



John Thomas Hallsworth

August 26, 1931 - December 15, 2019

John “Jack” T. Hallsworth, 88, lifelong resident of the Merrimack Valley, recently of Hampton Beach, NH and Port St. Lucie, FL died peacefully after a period of declining health on December 15, 2019. Born on August 26, 1931 to the late Fred and Mary (Coppeuger) Hallsworth, he was raised and educated in North Andover. Additionally, Jack attended Wentworth Institute and MIT for professional development in his career path. After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Yankee Division of the MA National Guard. At the onset of the Korean War, Jack transferred his service to the US Air Force, where he served honorably and was highly decorated. While in the Air Force he began his lifelong passion for aviation. At the age of 21, Jack was chosen to serve in the honor guard under the command of General Mark Clark for the United Nations Military Headquarters in Persian Heights, Tokyo, Japan until his discharge on December 15, 1954.

Upon returning to North Andover at the completion of the war, Jack was employed by the North Andover Water Department and in 1959 he began his fulfilling career at Raytheon which lasted 33 years until his retirement.

In the summer of 1958, Jack met who he described as his soulmate and the girl he was going to marry Sylvia Messineo. On October 3, 1959 they were married at St. Patrick’s Church in Lawrence. They lived in North Andover for two years before finally settling in Methuen. Jack leaves his loving and supportive wife of sixty years. Her devotion and care saw no bounds in keeping him at home, and as active and involved as possible in family activities when illness restricted his mobility.

Jack and Sylvia experienced 60 adventurous years together enjoying a life of family, friends and travel. They visited several countries in Europe; Italy three times, Scotland and England. They also travelled to several Caribbean Islands, Aruba & Hawaii. In later years they purchased a second home in Florida, where they wintered for the past 15 years.

Jack was an accomplished pilot, who often flew family and friends in his personal aircraft. He was a member of AOPA for many years and successfully obtained several aviation

proficiency awards. Besides his love of flying, Jack enjoyed reading and watching the New England Patriots with his beloved bride. As a matter of fact, he and Sylvia watched Sunday's game.

Jack was a quiet giant with a dry, quick wit and sharp sense of humor. He was beloved by his family, friends, nieces and nephews, especially his cousins Pete, David, Michael and his godson Chris. He will greatly be missed. Jack is also survived by his brother David Hallsworth and his wife Cathy of Hollis, NH, his dearest mother-in-law Ida Mae Messineo, his sister-in-law Claire (Bill) Robichaud, brothers-in-law Randy (Donna) and Gus (Joyce) Messineo and Charles Matatall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings; Robert, James, Fred, Maryann Guillette and Martha Matatall.

Jack was a communicant for Saint Monica's Parish in Methuen, Holy Family Church in FL and during summer months the Singing Church in Hampton, NH. A heartfelt thank you has been extended to David from VNA, his physical therapists Mallory & Barbara, his occupational therapist Jessica and his home health aide Emily.

Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

29 Barker St.
Lawrence, MA,

Events

DEC 19 **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home
233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US,
01844

DEC 20 **Mass** 09:30AM

St. Monica's Church
212 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA, US, 01844

Comments



“ Joe and I send our deepest sympathies to you, Sylvia on the loss of your wonderful husband and soul mate, Jack. Your devotion to him was unmatched and no doubt made his days overflow with love and happiness. We are keeping you close at heart and wishing you peace in your many memories of a life well-lived.

Lisa Frisch - December 19, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Sylvia - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Jack. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.
With deepest sympathy,
Mike Slauter

Michael Slauter - December 18, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ I remember fondly as a young girl playing the card game slap jack with Jack and slapping him instead. I also remember visiting him and Sylvia in Florida on the day I was finally old enough to drive, they let me drive their golf cart! He will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family in this time of remembrance.
Ashley Anderson

Ashley R Anderson - December 17, 2019 at 10:55 AM