



John "Jack" Miska

March 2, 1959 - October 12, 2025

John P. "Jack" Miska, 66, passed away peacefully at his home in Antioch, IL, on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Born on March 2, 1959, in Chicago, IL, Jack was a cherished resident of the Lakeview and Bridgeport areas for most of his life. He dedicated almost 50 years of service to Sloan Valve Company in Franklin Park, where he took great pride in his work.

In recent years, Jack relocated to The Chain O' Lakes in Antioch, embracing the joys of lake life with his loved ones. He cherished moments spent with his pride and joys: his son Jeff, daughter-in-law Lindsey, and his two grandchildren, Madison and Johnny.

In his final month, Jack embarked on what he called "a trip of a lifetime" to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Throughout his life, he enjoyed many incredible adventures, including travels to Russia, Europe, and China. Despite his far-reaching travels, Jack's heart always belonged to his hometown of Chicago. He created countless memories with friends in Lakeview, relishing dinners, drinks, concerts, and cheering for the Cubs.

Jack was the eldest of six siblings: Janet (Blake) Heffelfinger, Peter, Mark (Maria), Jeannie, Matt, and Marianne (Brian) Napp. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Roseanne Miska.

A chapel service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Graceland Cemetery, 4001 N. Clark St. in Chicago, followed by a celebration of life at Sidetrack Bar, 3349 N Halsted St. in Chicago. Arrangements are entrusted to Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For more information, please call 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Graceland Cemetery
4001 N Clark St
Chicago, IL 60613

Celebration of Life Luncheon

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sidetrack Bar
3349 N. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Jill W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Jill W. - October 26, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Raj, Frank & Prem purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Raj, Frank & Prem - October 23, 2025 at 10:23 AM



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



October 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ Sam Libo + Pharmacy Technology LT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Sam Libo + Pharmacy Technology LT - October 23, 2025 at 09:58 AM

CC

“ Cathy C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Cathy C. - October 22, 2025 at 10:09 PM

SB

“ Sheleene B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Sheleene B. - October 22, 2025 at 05:28 PM

MG

“ Michael & Ana Gembarski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Michael & Ana Gembarski - October 22, 2025 at 04:48 PM

MG

“ Michael & Ana Gembarski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Michael & Ana Gembarski - October 22, 2025 at 04:48 PM

MG

“ John was a rare person, one of those few you’re lucky to meet in a lifetime. I admired John for who he was at his core, an honest, thoughtful, and genuine person. He didn’t judge and always took the time to listen. His sense of humor could brighten any moment, and his calm, steady presence had a way of putting everyone at ease. John was someone you could always count on for advice, for help, or just for a good conversation or story. Whether it was sharing a laugh, offering encouragement, or lending a hand when someone needed it most, he gave of himself freely and without hesitation. Fair, kind, and full of wisdom, John touched my life and the lives of so many others in ways words can barely express. You will always be missed, John, and never forgotten.

Goodbye, dear friend.

Michael G. - October 22, 2025 at 04:36 PM

BG

“ Bullions, Weavers, Mucks, Grinells purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Bullions, Weavers, Mucks, Grinells - October 22, 2025 at 03:39 PM

BG

“ Bullions, Weavers, Mucks, Grinells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Bullions, Weavers, Mucks, Grinells - October 22, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



October 22, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Elite Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Elite Family - October 22, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Eden A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Eden A. - October 22, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Paul & Maryellen (nee Burke) Harrington purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Paul & Maryellen (nee Burke) Harrington - October 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Paul & Maryellen (nee Burke) Harrington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Paul & Maryellen (nee Burke) Harrington - October 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LC

“ Love, Your Friends at the Cubs purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Love, Your Friends at the Cubs - October 22, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LC

“ Love, Your Friends at the Cubs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Love, Your Friends at the Cubs - October 22, 2025 at 10:43 AM

LH

“ Lorrie H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Lorrie H. - October 22, 2025 at 09:00 AM

GA

“ Geoff Anton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Geoff Anton - October 21, 2025 at 10:28 PM

SF

“ *Starr Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Miska.*



Starr Family - October 21, 2025 at 03:29 PM

SF

“ *Starr Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Starr Family - October 21, 2025 at 03:29 PM

BN

“ *Beata Nowak purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John "Jack" Miska.*



Beata Nowak - October 21, 2025 at 03:22 PM

BN

“ *Beata Nowak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Beata Nowak - October 21, 2025 at 03:22 PM

AT

“ *Adriana T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Adriana T. - October 21, 2025 at 01:47 PM

RW

“ *Raj W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Raj W. - October 21, 2025 at 12:40 PM

CB

“ *Cynthia B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Cynthia B. - October 21, 2025 at 12:16 PM

RG

“ *Robert G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Robert G. - October 21, 2025 at 11:11 AM

BF

“ *Burke Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of John "Jack" Miska.*



