



John Carey Lennhoff

November 5, 1925 - June 6, 2010

John Carey Jack Lennhoff died Sunday, June 6, 2010. The son of Moses J. and Ellen Carey Lennhoff, he was born on Nov. 5, 1925. He was predeceased by his brother, Charles, and sister, Helen Lennhoff King. He attended St. Joseph Cathedral School and Hartford Public High School, class of 1943. He was further educated at the College of the Holy Cross, entering in 1946, aided by the recommendation of fellow alumnus Thomas J. Quirk, his high school principal. He graduated in 1950. Jack was introduced to broadcasting by his parents, although at the time, no one suspected the then 4 year old singer would spend the better part of his life in various capacities in radio and television. After several years as a performer with the "Daddy Couch Young Folks Program" on WDRC until his voice changed, Jack became the youngest announcer the country at WDRC. In 1943, he joined the US Army and served as a gunnery instructor until discharged in 1946, just in time to enter college where his extracurricular work included the campus radio station, part-time work at WAAB, Worcester, and summer stints at WLCR, Torrington. On a gorgeous February 20, 1954, his life began anew when he married Jeanne Catherine Danaher at the Cathedral of St. Joseph where they were both baptized and confirmed. They became and remain best friends and together they raised and nurtured Ellen Lennhoff Sears of Amesbury, MA, John Danaher Lennhoff and his wife Nancy, and Michael Christopher Lennhoff and his wife Heidi, whom have rewarded them with six glorious grandchildren: Amy Munankarmi of Boston, Christopher Michael Lennhoff, Kevin William

Lennhoff and Allyson Carey Lennhoff of Fairfield, and Forrest James Lennhoff and Ethan Stone Lennhoff of N. Andover, MA. He returned to the army during the Korean War serving as a writer-producer in the Psychological Warfare Section at Radio Tokyo. After discharge he wrote motion picture scripts for Aetna Life & Casualty for a time and joined WTIC AM FM TV until he was given the opportunity to join what is now Connecticut Public Broadcasting. He started as Director of Development before the first station was on the air and later became Vice President and Chief Financial Officer until his retirement. Jack had a difficult time adjusting to inactivity and a few weeks later joined Imagineers, the leading property management company in Connecticut where his financial experience has been put to good use. After leaving WTIC, Jack maintained his membership in the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and the Screen Actors Guild doing commercial and voice over work as well as occasional appearances on syndicated TV shows. For more than 25 years he wrote a broadcast review column under the pseudonym John Clare for the Catholic Transcript, a weekly newspaper of the Archdiocese of Hartford. He was an adjunct instructor in communications for the University of Hartford until 1986. He has been active in his churches as a CCD teacher and lector at St. Justin, Hartford, and St. Peter Claver, West Hartford, serving on the parish council including one term as chairman. In 2000, he was recognized by the Boston Chapter, National Association of Television Arts and Sciences with a Silver Circle Award for more than 25 years of service in the profession. Jack will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends who are blessed to have known and loved him. Friends are invited to join Jack's family at the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday June 9th at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Peter Claver 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are TUESDAY from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Francis Hospital ICU, 114 Woodland St. Hartford, CT 06105. Online remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ I was stunned to learn today that Jack had left us. I'm very glad we had that one last lunch at the Fernwood, with Jeanne and our other "extended families," although I wish there could have been many more. Jack was a wonderful mentor and friend during my years at CPTV and during the many years after. I will never forget his kindness to me and my family. And he never met us at the Fernwood without a new joke!##imported-begin##Mary Mame Sullivan##imported-end##

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“ I met Jack when I went to work for CPTV in the 80's. He was the rare combination of talent, professionalism and charming wit. His April fool's jokes were legendary, as was his strong work ethic. He has remained a good friend all these years. I feel privileged to have known him. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Virginia Bunn##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Jack. I have known and worked with Jack for almost 20 years. He was such a great person and we all loved him. Every St. Patrick's Day Jack would bring a green carnation for all the "ladies" in the office. I will really miss him. I wish I could be there for the services but I am in Colorado.##imported-begin##Barbara Struthers##imported-end##

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“ Jack was, as Amy said "A Favorite Dad"

I will always remember sitting and talking to both Jack prior to going off with Mike. Jack always treated us as adults and was both funny and a pleasure to be around. A fair umpire, a great broadcaster, a friend to us all. My mother so enjoyed working at the CPTV auctions with Jack.

Jack will be missed and my family and I send our condolences.

##imported-begin##Dave Ryan##imported-end##

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“ Jack was a favorite "Dad" to our circle of friends growing up! He saw us through our mischievous teen years with patience and tolerance and continued on as a true friend through our transition to adulthood. One of his many special traits - Jack was always interested in what was happening in our lives and listened with genuine interest while we recounted stories from our youth and our current adventures. Jack set a fine example for us on how to parent with love and humor. His ever-present smile and warmth will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Amy M.##imported-end##

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“ Jack was such a "golden throat," a radio voice even in the silliest of discussions. He was always kind to me even in the midst of some arguments. It was always obvious that he loved his work; even more obvious that he loved his family most of all.##imported-begin##Sharon Blair##imported-end##

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“ To Jeanne and her wonderful family: I will miss dear Jack. Jack and all of you have been very kind to me over the years. My Love to you all. Alison##imported-begin##Alison Green##imported-end##

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“ As a little kid, I never knew an uncle could be so much fun. Jack's love of sports and the way he included all the kids in the area whenever a game broke out, was inspiring. My favorite memory was about 15 years ago when my wife exclaimed "is that Jack cutting that turn out there, that's so cool." Jack was about 70 and still water skiing with reckless abandon. This man loved life, his wife, and his family like few others ever have. You will be missed Jack, but NEVER forgotten.
-Phil & Shannon Danaher##imported-begin##Phil Danaher##imported-end##

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“ Jack had a booming basso voice that added authority to his every utterance.
Additional, however, he had a devilish sense of humor that always made him "one of the guys". Fortunately for me, our careers overlapped twice -- at WTIC and then again at Connecticut Public Television. His quiet contributions to the early successes of CPTV may go unrecognized these days, but I, for one, can attest to the strength he brought to that then-fledgling organization. WTIC will perhaps list him and me only as footnotes. But CPTV owes an inestimable amount to the spadework diligently delivered through Jack's unflagging efforts. He was a helluva guy.
##imported-begin##Bill Hennessey##imported-end##

June 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Lennhoff Family:

My deepest condolences to Jean and the family. I worked with Jack at Imagineers and he was a shining light in our office. He always had a bright face and warm smile that could cheer up any room. He will be greatly missed, but always remembered!##imported-begin##Gina Passacantando##imported-end##

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