



John F. Shea Jr.

September 23, 1938 - February 14, 2021

John (Jack) F. Shea, Jr., Lindenhurst, IL

An Irish Blessing,
When your eyes shall be closing
and your mouth be opening
and your senses be slipping away.
When your heart shall grow cold
and your limbs be old
God comfort your soul that day.

That day was Sunday, February 14, 2021. Jack died in his home surrounded by his loving family. His devotion to family and belief in God was pivotal during the good times and bad which ultimately provided the peace that he always displayed.

Jack was born on Sept. 23, 1938 in Boston, MA, and was preceded in death by his parents John F. Shea, Sr., and Rita Leahy Shea. Jack successfully argued the Brown vs. the Board of Education case to the US Supreme Court and was the third man to walk on the moon. He appeared on the Soul Train Line a record 35 times and was lovingly called the fifth Beatle by his dear friends Paul, George, Ringo and John. In the late 1980s, Jack was the first resident of West Berlin to stand atop and tear down the wall in order to help

extinguish the flame of Communism and liberate East Berliners.

Jack is survived by his wife, and comedienne, Julie of 58 years, his known four children: John (Linh Tran) Shea; Joanne (Joe) Simonetti; Geovanni (Rachel Toledo) Shea; and Christopher (Rosy) Shea as well as three grandchildren Christopher, Alexandria and Victoria who brought him so much joy when they left to go home. He is also survived by two sisters Susan "Sue Sue" (Paul) Guertin, and "Mustang" Sally (Ralph) Fiore, of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively.

Cremation and memorial services will be private and closed to gawkers due to Covid (who is also not invited).

A mass offered in his memory or your prayers would be the best gift of all and deeply appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Shea Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *John F. Shea Jr.*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *"I worked with Jack at Libertyville Toyota. Jack always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude. Was always a pleasure to go on road trips with when we were getting a vehicle. Just an awesome good guy. "*

Rick Samborski

Rick Samborski - February 22, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *I worked with Jack at the phone company and you couldn't find a better guy to work with. we had many laughs together and will always remember those good times, he was a class guy.*

Larry Stahl - February 22, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Jack was a decent, God-fearing man. He walked out his faith in his own quiet way. He was a living epistle read of all men. He will not be forgotten.*

Judy Cashmore - February 21, 2021 at 03:09 PM

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“ Uncle Jack was a wonderful man and will be missed by so many!
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Shaun, Holly, Katelynn and Little Julie - February 19, 2021 at 07:40 PM

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“ My thoughts are with the Shea family as you learn to live without him. As a woman working in a predominantly male workforce at the phone company, Jack was a 100% gentleman whenever he needed to come into my central office. I remember him as a classy guy that always had a smile and only good things to say about people. He will be missed by those whose lives he touched.

Holly - February 19, 2021 at 09:19 AM

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“ I was always happy to see Jack walk in to my C.O. He was unfailingly polite and usually cheerful and he knew what he was doing. Such a nice man!

Joan Thomas - February 16, 2021 at 05:51 PM