



John "Jack" Brahmaer

August 17, 1949 - November 11, 2019

John O. "Jack" Brahmaer, 70, passed away on Monday, November 11, 2019 in Vernon Hills, IL. He was born August 17, 1949 in Port Huron, MI and was a 1971 graduate of Michigan State, receiving his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. Jack moved to the Chicagoland area in 1973, and had lived in Vernon Hills for the past 42 years. He retired in 2008 after 35 years as an actuary. He had worked at several insurance companies in the area including Allstate, Kemper, and Zurich American. He was an associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a member of the United Methodist Church in Libertyville. Jack will be remembered as a social, active man who had a special place in his heart for animals, donating to every animal rescue organization he could find. He was an avid Detroit sports fan, rooting for the Lions, Tigers, Redwings and his alma mater, the Michigan State Spartans. He also enjoyed traveling to Door County, WI, playing guitar, piano, and golf. He will be missed by all his family and friends. They will remember him as a generous, loving man with a laugh that filled the room.

Surviving is his wife of 47 years, Kris Brahmaer and his two children, Kelly (Ryan) Stites and Patrick Brahmaer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Isabel Brahmaer and a sister, Catherine Phipps.

A visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by a service at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2019 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Memorial contributions

would be appreciated to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ Jack began his Actuarial career at Allstate a few months before me and he patiently taught me the job. I have many happy memories of working with Jack and going to lunch with Jack at Allstate and Zurich. Jack and I enjoyed playing golf together and Jack loved playing golf.

Jack was a wonderful teacher and a great friend.

Roger Griffith

Roger Griffith - November 17, 2019 at 08:00 PM

BD

“ Kris, Kelly & Patrick - please accept my condolences for your loss.

Jack was my first manager at Zurich where I got to know him best. However our paths first crossed when he was at Kemper. I enjoyed his sense of humor & he was a very good story teller. We would talk about our Big Ten sports rivalries with his Spartans usually getting the better of my Illini. I very much liked working with Jack - he was fair, compassionate & always willing to make time to listen to your concerns.

Like Dean, I remember lunches with Jack. Another one of his favorites was the Donkey Inn, where he would enjoy his usual skillet dish for lunch.

May he Rest In Peace.

Brian Davis

Brian Davis - November 16, 2019 at 06:48 PM

DL

“ To Kris, Kelly and Patrick I am very sorry about your loss of a wonderful husband and father.

I first met Jack when I started at Zurich 30 years ago. Later he became my manager, mentor and a wonderful friend. He was a caring person and helped me not just professionally but also through some difficult personal times. You did not have to be around Jack long to experience his great sense of humor and his contagious laugh. He was also very tolerant of some of my corny jokes. We went out to lunch a lot and one of his favorite places was the "World Famous" Palmer restaurant in Schaumburg. A Greek, family owned place with ample portions, reasonable prices and a career wait staff. It didn't take Jack long before he was friends with the entire wait staff. His favorite was blueberry pancakes with eggs over on the side. The issue with the eggs was always whether to order medium or hard as he did not like runny eggs. We had some fun times. With his illness lunches were less frequent as was his laugh and big smile. I last saw Jack about a year ago. I'm now sorry I didn't give him a big hug when I said goodbye.

Dean Ladas

Dean Ladas - November 16, 2019 at 02:26 PM

TD

“ I just heard about Jack. I retire today and won't be able to make the service as a result.

I worked with Jack at both Allstate and Zurich. He was a wonderful man.....honest and direct....loved his family.....adored his wife. Kris, he mentioned that many times to me over the course of our long actuarial careers together. I think I last saw you both several years ago at Macy's as you were getting ready to go to the Walnut room for an early celebration.....likely about this time of year I think.

Kelly and Patrick, your Dad was very proud of both of you and talked about your adventures often.

Love your XMAS cards with the family updates!

*Tom Duffy
duffy.tomjp@gmail.com*

Tom Duffy - November 15, 2019 at 11:39 AM

MG

“ Mary and Kevin Grambush purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Brahmer.



Mary and Kevin Grambush - November 14, 2019 at 09:04 PM

JP

“ Wishing we could be with you all on Friday as you celebrate Jacks life. What a great guy he was. As I told you earlier Kris, it seems like yesterday that Jack would walk over to my parents house after a pool party looking for one more piece of apple pie. Jack had a sweet tooth and my mom did make great pies. What fun times we all had in the neighborhood. Sending our love to the family. ❤️ JoAnn

JoAnn Parkus - November 13, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Brahmer.



November 13, 2019 at 05:14 PM

FF

“ From Bob Phipps and the Phipps Family. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John "Jack" Brahmer.



From Bob Phipps and the Phipps Family. - November 13, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Brahmer.



November 13, 2019 at 08:40 AM