncle John making it through the blow up obstacle course at Malia's house over Thanksgiving. We all were collectively worried, amazed, amused, and in awe!! He was always a trooper and ready for the fun!! He was such a kind soul and I will miss him dearly.

Sabrina Connery - November 11, 2020 at 02:53 AM

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“ Jack and I shared some personal moments in our friendship. I am deeply saddened at his death and wish there had been more personal, insightful and reflective moments. Jack wanted his children to know about his life and wrote a book about those experiences. Few of us would be so brave and open about life. Jill, you both were leaders in so many areas. I treasure our friendship, our interest in antiques and in our shared views of citizenship. My condolences to you and your family. Pete Prunkl

Pete Prunkl - November 10, 2020 at 09:50 AM