



John A. Facey, Jr.

February 18, 1926 - March 2, 2016

John A. Facey, Jr. passed away at his home in West Hartford just after his 90th birthday on March 2, 2016, peacefully surrounded by members of his family. Jack was born on February 18, 1926, in Buffalo, New York, son of the late John Abbott and Elizabeth Benham Crowell, and is survived by his younger brothers Edward and his wife Febes, and Jerold and his wife Irene, and brother and sisters in law, Gerry and Peggy Murphy, and Dotsy Murphy. He is also survived by his wife Mary of 67 years, whom he loved dearly, and six children: John A. Facey, III, his wife Patricia and their three sons, Justin , Christopher, and Michael; Jeffrey A. Facey, his wife Maite Renedo Lorrio; James W. Facey, his wife Jacqueline and their two sons, Ryan, his wife Jennifer, and Geoffrey; Juliana Facey Prignano, her husband Paul and their four sons, Paul, his wife Danah, James, his wife Marcia, Thomas, and Robert; Marlene Facey McGunigle, her fiancé Douglas Morris, and her children Megan, Gregory, and Bridget; and Jerald P. Facey, his wife Patricia and their three children, Jack, Cara, and Colleen; and seven great-grandchildren. At the age of three he moved from Buffalo to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he grew up. After graduation from Classical High School he joined the V12 United States Naval Air Pilot Program and was assigned to their Officer Training Program at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, from which institution he proudly graduated in 1947. He received a Masters Degree in mathematics from Boston University in 1949. Later that spring he was married to Mary Murphy on June 18, 1949. He was a

math professor at the Universities of Connecticut and Maryland before accepting a position in the Connecticut General Life Insurance Companies Actuarial Program in 1952. He later became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 544 and the American Legion Post 27, a founding parishioner of St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford, a West Hartford Junior Legion head baseball coach for 22 years, which he thoroughly enjoyed, and a lifelong model railroader. Of his many loyalties, the most precious were his Holy Cross Crusaders, the Boston Red Sox, the Northwest Catholic Indians, and most of all, his loving and extended family. In his retirement years he and Mary traveled extensively, visiting far-flung places such as Saipan, Ibiza, Scandinavia, Ireland, England, and Costa Rica. He loved his treasured haven on the pond at the Cape and visits from his extended family. He enjoyed lifelong friendships with his actuarial and bridge friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Peter Claver, Northwest Catholic High School, or Boston Children's Hospital. Funeral services will be Saturday, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford (please go directly to Church). Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Friends and family may call Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Dear Mrs. Facey & family,

I want to express my sincere condolences to you in this very sad time. My mind can't help but race back to the many happy times we had in the Northwest gym. You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Charlie Larson

Charlie Larson - March 06, 2016 at 08:13 AM

DB

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I send along my sincere sympathies to Jack's family. We shared many laughs at CG in the early days of GROUP ACTUARIAL DEPT at 55 ELM ST and then the first days in Bloomfield.in the Wilde Building.. SUCH a DEAR man! RIP JACK and thanks for all the fun and good days together, FONDLY Dori BynACK*

Dorothy Bynack - March 06, 2016 at 08:03 AM

DC

“ *RIP, it's been many years since CALICO & BCBS. Fond memories, Darlene Kish*

Darlene Kish, CIC, CHC - March 05, 2016 at 11:58 PM

JS

“ *Dear Mary and Family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear of Jack's passing. In my 31 years at Northwest Catholic he was one of the finest gentlemen and parents that it was my good fortune to work with. Being a fellow Holy Cross Crusader myself as well as a coach and later athletic director at Northwest Jack and I shared a passion for our alma mater and Northwest athletics. What a great guy! He was always a supportive and positive presence who was generous with his time, particularly when he served as our clock and scoreboard operator at boys basketball games for so many seasons. His connection with the school continued as a grandparent as well and I always enjoyed seeing both of you at the Founders Circle dinners each fall.

