



John M. "Jack" Kilduff

September 18, 1946 - July 30, 2016

John M. "Jack" Kilduff of Hobe Sound, FL, passed peacefully on July 30 at age 69, after a hard battle against leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Frances Gallivan Kilduff, five children, four grandchildren, and two sisters. Visitation will be held on August 5th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Taylor-Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center St., Jupiter, FL. Funeral Mass will be held on August 6th at 10:00 am at St. Christopher Catholic Church, 12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, MD Anderson Cancer Center and Hospice of Palm Beach County.

A retired president and chief operating officer of Dr Pepper Company, Jack was a native of Philadelphia, PA, a 1964 graduate of La Salle College High School and a 1968 graduate of Villanova University, where he studied political and military sciences. He was honorably discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1971 with the rank of captain, having served as a radar intercept officer of an F-4 Phantom attack fighter aircraft. After a 10-year sales career at Procter & Gamble, Kilduff joined Dr Pepper Company, rising to become the firm's top executive until his retirement in 2002. There, Jack played a significant role in acquiring and developing new products and securing new routes to market. While gaining market share under his leadership, the Plano, TX-based soft drink maker achieved record sales and profits. Kilduff served on the boards of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association; Hispanic Heritage Foundation; and Dr Pepper Museum in Waco, TX.

After retiring, Jack and Frances made Hobe Sound their home, where he became involved in local church, education, and civic activities, serving on his parish finance committee. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, president of the St. Christopher Conference and Martin County Council president. He was also president of the Hobe Sound Golf Club. For more than 10 years, Jack served on the Executive Committee of Palm Beach Atlantic University, chairing the Finance and Athletic Committees.

Kilduff was preceded in death by his parents, for whom he created and named the Agnes and Michael Kilduff Foundation. It continues to assist the students of economically challenged families of St. Bridget's parish in the East Falls section of Philadelphia, where Jack received his early education.

In addition to wife, Frances, Kilduff is survived by sons, John Kilduff (Grace) and granddaughter, Kerrigan, Las Vegas, NV; Michael Kilduff (Elissa) and granddaughter, Myia, Cumming, GA and daughters, Mary Kilduff (Guario Robles) and grandchildren, Zoé and John, Flower Mound, TX; Colleen Kilduff, Dallas, TX; Deirdre Kilduff, Hobe Sound, FL and sisters, Janice Copeland (Don), Berwyn, PA; Barbara Megill (Wayne), West Chester, PA.

Tribute Wall



“ *John M. "Jack" Kilduff*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. We attended St. Bridget's and La Salle College High School(Class of '64)together. We had many great times together, and I enjoyed his company very much. I always knew Jack was headed for bigger and better things with his life. I am so glad he was successful as a father and business person. He was a good friend and I'm certainly sure he will be missed. Take pleasure in knowing that he is not suffering anymore, and he is with our Lord. Again, I am so, so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Kilduff, may God bless you and your family.*

John Sharkey - Horsham, PA - Friend - September 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Healy family is saddened to hear of the news that Jack has died. He was a big part of our lives growing up as he would come to North Carolina to visit us often. Last night after we heard the news we all shared our favorite memory, there are many. We share our condolences, will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. ? Patty, Terry, Kathleen, Tom, Mike and Jack Healy*

Patty Healy - Asheville, NC - September 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ to the Kilduff family, I was very saddened by the news of Jack's passing. He was a very dynamic, energetic man from what i can remember of him. He came to visit often when i was a kid and always had a good laugh when he was around. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with all of you, and take solice in the fact that he is no longer suffering and is now in a better place. the hurt and sadness never goes away but only eases in time. you will miss him and wish many times that he was still here, and he is. we just dont see him. he will be with all of you always. take care of each other and you will get through this sad time. be proud of the man and father and husband that i know did everything for his family. God bless all of you tom healy

thomas healy - e norriton, PA - Family - September 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ With my deepest sympathy

Lynne Streeper - Virginia Beach, VA - Friend - August 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My sincerest condolences to you Frances and your family.

Celia Lambrecht - Miami, FL - August 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ With Deepest Sympathy.....Regina Moore

Regina Moore - Acworth, GA - Acquaintance - August 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family. So many memories of the girls growing up and playing sports together (dads escorted from the gym on occasion) :) God bless.

Kathy Mcculloch - Mckinney, TX - Friend - August 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To the family you are in my thoughts and prayers. I had the pleasure to work with and for Jack in my tenure with Dr Pepper. I also had the pleasure of playing golf with him and some notable customers in those years. Jack's golf game was a mirror of his life. He could get into the trees better than anyone I ever played with but he was a magician getting out of trouble. I learned so much working with him and I carry his memory with me. I also shared the John - Jack name and some PA roots. You will be missed.

Jack Brigman - Charlotte, NC - Friend - August 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ It was December of 1987 and Jack hired me to join the Dr Pepper family. At the time it was with Premier Beverage, managing Welch's and IBC Root Beer, before he moved on to increased responsibility. Jack was a teacher, mentor, disciplinarian and one that would reward positive results. Most recently having moved to Florida myself I had the pleasure of dining with Frances and Jack on several different occasions as recently as earlier this year. It was great to talk about and reminisce about the good old days. Thoughts and prayers to all the family members in this time of grieving. May you rest in peace Jack and God Bless. Marty Eskenazi

Marty Eskenazi - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Coworker - August 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I knew Jack first when he was in field sales for Dr Pepper primarily as a voice on the phone. Then when he came to Dallas I had the privilege of working directly for him. I learned much from him. I even learned to enjoy hearing him call me "Pammy" My prayers are with the family in their loss.

Pam Jones - Rockwall, TX - Coworker - August 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM