



John "Jack" Bailey Hempstead III

August 29, 1945 - August 14, 2024

John "Jack" Bailey Hempstead III, age 78, of Lake Forest, Illinois passed away peacefully on August 14, 2024 surrounded by his family.

He was born August 29, 1945 in Alexandria, Virginia to John B. Hempstead & Dorothy Witt Hempstead. Jack served his country in the United States Marines Corps, both in Vietnam and Marine Headquarters in Quantico, Virginia. Jack received his Bachelor of Business Administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University and an MBA at Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

As a child, he summered in Highland Lakes, New Jersey at his grandparents' cabin where he developed an insatiable love of fishing. A family transfer to Denver, Colorado solidified his love of the outdoors. He loved animals in the wild, pets in the home and a hawk he rescued and nursed back to health. Many years later after a successful career in Computer Software, he lived the dream by becoming a National Park Ranger. Packing up his convertible Corvette, he made the journey to Alaska for his first post at the Mendenhall Glacier. Jack lived on the edge, loving to take risks. He became a private pilot to get to fishing holes faster. Most of all he loved his family, his faith and going on fishing trips with his sons and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Suzie; his sons Jack IV, Christopher, Adam Chandler; and 2 adorable grandchildren Christopher and Sloane. He

was the older brother of Gary Paul (Barbara) Hempstead and uncle to Joe and Nick.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 from 6-8 PM in the Stuart Room of the Gorton Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 10 AM at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPKGTe-umwQ>. Interment will follow the Mass at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery.

For information – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jack's name may be made to the National Park Service at <https://www.nps.gov/getinvolved/donate.htm>, or the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sheridan National Cemetery

Vattman Road
Fort Sheridan, IL 60037

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gorton Center
400 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

The Memorial Visitation will be held in the Stuart Room.

Funeral Mass

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary
175 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Mass Livestream in memory of John "Jack" Bailey Hempstead III*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - August 22, 2024 at 04:55 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Barry & Cheryl Derman - August 28, 2024 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Suzie and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Although we are far away, Mesa, Arizona, we continue to receive the St. Mary's Bulletin so knew Jack was not well. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Strength and peace to all, Frank and Sue Strainis*

Sue (Moulder) Strainis - August 23, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Jack. Our condolences to Suzie and the family. We met Jack in 2004 when we were moving from Indianapolis back to Chicago. Our only free day was July 4th and Jack agreed to spend the day with us. We ended up buying a wonderful home in Lake Forest and forming a long friendship with Suzie and Jack. We always enjoyed following Jack adventures and know he will be missed. Jim & Rhoda Hlavacek

Jim Hlavacek - August 17, 2024 at 12:50 PM