To Gerry (my old football team captain) and Molly, who I got to know over their years as students at NWC, please also accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I know that Jack will be greatly missed but that your many memories of him are a treasure that you will always have. I regret that time and distance prevent me from attending the services in his honor and memory but please know that both he and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.
*Sincerely, John Shukie Northwest Catholic High School retired,
Baltimore Maryland*

John C. Shukie - March 05, 2016 at 09:44 AM

MC

“ To all the Facey's, especially my high school classmate Jim -- Please accept my condolences for the passing of your dad -- also husband, grand-dad, and great grand-dad to the impressive tribe over which he and his beloved wife governed as joint chiefs. . . . To me, Phil Bonee, Lenny Burke and many other of Jim's NWC comrades, Mr. Facey has and always be "Grand Funk."

Full explanation: When we were sophomores, our group would crank it up and "get down" to tunes in the Coursey's or the Burke's basement . . . but all movement suddenly stopped one day as Jim started showing off his version of the "Funky Chicken" So impressive was Jim that from that day forward he has carried the nickname "Funk." . . . (Was it Phil or Lenny or Link who coined it?)

But as that nickname so aptly captured Jim, so "Grand Funk" fit Mr. Facey . . . For it was obvious to anyone who got to know Jim that many of his great characteristics were channeled from his dad -- precision thinking, persistence, tenacity, did I mention hard work and thrift? presence -- and yes, deep warmth -- signaled by Mr. Facey with a slight boyish smile following a brief display of actual or -- more often than we thought -- feigned sternness . . . and humor of the driest sort -- often no doubt wasted on us in our youth. (Of course, Mrs. Facey had a lot to do with making Jim Jim as well.)

I think with much fondness back to the days when I saw Jim's parents often, and I am sorry not to have kept up with Mr. and Mrs. Facey. But I do remember, Mr. Facey was the Real Deal.

Mike Coursey

Michael Coursey - March 04, 2016 at 02:37 PM

DD

“ *Marlene, Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your father.
Wishing you peace and comfort.
Deb & Nef*

Deb DiFranco - March 04, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John A. Facey, Jr..*



March 04, 2016 at 11:34 AM

RP

“ *Mary,
I only got to know John during the last year of his life at the Reservoir. He was a wonderful man who faced his illness with grace. I am saddened at his passing and i offer my sympathy to the Facey family.
Ronald Pariser MD*

ron pariser - March 04, 2016 at 07:53 AM

LG

“ *I was saddened to hear of John's passing. He was a long-time loyal supporter of Holy Cross Athletics and a true Crusader. He will be missed. My sincerest sympathy to the Facey Family, and may John's memory be eternal.*

Linda George, Holy Cross Athletic Department

Linda George - March 04, 2016 at 07:49 AM

LB

“ Our deepest condolences to Marlene , who we work with , and her family. Larry and Linda Boyle

larry boyle - March 04, 2016 at 07:00 AM

JL

“ Jim & Jackie,

Our heartfelt sympathy. It's been a tough year for losses but we've seen some wonderful lives to celebrate. Thinking of you all and look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Jon & Penny

Jon Linn - March 04, 2016 at 06:10 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John A. Facey, Jr..



March 03, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John A. Facey, Jr..



March 03, 2016 at 06:50 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to the Facey family. Jack III is my classmate, and neighbor for three years in Lehy. I rejoice that he was surrounded by his family and marked his 90th birthday. I will offer mass for him on Saturday at Holy Cross. Jim Hayes SJ

James M. Hayes SJ - March 03, 2016 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John A. Facey, Jr..



March 03, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Facey, Jr..



