



## John J. Kevan

November 18, 2016

John J. Kevan passed away peacefully unto the Lord on November 18, 2016. Born in Hartford on December 19, 1934, Jack was the much loved son of Mary McNamara and John Kevan, who, to better themselves and make education possible for their family, emigrated from Ireland to the United States. For this sacrifice, and the countless others made for him and his late sisters, Patricia, and Peg Barnard, Jack was ever grateful. Jack was predeceased by his dearly loved wife Maureen and his nephew, Ryan O'Neill. He is survived by his beloved niece, Mary Beth (Eugene) O'Neill, and their three children, Thomas, Michael, and Mairead, all of whom were very dear to him. His nephew Peter Barnard held a special place in Jack's heart, as he was always willing to step up when needed for a helping hand. Jack also leaves his sisters and brothers-in-law, Peggy O'Neill, John (Katherine) O'Neill, and Elena and Bill. With no children of his own, Jack was privileged to be called "Uncle" by the children dear friends Richard Grew and Ellen Grew: Ryan, David, Conor and Molloy, all of whom grew up enjoying visits both spontaneous and planned. Jack never lost admiration for the nuns and priests who educated him from grammar school at Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, to St. Thomas and St. Bernard's Seminaries. His love of the written, and of course, spoken word, never ceased. Jack spent 26 years in ministry to the Archdiocese of Hartford, and it was his great hope that the Church recognize the works of those clergy who felt the need to leave. He wishes to thank those who served at the Dialysis Center of The Hospital of Central Connecticut. He

knew he was a “high maintenance” customer, and his gratitude for the patience of his care team was immense. Calling hours will be Monday (Nov. 21st) from 5-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Funeral service will be Tuesday (Nov. 22nd) beginning with visitation at 9:00 a.m. in St. Patrick St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Donations in his memory may be made to the House of Bread, 27 Chestnut St., Hartford, CT 06120. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Calling Hours

NOV **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church  
285 Church Street  
Hartford, CT

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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285 Church Street  
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# Tribute Wall

PO

*“ uncle jack one year ago you left us for heaven. hope you are very happy. knowing you are with mo mo and ryan what a reunion that must have been. we all miss you here. john and I talk about you a lot. I always remember the great times you had with ryan on your adventures across the us to ct. ryan always told me how much he appreciated you and Maureen and what great things you did for him. I miss ryan so much but I know you and Maureen are looking after him. I continue to pray for all of you daily. give a great big bear hug to Maureen and ryan for me. take care. GOD BLESS. bear hugs. your sister in law  
peggy.*

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**peggy oneil** - November 18, 2017 at 11:00 PM

BR

*“ Uncle Jack was one of the most inspirational as well as big hearted person that I've had the privilege to meet . Heaven has truly gained another angel and to we meet again, Uncle Jack...we love and miss you each day.*

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**Brandon Reyes** - December 23, 2016 at 11:41 PM

PO

*“ uncle jack this is peggy your sister in law wanted to wish you a happy birthday on the 19th. now you are enjoying a wonderful celebration in heaven with Maureen and ryan I hope heaven is what you expected. miss you pray for you every day. bear hugs. peggy*

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**peggy oneil** - December 21, 2016 at 12:10 AM

AN

“ ‘Uncle Jack’ showed kindness to me when I hadn’t even met him yet. He went out of his way to make easier my transition from California to Connecticut. Only someone with a blessed heart would do something like that. He’ll always live on in my memory as a person who made my life better. I pray that his soul rests in peace with God, Ryan, and Maureen.

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**Anthony Nguyen** - December 09, 2016 at 12:25 AM

AN

“ My deepest sympathy to each of you for your loss. Our Heavenly Father gives us sound reasons for hope in the resurrection. We have his word that the dead will rise, stand up again to life. His purpose regarding all who are asleep in death is sure to be fulfilled.

*Isaiah 55:11*

*Luke 18:27*

*Psalms 37:29*

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**Annette** - November 28, 2016 at 05:40 AM

JM

“ I will always hold dear the conversations I had with “Uncle” Jack. He helped me through difficult times and his words would always lift me up. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. This man truly made a positive impact on my life and many others. He will be greatly missed.

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**Jack McNamara** - November 22, 2016 at 07:54 AM

PO

“ *mary beth and peter I am so sorry for your loss. I remember the first time I met uncle jack at lax airport with my son ryan and my sister Maureen a bond was build between my son an uncle jack that lasted his whole life. his multiple trips to California for my sons super ct vacation. he picked him up the last day of school and dropped him off the day before school started. what an adventure he gave my son. I will always cherish the memories of the stories my son told me of their travels. now he is in heaven with Maureen and ryan no more pain can button his own shirts, read his books, watch the news and yes maybe watch wheel of fortune.lol. I will miss our many conversations, his great wisdom, his knowledge of the stock market and every day life. rest now uncle jack hug mo mo and an ryan for me bear hugs your sister in law peggy o'neil*

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**peggy o'neil** - November 20, 2016 at 12:48 AM