Burke Family - October 20, 2025 at 09:38 PM

TC

“ *Tom C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.*

Tom C. - October 20, 2025 at 02:49 PM

AS

“ Abby S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Abby S. - October 20, 2025 at 02:30 PM

TB

“ Theodore B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Theodore B. - October 20, 2025 at 12:57 PM

TB

“ John Miska was a great business mind and one of the best executives to ever work at the Sloan Valve company. John will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and colleagues. Ted Beringer

Theodore Beringer - October 20, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



October 20, 2025 at 10:52 AM

DB

“ Debra B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Debra B. - October 20, 2025 at 10:52 AM

LS

“ Laura S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Laura S. - October 20, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JC

“ Jim C purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Jim C - October 20, 2025 at 08:28 AM

JC

“ Jim C planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Jim C - October 20, 2025 at 08:28 AM

DB

“ Debra B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Debra B. - October 19, 2025 at 05:46 PM

RB

“ Robert B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Robert B. - October 19, 2025 at 12:36 PM

MG

“ Matt G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Matt G. - October 18, 2025 at 11:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



October 18, 2025 at 09:28 PM

CH

“ Chuck Cave & Jeff Hartley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Chuck Cave & Jeff Hartley - October 18, 2025 at 09:28 PM



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



October 18, 2025 at 08:38 PM

KB

“ Kristen Boburka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Kristen Boburka - October 18, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



October 18, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



October 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Peter Hammer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Peter Hammer - October 18, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Gary Peterson purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Gary Peterson - October 18, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Gary Peterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Gary Peterson - October 18, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ Julia C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Julia C. - October 18, 2025 at 10:44 AM

SS

“I worked with John at Sloan while he was running the manufacturing side of the business. He was a legit team builder, and highly regarded by everyone. It was a an honor and pleasure to be part of his operation during those years.”

Steve Stevens - October 18, 2025 at 09:10 AM

GJ

“ Glenn and Julie purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Glenn and Julie - October 18, 2025 at 08:24 AM

CH

“ My cousin, Jack, along with his brother Mark, lived with my family for awhile when I was a kid. Like a brother! Jack was SO playful & funny but ALSO fiercely protective not just for his brother but his cousins, too. No video games then so we'd play school, church & (with me), even Barbies! Sometimes his protectiveness got him into trouble with my mom, mostly bcuz during her tirade, Jack would make JOKES! We'd laugh & then she'd be so frustrated, that she'd be mad at EVERYONE for the rest of the day. 🤔 We'd give him silent treatment for rest of day, but quietly admired how he used humor to fluster my mom! 😂😂😂 I have SO many fond memories of Jack. 🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄

Cheryl - October 17, 2025 at 09:13 PM

CH



Cheryl - October 17, 2025 at 09:24 PM

CH

"You'll never know you are a hero"

Cheryl - October 17, 2025 at 09:24 PM

LS

“ Laura S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Laura S. - October 17, 2025 at 08:40 PM

BP

“ Bernard P. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Bernard P. - October 17, 2025 at 06:56 PM

PA

“ Parthiv purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Parthiv - October 17, 2025 at 04:39 PM

PA

“ Parthiv planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Miska.

Parthiv - October 17, 2025 at 04:39 PM

NA

“ Nate purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Jack" Miska.



Nate - October 17, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Jack and I met 20 years ago when I first moved down to the city. He loved to tell the story of me discreetly arriving at Sidetrack in my white shirt, blue suit, tie and black Burberry trench coat...trying to blend in after my 20 year marriage. He knew exactly what was up, introduced himself and offered me invaluable advice on my entry into the gay community. Haha I never wore the overcoat to the bar again. Jack had a style of his own and will be missed. RIP

Jeff Dembski - October 17, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CH

Cousin here, that he lived with for awhile when we were kids. My family always knew he was gay. BUT he was FAMILY. YES, Jack had AWESOME fashion sense (only "bro" who'd play Barbie with me) ... BUT also VERY PROTECTIVE of family & friends.

Cheryl - October 18, 2025 at 01:45 AM

CH

🤔🤔 Jack was my mom's WORST challenge bcuz he'd JOKE during her lecture/tirade. OOPS, we'd laugh, landing ALL of us in dog-house 🤔🤔🤔

Cheryl - October 18, 2025 at 01:49 AM

KE

*“ Jack was Always a loving fun guy! I always said he was the straightest gay man that I knew and he would always smile and laugh You will be so missed. RIP my friend. ❤️🥹
Kathy Edens*

Kathy Edens - October 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DD

*Jack was a great Family Man. Jack always looked out for his many Friends too. What a kind Man. Your work on earth is done, a job well done! Your presence will be so missed. ❤️
Don Diliberto*

Don Diliberto - October 17, 2025 at 01:52 PM

CH

Thank you so much for your honest & kind sentiments. Just a cousin, but Jack lived with my family briefly. That time as a "brother" was precious.

Cheryl - October 18, 2025 at 02:00 AM