



John "Jack" Kohms

May 11, 1945 - September 25, 2017

John William Kohms, "Jack", passed away quietly at his home in Riverton, NJ on Sept. 25, 2017 surrounded by family and friends, after earlier enjoying a taste of his favorite drink, a Dark and Stormy. Born in Long Branch, NJ on May 11, 1945 to Jean Ellis Houston (nee Throckmorton) and the late William Peter Kohms, Jack was 72 years old.

He graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, NJ in 1963 and went on to attend Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ for a time. He then enlisted in the Army Reserves when other men his age were being drafted for the Vietnam War. Later he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Language and Literature/Letters from Monmouth College, now Monmouth University.

Jack began his career in manufacturing at Lily-Tulip in Holmdel, NJ before moving on to the companies of Weyerhaeuser, Plymouth, and finally Toll Brothers in Morrisville, PA where he retired as plant manager in 2009.

He always had a book on hand to read, non-fiction being his favorite genre. He amassed a significant library before a wonderful device called a Kindle came into being. From that point on, the Kindle - and his iPad Mini - were never far from him. He was an avid follower of politics, had questionable taste in movies, loved to play tennis and travel, and enjoyed the company of his family above all things.

Jack was the beloved husband of Bernadette (nee Galletti) for 23 years. Son of Jean Houston and stepson of Richard Houston of Howell, NJ. Loving father

of Jennifer Kohms of Smithfield, VA; Seth Hartmann and wife Danielle Leisner of Delran, NJ; Blake Hartmann and wife Lynne of Sicklerville, NJ; and Trevor Hartmann. Dearest grandpa of Amelia, Mallory and Mairin VanHoorebeck of Smithfield, VA. Favorite brother and uncle to numerous relatives. And generous friend.

Jack was active in his town of Riverton, belonging to the Riverton Country Club and serving on the town's Planning Board. So we ask in leu of flowers that memorial donations be made to Riverton Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 116, Riverton NJ 08077 with "Jack Kohms" on the memo line.

Tribute Wall



“ *John "Jack" Kohms*

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Seth Hartmann - October 07, 2017 at 09:32 PM



“ *I never really considered Jack as a father-in-law, always just Dad. I had such great respect and admiration for him. He was a logical and loving man. For the last 25 years, I always felt as if he was in my corner. He always brought sanity to a mad world. I'll miss you Dad.*

Doug VanHooerebeck - September 28, 2017 at 10:11 PM



Danielle
Leisner

“ Jack welcomed me into the family almost 5 years ago, with not one, not two, but three Washington Apple martinis. Jack made me feel a part of the family from the moment I met him. We shared a love of books, travel and good food. He taught me to love French-press coffee and Manchego cheese (but never at the same time). Seth and I have spent countless nights trying new restaurants and enjoying old ones with him and Mom over the past few years. We took several trips with them and always had good laughs. Hardly a week went by that we didn't share a meal or just stop over to say hello. I always looked forward to getting a text asking us to meet for dinner. I will surely miss being called Danni L. and hearing him say “so nice of you to stop by” when he was ready for us to go home. Jack was one of a kind and I loved the time, albeit brief, that I got to be his daughter-in-law.

Danielle Leisner - September 27, 2017 at 09:00 PM

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“ jack was my brother,my friend, and my hero.he was 5 years older then me and was a great man. we had lots of fun together at our grammy throckmortons house with our cousin barb. he had a wonderful train collection in her attic and played with it all the time. as he grew up a book was always in his hands and i know he loved his daughter jennifer and his grandchildren with all his heart. and i know he loved his wife bernie and her kids too.
jack i miss you so much and i will wear the necklace you gave me forever. you will be missed terribly. we all loved you. goodbye bro!!!

sandie morrissey - September 27, 2017 at 10:12 AM

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As often happens in life, people move and instead of being able to "visit" face to face, we rely on e-mail and texting...thankfully Jack and I did keep in touch via these means....i am very thankful tho that in the last year i was able to "visit" face to face with my cousin twice.....i will always remember those 2 visits fondly....Love you Jack

Barb Baum - September 27, 2017 at 11:08 AM

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“ I will always remember the very first day I met Jack, I was 11 years old and mowing our front lawn when he came to pick my mother up. I knew he was a great man the moment I shook his hand for the first time, up until the last time I held his hand. Jack was a great husband to my mother of 23 years and a great Step “Father” to me. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Always in my thoughts and forever in my Heart. I love you Jacky

Seth Hartmann - September 27, 2017 at 08:50 AM