



John W. "Jack" Forsha

September 19, 2018

John W. "Jack" Forsha, 88, of Lititz, PA, passed away peacefully from natural causes surrounded by his family at Brethren Village on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. He was born in Blairsville, PA, the son of the late Harry and Ruth (Kelly) Forsha. Throughout his life, Jack lived in Johnstown, Bedford, Bird-in-Hand, and Lancaster, PA. He was married in 1954 to Mary Ellen "Billie" (Lehman) Forsha of Johnstown, PA. Jack retired as a high school social studies teacher with expertise in European history and Russian culture. In his career, he taught at Bedford High School and at Conestoga Valley High School coaching numerous sports at both schools including football, basketball, and baseball. In 2001, he was inducted into the Conestoga Valley High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jack served in the US Air Force from 1951-1954, serving during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Korea for a year, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a member of Lancaster Church of the Brethren where he sang in the choir and served on various committees over the years. When Jack was well, he and Billie made yearly trips south for golfing vacations with his twin brother and wife, and with their friends and spouses. He always enjoyed spending time with his friends and family.

Surviving besides his wife Billie; are his sons, Mark A. married to Melode Forsha of Lancaster, PA, and Corey D. married to Karen Forsha of Leola, PA;

his grandchildren, Ryan, Alicia (Brian), Marc, Todd (Faye), and Kelly; his great grandchildren, Gavyn and Gaia; and his twin brother, James T. married to Jean Forsha of Lititz. Preceding him in death was his sister Betty Rose.

Family and friends are invited to Jack's Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 11:00AM at Lancaster Church of the Brethren, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601. The family will greet friends following the memorial service. Private burial was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Lancaster Church of the Brethren's Music Memorial Fund.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Annville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lancaster Church of the Brethren
1601 Sunset Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17601

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. "Jack" Forsha*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr.Forsha. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and assured hope in God's promise to shortly restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.*

Greene Family - October 04, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Mark, Mel and family..our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Carolyn & Dean Robison*

Carolyn F Robison - October 01, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss!!! We met this wonderful family when we moved to Lancaster County in the 1970's. Always made us feel welcome at church and in their home. While living there we had so many great contacts with Mark and Cory. Sad to say we have moved away but we will always have those long lasting precious memories. May God Bless you all - Mark, Cory and Mrs. Forsha.*

Blessings - Bruce and Delphine Altland

Bruce and Delphine Altland - October 01, 2018 at 10:09 AM

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“ *Uncle Jack was the coolest uncle ever! He was like a second Dad to me. I always looked forward to receiving a big hug from him and hearing him tell me he loved me. I'll never forget his wonderful sense of humor and his love for everyone. I'm glad his passing was peaceful and he was surrounded by his supportive family. Sing loudly in that heavenly choir, Uncle Jack! I will miss you! Love, Mindy (Felton) Wasilewski*

Mindy Wasilewski - September 30, 2018 at 07:33 PM