March 03, 2016 at 11:04 AM

AG

“ Jeff, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. My thoughts are with you and your family. Thinking of you.... Andrea Gerich-Miller , a miller@hartford.edu

Andrea Gerich-Miller - March 03, 2016 at 10:07 AM

CL

“ *Marlene, I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. I grieve with you and pray that God will help you find the strength you need at this time of sorrow, and solace in the wonderful memories you share with your family. Claire Lapointe*

Claire Lapointe - March 03, 2016 at 09:30 AM

JM

“ *Dear Marlene: very sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by the beautiful memories your father. Sincerely Julia Melenevsky*

Julia Melenevsky - March 03, 2016 at 08:54 AM

AS

“ *Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Adeline L Smith - March 03, 2016 at 08:43 AM

DH

“ *My deepest condolences to the extended Facey family. I'm sorry for your loss. Mr. Facey, the only name that I ever called him, provided me the guidance, inspiration, discipline and encouragement when it I was in my adolescence years.*

Doug Houle - March 03, 2016 at 12:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John A. Facey, Jr..*



March 03, 2016 at 12:21 AM

JP

“ One of the most amazing things about my Grandpa is how warm and pleasant he was. In my thirty two years of life I can't think of one time that he wasn't pleasant to be around. In this world, that says a lot about his spirit which I believe now is at home God's Kingdom and at peace. You will always be missed and remembered Grandpa.

-Jimmy Prignano

James Prignano - March 02, 2016 at 09:47 PM

JL

“ Jack, Mary and his wonderful family were our neighbors on Lakeside Terrace - Cape Cod for the past 35 summers. Over the years we have many fond memories from numerous neighborhood gatherings. Jack shared countless stories with us at these events from his growing up in Springfield to his days at Holy Cross to his dissertations on all things "Red Sox"! We also especially enjoyed going with Jack and Mary to the 'Cape Cod Playhouse' performances throughout the summer for the past several seasons.

We will certainly miss him.

Please accept our sincere condolences.

JOE & CATHY LAROSE

JOE LAROSE - March 02, 2016 at 08:46 PM

 Gerald
Murphy

“ Jack was special. A man for numbers of any kind, baseball, mileages, time, actuarial data, you name it, but you better be detailed and accurate in your numbers when discussing them with Jack.

But then he was also a poet. One of the highlights of the Christmas season was receiving Mary and Jack's card and Jack's annual poem that told the story of their year, but poetically in a very classy and most clever way.

I first met Jack when i was 8 and he 18. 72 years is a a long time to know someone. Somewhere over the years he finally acceded to the fact that I was no longer the irksome little brother that had been in the way of his courting Mary.

I will miss him. Rest in peace. After having raised 6 great kids you deserve it.

Gerry Murphy

Gerald Murphy - March 02, 2016 at 05:38 PM

RB

To Jack, Pat and all your family, we are very sorry for your loss. We felt we almost knew your dad (grandfather) from the wonderful memories you shared of your times together. May those memories sustain you at this very difficult time. Fondly, Becky and Bob

Rebecca Boggess - March 03, 2016 at 07:45 AM

NF

Marlene I am so sorry for your loss but cherish all the good memories you had with him. God Bless.

Neftali Fernandez

Neftali Fernandez - March 03, 2016 at 10:37 AM

CJ

Hi Jerry and Family - Nancy and I a very sorry of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Bell

Which calls the sons of Time.

*Thy voice upon the deep
The home-bound sea-boy hails,
It charms his cares to sleep,
It cheers him as he sails.*

*To house of God and heavenly joys
Thy summons called out sires,
And good men thought thy sacred voice
Disarmed the thunder's fires.*

*And soon thy music, sad death-bell,
Shall lift its notes once more,
And mix my requiem with the wind
That sweeps my native shore.*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Chris & Nancy Jordan - March 03, 2016 at 12:43 PM

MT

Jack was the meaning of the word "gentleman" His manners went far beyond any person I have ever met. I will surely miss him alot. I will miss his jokes every night before supper and Mary telling him " you already told Mary Ted that one" We were both tea drinkers and he was always telling me the proper way to make and drink the hot beverage...Jack has made an impression on my life and I will never forget him!!! My daughter, Kristen, interviewed Jack for her journalism class project and she was so impressed by meeting him and by his stories. When I told her that he had passed away, she shed tears....that's how much that one meeting with Jack affected her...Rest in Peace, Jack!

Mary Theodore, friend of Jack

Mary Theodore - March 03, 2016 at 07:19 PM