



John J. (Jack) Kenny

September 22, 2018

Longtime Tenafly resident Jack Kenny passed away peacefully at home on September 22, 2018. Jack and his wife Mae met in Rockaway Beach in 1955, married in 1958 and moved to Tenafly in 1962, remaining there in retirement after raising five children. Jack was born in Woodside, Queens (St. Teresa's) to his Irish-born (County Roscommon) parents Beatrice and Patrick Kenny on September 23, 1933. He was deeply proud of his Irish heritage and Woodside roots. A Korean War veteran of the U.S. Army and a graduate of St. John's University, Jack worked for the Colgate-Palmolive Co. for 26 years. After retiring he fulfilled a long-held ambition to become an attorney, graduating from Rutgers Law School in 1993. He then practiced law for 6 years, 3 of them in the Brooklyn District Attorney's office as an Assistant District Attorney. Jack was an avid runner, starting during the running boom in the early 1970s and continuing into his late 70s, with six marathons among his many races. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Mae (Mary McCormick), their children Eileen, Brian (Katie), John (Mary Beth Hogan), Kathleen Jaeger (Robert), and Sheila (Jonathan Simmons) and grandchildren Molly, Brendan, Hugh, Cormac, Daniel, Kate, Jack and Declan. He is also survived by his sisters Mary Thomas and Kathleen Kennedy and brother Thomas, and sisters-in-law Eileen Walsh and Maureen Kenny. His brother Pat died three weeks prior to Jack. Visitation at the Barrett Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr., Tenafly on Wednesday from 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 11 AM at Mt. Carmel Church, Tenafly. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Tenafly. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, NY, 496 Western Highway, Blauvelt, NY 10913, Attn: Development Office, or The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY 10976.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

10 Serpentine Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP **26**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Carmel RC Church
10 County Road
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John J. (Jack) Kenny.*



September 24, 2018 at 07:18 PM

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“ *Your Prudential Family, External Affairs purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of John J. (Jack) Kenny.*



Your Prudential Family, External Affairs - September 24, 2018 at 02:40 PM

EM

“ *Dear Mae,*

So sorry for your troubles. Rest In Peace Jack.

Eugene

Eugene McConville - September 24, 2018 at 02:30 PM

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“ Dear Mae,

My deepest condolences to you and all Jack's family and relatives. As a neighbor all these years, I have such nice memories of Jack.

He always greeted me with a big, warm, friendly smile. He had a quick wit and sense of humor that was no doubt part of his Irish heritage. He never once, and I really mean never once, forgot to ask how my family was doing, especially Nicholas, and listened to all the details with real interest and sincere concern.

His interest in and caring about others was the essence of Jack. That's why I know he will keep watching over you, Mae, his family and relatives, as well as his Coleman Terrace neighbors.

You will be missed Jack and never forgotten! Keep watching how we are doing and saying prayers for us.

With deepest sympathy,

Carole Reiss and family

Carole Reiss - September 24, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of John J. (Jack) Kenny.



September 23, 2018 at 05:41 PM