



## John Kresge Sellers

January 21, 2023

John Kresge Sellers (Jack), age 89, of Lancaster, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Quarryville Presbyterian Home after a long illness. He and his beloved wife Jackie are reunited once more.

Jack was born in Camden, NJ. He was the son of Morris B. and Harriet Kresge Sellers. He graduated from Lehigh University in 1955 with a degree in metallurgical engineering. At Lehigh, he was a brother in Theta Chi Fraternity.

Jack married his high school sweetheart, Jacqueline Joslin Sellers (Jackie), in November of 1955. They made quite the couple and were married for 65 years.

Jack spent his entire career at ALCOA, retiring in 1995 with 40 years of service. During his career, he worked in New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Indiana, and Lancaster, where he served as production manager and quality assurance manager. During his final years at ALCOA, he served as technical consultant for ALCOA's major products in the Middle Atlantic States and Eastern Canada, operating out of the company plant in Lebanon.

Jack served his country in the US Army. After ROTC at Lehigh, he spent eight years in the US Army Reserve in Field Artillery and Infantry, achieving the

rank of Captain.

Jack was a former member of DeMolay and the Free and Accepted Masons, served with the Lancaster United Way Campaign, and as VP of the Society for Advancement of Management. He had been an active member of Saint James Episcopal Church, including serving as People's Warden, since 1972 until moving to Moravian Manor in Lititz. With the Episcopal church, he was also active at the Diocesan level, serving on the Diocesan Council as Incorporated Trustee, Co-Chair of the Committee for Affirmative Aging, and Treasurer of the Diocesan 55+ Conference.

Jack was a member of Rotary International and The Retired Officers Association, past president of Quadrille Dance Club, and member of Caper Dance Club. He and wife, Jackie, were fabulous dancers. The pair could really light up the dance floor.

Jack was a real Renaissance man. In addition to dancing, he enjoyed science, hunting, golfing with friends, gardening, and traveling, both domestically and abroad. He loved the Jersey Shore, where he spent his summers growing up. Jack also enjoyed his large family. He was an avid fan of his sons' wrestling and his daughters' running careers. He enjoyed Lehigh wrestling and would not miss the big Lehigh/Lafayette rivalry football game. In his later years, he especially looked forward to the annual Sellers family vacation, where all six children, the in-laws, and nine grandchildren would gather in one big home for a week to share good times, old stories, and to make new memories.

Jack was not quiet nor shy; he was the ultimate extrovert. He loved making jokes and getting people to laugh. He will be remembered for his outgoing personality, his big smile, and his love for: God, family, church, the outdoors, Lehigh, wrestling, his dear grandchildren and his one and only sweetheart, Jackie.

He is survived by his four sons: John Jr. (Rhonda) of Lancaster, Steven (Anita) of Avondale, Mark (Tara) of Lancaster, Paul of Florida, and two daughters: Marilee Sellers Pazicky (Luke) of Maryland, and Kathianne Sellers Williams (Brian) of Texas; nine grandchildren: John Thomas Sellers (Rachel), Joslin Sellers Gang (Kevin), Andrew, & Thomas Sellers, Ashlynd and Carter Sellers, Maximilian Jack and Alexandra Pazicky, Abeni Williams; and two great-granddaughters, Elsie Grace and Alana Joslin Sellers. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his beloved older sister, Barbara Jane Sellers Tessier.

A service for Jack will be held at Saint James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, February 10, 2022 at 2 pm with a reception immediately following. All who knew and loved him are welcome.

Memorial contributions can be made in Jack's honor to Saint James Episcopal Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church  
119 N. Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Kresge Sellers*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Jack and I had been out of touch quite a while before his passing but I recall gratefully our sharing a lot of our younger years from the time I moved to Camden in 1950 and we met at Woodrow Wilson High School. We proceeded to Lehigh as room mates and then as brothers of Theta Chi.*

*It was a great time brightened by Jack's conviviality and solid friendship.*

*My condolences to all his family.*

*Gordon Telfer*

**Gordon Telfer** - March 25, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Mary Gang (Kevins Mother) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Kresge Sellers.*



**Mary Gang (Kevins Mother)** - February 07, 2023 at 03:15 PM

AS

“ So very to hear about this great loss to you and your family. Your father was a wonderful human, as well as your mother. I was very sad to hear of his passing from my grandmother today. I remember playing red-rover as a kid in his yard and learning about plants and animals and all sorts of cool nature things! He was friends with both of my grandparents actually. And he always made time to see them whenever he could! I will find peace in knowing he can be reunited with your beautiful mother and grandma mim jamison and grandpa emil skala. Prayers to your family. <3



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**Anastasia Skala** - February 01, 2023 at 04:58 PM

PW

“ Dear Family of Jack and Jackie, Judy and I are sorry for the lost of your father. Both of your parents were such vital members of St. James Episcopal Church. Jack and I had fun sharing some of the experiences we both had in the corporate world. We have missed them these last some years. May The Lord give you strength at this time. Paul and Judy Ware

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**Paul W Ware** - January 30, 2023 at 04:45 PM

BG

“ Jack and Jackie were among the first at Saint James to befriend me when my young family moved to Lancaster 24 years ago. Jack's outgoing personality drew me in and they became an important part of my faith journey, culminating in their sponsoring me for Baptism and Confirmation. In the Episcopal church, sponsors of adults signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Jack and Jackie were wonderful examples and we maintained our friendship in the pews through many years. I recently became Senior Warden for Saint James, an honor I would not have experienced without their support, prayers and friendship. It makes me smile to think of Jack and Jackie dancing in Heaven.

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**Bernadette M Gardner** - January 29, 2023 at 04:46 PM

MW

“ Dear Sellers Family,

*Praying for you as you grieve the loss of your father and grandfather. May God bring you comfort in your time of grief. May Jesus wrap you in His arms and bring you peace.*

*Take care,  
Mary Wittemann*

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**Mary Wittemann** - January 29, 2023 at 02:20 PM

SH

“ Prayers to the Sellers family, Jack was a good man, may he R.I.P., My thoughts are with you all

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**Susan Hollingsworth** - January 29, 2023 at 02:19 PM