



## John Edward Armata

June 5, 2023

John Edward Armata, 85, of Bloomfield, Connecticut passed away suddenly on Monday, June 5, 2023. Born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on September 3, 1937, “Jack” as he was known, was the youngest child of the late Frank and Mary Armata.

Active until the moment he passed, Jack was known as one of the original owners of Armata’s Supermarkets which covered areas of Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut. Alongside his brothers, Jack helped grow a corner store in Holyoke, MA started by his father into a group of businesses in several industries. Appreciative to the many people who worked alongside him for his lifetime in business, Jack’s strong work ethic was based on the premise “if I ask someone to do something, I have to be willing to do it myself.” This often saw him return home at night with torn or stained business suits, but he would have preferred it no other way.

His personal side focused on three simple things, his faith, his family, and friends. For more than fifteen years, he was a daily communicant at St. Timothy Church in West Hartford, CT. He spent his free time driving the roads playing easy listening music, having lunch, coffee, or long phone calls with family and friends, remembering the name of almost everyone he met, and closely participating on the lives of his children and grandchildren who meant everything to him.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Barbara Taft Armata, his son Matthew J. Armata of Farmington, CT, daughter Megan T. Armata of Hopkinton, MA, son Andrew M.T. Armata (Rayissa) of Munich Germany, as well as his three beloved grandchildren Clarissa, Hutton, and Sienna. Additionally, he is survived by his sisters Helen Harrington of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA and Elanor Valencia of Easthampton, MA. Jack was predeceased by his infant son Michael, sister Frances Fitzgerald, and his brothers Theodore and Frank Armata.

Visiting hours will be at The Church of Saint Timothy in West Hartford, CT on Sunday June 11 from 4 to 7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday June 12 at 11am also at The Church of Saint Timothy (1116 North Main Street, West Hartford, CT).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made on Jack's behalf to the school that helped educate his grandchildren St. Mary's School in Simsbury, CT at 946 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com) Live Stream Link <https://youtube.com/live/HqCtfRR9q6M?feature=share>

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of John Edward Armata*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - June 09, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *I have known Jack since my college days in Connecticut, and since then it has been almost 40years I have known the Armata's family. Jack is such a wonderful person. Eventhough, I'm a Malaysian boy, he treated my like one of his son. He is a father figure, humble, always wanted to know about my life in Malaysia. I remembered my last trip to US, many years ago, we went to a Mall (big JC Penney) in Connecticut. While Barbara doing shopping in the mall, I treated Jack with a cup of hot morning coffee. Only Jack & me. Its like father & son talking about life. That was a memorable one. I miss Jack. May his soul rest in peace. To mom Barbara, Matt, Meg & Andy, my deepest condolences to all of you. I'm so sorry, I couldn't fly in from Malaysia at the moment, but do remember we love all of you.....Abdul*

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**Hazelnut Latte** - June 12, 2023 at 07:53 AM

LJ

“ I have many fond memories from my childhood of Mr. Armata. Such a kind, lovely man. Sending the whole Armata family strength and love during this difficult time.  
*Lynne Johnson*

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**Lynne Johnson** - June 11, 2023 at 08:33 PM

WT

“ For many years, I had the pleasure of calling upon Jack at the store to discuss retail technology needs, He would listen politely and then say, "Let me think about it, ok? He was always personable and interested in your life too, He will be missed greatly.

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**Walter Kelley - Retail Technology** - June 11, 2023 at 05:14 PM

SY

“ Uncle Jack shopped at Teds on Saturday always listening and offering advice each comment ended with fantastic We will miss him love Susan and Bob

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**susan young** - June 10, 2023 at 06:17 AM

DT

“ One of my favorite pharmacy customers! He was always smiling! He would come to “visit” us almost every Sunday? I loved hearing stories about his precious Grandchildren!

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**Donna Trainor** - June 09, 2023 at 09:16 PM

ST

“ As I struggled every Sunday getting my husband in and out of Mass this wonderful human being starting arriving every Sunday to help me-Jack Armata.He said his father had Parkinson's and he had taken care of him.Then I was blessed with meeting Andrew and Rayissa and their beautiful children every Sunday as they joined their loving grandfather at Mass.How he adored them!As well as !!! am sure Jack has soared to heaven.RIP dear friend.You will be sorely missed.

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**Suzanne Shay Travers** - June 09, 2023 at 02:50 PM

MM

“ Marty, Mary Jo, Marty and Matthew Mazick purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Edward Armata.



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**Marty, Mary Jo, Marty and Matthew Mazick** - June 09, 2023 at 12:39 PM