



Jack DerMoushegian

January 12, 1933 - November 4, 2021

On Thursday November 4th after a brief illness, Jack DerMoushegian passed away at the age of 88. Despite this sad passing, thoughts of him bring a smile to our faces. He was loving, generous, and at times outright goofy. Jack never met a stranger and touched many lives along the way, especially those who could be swayed by a gift of pretzels or The Cross in My Pocket. A proud first generation American born in 1933 to Armenian immigrant parents, Harry and Azniv, he is survived by his two sisters, Rose and Agnes, and his wife of 60 years, Virginia Denny DerMoushegian.

Jack was drafted into the US Army April 1st, 1953 where he served as Supply Sergeant. His many stories included increasing the army's cutlery inventory by locating stolen items in pig slop at a nearby farm. In 1958 at Belhaven College he met his wife, Virginia, who recognized his special character and, of course, as a special bonus he had a car. Jack's entrepreneurial instincts were fostered at a young age in his dad's barber shop. His career history includes many unexpected pursuits: art school, airplane mechanic, book shop manager, gas station owner, luxury hotel valet in Miami, eventually leading to his "Cross In My Pocket" and packaging businesses.

From Mississippi Jack and Virginia moved for a brief time to Richmond, eventually settling in Atlanta in 1970. For Jack nothing meant more than spending time with family creating new memories, playing games, traveling

and, as good Armenians, eating together. Their family of four children, Virginia, Jackie, Kathy and Griff grew exponentially with the addition of 4 spouses, 11 grandchildren, 2 granddaughter-in-laws, and two great-grandchildren. The family enjoyed a parade of pets. One, Brinkley, recognized what an amazing human he had and would sit for up to eight hours at the entrance to the driveway awaiting Jack's return.

Christmas, especially, his Village was a primary love and obsession of Jack's. He spent countless hours arranging thousands of collected ceramics, along with handmade items, to create his own Christmas wonderland, which filled the entire floor of their carriage house. Nothing made him happier than sharing it with others. Jack enjoyed collecting in all its many forms: stamps, coins, trains, and anything Christmas related. Faith and family were foremost priorities throughout his life, which he exemplified through his actions. He was loved dearly and will be missed by many.

Memorial Services will be held Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 11 o'clock at Dogwood Church, 975 GA 74, Tyrone, Georgia 30290 with Pastor Keith Moore and Pastor Bruce Hebel officiating. Those wishing may sign the online guest registry at www.parrotfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at Dogwood Church. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Jack's memory to Gideon's International or Dogwood Church, Tyrone, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Dogwood Church
975 Hwy 74, North
Tyrone, GA 30290

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jack inspired us every time we met him. His obvious and abundant love of God, family, friends and life literally radiated and bubbled out of him. He and Virginia have been loving, funny and energetic role models of how to live life. We will so miss swapping jokes and debating with him. Our hearts go out to Virginia and all the family, secure in the knowledge that their love for God and each other will see them through.

Miriam & Rick Brand - November 10, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ Jon Branson Auto purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Jack DerMoushegian.



Jon Branson Auto - November 09, 2021 at 01:10 PM

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“ Jack's generosity, love for God and others, love of the Bible, and his Christmas village will always be the first things that come to mind when we think of Jack DerMoushegian. We look forward to seeing him again one day in heaven.

Jeff and Christie Copeland

Jeff Copeland - November 09, 2021 at 07:22 AM

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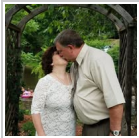
“ *Griff and Family- You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We were lucky to meet Jack just a few times, but clearly remember his kindness and love for his family. We know he will live on in all of you forever.*

Lindsey Hayes - November 08, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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“ *I remember James and I went to the house to see the village. It was the first time I had seen anything that extravagant. It was truly amazing. His face would light up telling us all about it.*

Cam Iulucci - November 08, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *One of the sweetest gentlemen I've ever known. I always have the cross he gave me in my wallet. Prayers for family and friends...*



Sandy Burdette - November 08, 2021 at 06:04 PM