



## John "Jack" Kroese

November 2, 2023

John "Jack" Kroese, 96 of Tenafly, NJ passed away peacefully on November 2nd. A celebration of life mass will be held on Friday, November 17th at 12 Noon at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Tenafly. Jack was born on December 19th, 1926 to John and Ann Margaret (Gaffney). He attended The Hun School in Princeton and Princeton University. He served in the infantry in WWII. Jack married the former Joan Coyle in 1951 and moved to Tenafly in 1955, where he resided until his death. Jack was past president and CEO of Gaffney-Kroese, Inc., a global industrial distributor. He was an avid tennis player, stock market investor, sports fan, world traveler and bon vivant. Mostly, he loved gathering and socializing with his many friends and beloved wife and family. Jack was a past member of Hideaway Beach Club, Marco Island FL, Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly Tennis Club and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. He is survived by his wife of 72 years Joan, his sons Christopher, John III and wife Kathleen, daughters Carol Anne and Lisa, 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Funeral Mass

NOV 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Rachel, David, Jane and Mark Wysoki purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Jack" Kroese.



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**Rachel, David, Jane and Mark Wysoki** - November 15, 2023 at 06:42 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Kroese.



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November 11, 2023 at 01:18 PM

DZ

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Always enjoyed catching up on each of our families. He always had a smile and a kind word. Our condolences to his family.

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**Debbie Bodecker Zaccario** - November 10, 2023 at 07:21 PM

PP

“ For many years we had the privilege of acquainting ourselves with Jack, owing to the dear friendship we share with his daughter Carol Anne. Over the years we reveled in the pleasure of his company, enchanted by his charisma, and uplifted by the warmth of his laughter, particularly during the shared moments of holiday dinners. In this sorrowful moment, our heartfelt condolences and prayers extend to Carol Anne and her family. She held an unwavering admiration for her cherished father, who not only nurtured and cared for her but also proved to be a steadfast friend, a pillar of support, and one with whom to revel in joy and find solace in times of need.

*With much love and many prayers! Peter and Kathryn Paige*

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**Peter Paige** - November 09, 2023 at 11:11 AM

GA

“ Sincere condolences to the Kroese family for their loss.



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**Gil and Josie Aguilés** - November 08, 2023 at 02:58 PM

AL

“ One of my Dad's dearest friends, always many laughs playing paddle and going to Cafe Cafe for breakfast. Mr. Kroese was always so kind in visiting my Dad at home in later years. We know he will be welcomed with open arms in heaven. Our deepest condolences to all of you from the Ix family.

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**Alison Ix Lutes** - November 08, 2023 at 12:47 PM

MQ

“ *Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Kroese*



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**Maureen Quinn** - November 08, 2023 at 10:34 AM

DW

“ *I already miss my good friend and best-ever neighbor, Jack. He could smile and make friends with a delivery driver or the chairman of a board. He always remained charming and gracious, his blue eyes twinkling with kindness and a touch of fine mischief. He would rather hear about what you were doing rather than talk about what he accomplished. And he always preferred cracking jokes (often at his own expense), having a good time ... and a good drink. He loved our shopping trips (Costco stock may drop a point now that he is no longer perusing the aisles for steaks and lamb chops), gabbing non stop on the way there and happy on the way back. Rachel, Mark, Jane and I will always hold his memory in our hearts.*

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**David Wysoki** - November 08, 2023 at 08:29 AM



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



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November 07, 2023 at 09:36 PM