



John "Jack" Hillgardner

May 10, 2024

HILLGARDNER JOHN E. ("Jack") age 98, a resident of Tenafly and formerly of Woodside and Jamaica, Queens died Friday, May 10, 2024. Beloved husband of the late Pearl (nee) Smith and the late Rosa (nee) Estevez. Devoted father of Thomas Hillgardner, Joan Hillgardner and Anne Castioni (nee Hillgardner). Jack was also predeceased by his son, James. Loving grandfather of Carolyn Castioni. He is also survived by his nieces Patricia Geissler, Carol Pequet, and Kathleen Smith, his nephew, Alan Smith, and his cousin, Jim Hillgardner.

John volunteered for the Navy in 1943 and was deployed to the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters where he served on Patrol Craft 1195, a Subchaser, which was credited with sinking three German submarines. Post-war, he was employed as a civilian engineer for the US Navy (Strategic Systems Project Office) and would later finish his college degree evenings at Queens College. He was an active member of Immaculate Conception Church and School in Jamaica, NY, serving as Cubmaster and later Scoutmaster of Troop 284. He will be remembered for his enduring faith and love for his family. Family and friends are invited to visit on Tuesday 4-9 PM at the Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel RC Church. Interment to follow at Long Island National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the USO are appreciated by the family. Visit Jack's memorial tribute page at www.barrettleber.com.

Cemetery Details

Long Island National Cemetery

2040 Wellwood Ave.
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **14**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAY **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church
10 County Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670-2105
(201) 568-0545

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Joan and Family,
When Ed and I met Jack years ago, we found an extraordinary gentleman, wonderful conversationalist and family man. God Bless Him, Eileen Colligan

Eileen Colligan - May 14, 2024 at 03:50 PM

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“ Uniformed EMS Officers Union, Local 3621 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Jack" Hillgardner.



Uniformed EMS Officers Union, Local 3621 - May 14, 2024 at 06:19 AM

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“ Uniformed EMS Officers Union, Local 3621 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Hillgardner.

Uniformed EMS Officers Union, Local 3621 - May 14, 2024 at 06:19 AM

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“ The FDNY Office of Medical Affairs purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of John "Jack" Hillgardner.



The FDNY Office of Medical Affairs - May 13, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“ Pat and Tom Geissler purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John "Jack" Hillgardner.



Pat and Tom Geissler - May 13, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Hillgardner.



May 13, 2024 at 07:00 AM

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“ On behalf of the Administration, Faculty and Staff of Queens College, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire family.

May he Rest in Peace,

Anna Rossini - May 12, 2024 at 07:54 PM