



John "Jack" E. Moreland

May 20, 1937 - February 14, 2022

John (Jack) Ernest Moreland, age 84, of Village Woods in Crete, Illinois, died while in hospice on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2022, surrounded by family at the home of his daughter Pam Moreland-Doup, in Beecher Illinois, from Cerebral Atherosclerosis. He was born May 20, 1937, to the late James Theodore Moreland and Dorothea Helen (Ruickert) in Chicago, Illinois. Jack and Lillian (Weigel) were married on June 3, 1955.

Jack was raised on Chicago's south side and attended Immanuel Lutheran School and Bowen High School. Jack and his wife Lillian attended Immanuel Lutheran School where they were in the same classes since 3rd grade. He was active in sports and a catcher for the 1956 Chicago All-Star team and played at Wrigley Field. He played Pee Wee football at half time during the Chicago Cardinals Detroit game. Jack also played during the Chicago Bears Green Bay Packers half time game at Wrigley Field. He was scouted by the Baltimore Orioles, but was injured in an industrial accident. Jack's direct quote, "I had great ambition as a young teenager to be a career baseball player, but by the next year 1957, my playing days were over. Late in 1956, I found a job at the Youngstown Steel Mill, located in South Chicago across the 95th street bridge. I was involved in a major 5-man accident and almost traded my body for a bundle of reinforcing rods. I was fortunate, after 3 months in the hospital, to keep my left leg attached. It is strange how one's life takes various turns in other directions from where you originally started. I am content with what I have accomplished so far and my post scholastic skills were learned while attending class at "Harvard on the Nile" in the streets of various industries; but there isn't a night that goes by that I don't dream of my highlights at the "old baseball field of dreams", at Bessemer Park in South Chicago."

Jack's other passion and hobby was his professional career. He participated in the pioneering development of air supported structures that first appeared in the industry in 1960. In 1970, he was part of a team that developed an air inflated structure to provide chemical and biological protection for military personnel. In 1975, he helped develop a special air supported structure to provide cold weather protection to support construction activity on the Alaskan pipeline. In 1985, Jack developed a secondary containment system

for underground leaking storage tanks used by major oil companies to address environmental regulations. In 1995, he helped develop a secondary containment system for large vertical aboveground storage tanks for major oil companies. In 2001, he developed several flexible fuel storage tanks (aka pillow tanks) for the US Army to support the theatre of operations in the Middle East. In 2006, Jack developed a large 200,000-gallon flexible fuel storage tank for the US Air Force to support their air bases in the Middle East.

Previously, Jack was CEO and General Manager of CIDAIR Structures, an officer at MPC Putterman and owner of Moreland International, Ltd. He has traveled millions of miles around the world and crossed the Arctic Circle working on commercial, industrial and defense projects. He was a creative, intelligent and professional entrepreneur and an inventor holding patents. Jack had spoken at many conferences and maintained valuable relationships in the commercial, government, US military and oil industries.

He was a devoted husband and loving father. Prior to moving to Crete, Illinois in 1996, Jack and his family lived in Dolton for 30 years. When Jack and Lillian bought their home in 1965, a half block from Dolton Park, he felt he won the lottery since they had six children. He spent many weekends and occasions playing baseball with his children, family and the neighborhood kids, as well as going on weekend excursions visiting museums and zoos. Jack was a patriot, Republican, active voter and devout Lutheran, including serving in various church leadership roles. He was a lifelong Bears and Cubs fan. Jack and Lillian were lovers and partners for life, knowing each other for 70 years and often referred to her as his beautiful "Elizabeth Taylor" and his beautiful "Rose", now joining her in heaven on Valentine's Day.

He is survived by his loving children, Pamela "Pam" Moreland-Doup (John Doup), of Beecher, IL, John "Jack" Moreland of Danville, IL, Deborah "Debbie" (Dennis) Hall of Burlington, WI, Lawrence "Larry" (Victoria) Moreland of Lawton, MI, Mary Lou Moreland of Beecher, IL, and Peggy (late David) Forbes of Tallahassee, FL. Dearest grandfather of Jaclyn Doup (Jason) Benedict of Oceanside, CA, Justin (Jessica Gaspar) Doup of Tinley Park, IL, John "Jackie" (Michelle) Moreland of Hobart, IN, Allissa Hostettler of Plymouth, IN, Matthew Moreland of Plymouth, IN, Jamie (Mark) Spangler of Burlington, WI, Elizabeth "Liz" Hall of Salem, WI, Rachael Moreland of Aurora, CO, Alexander "Alex" (Holly) Moreland of Rockford, IL, Cameron Forbes of Medina, OH and Sydney Forbes of Rochester, NY. Dearest great grandfather of Lucas Doup of Tinley Park, IL, Jackson, Alexander and Zoey Moreland of Hobart, IN, Robert "Bobbie" and Chloe Hostettler of Plymouth, IN, Zachary, Jacob and Samantha Siler of Burlington, WI, and Edward Gureczny IV of Salem, WI.

He will be dearly missed by his sister, Anita (Moreland) Yovich of Grand Rapids, MI, sister-in-law Janice "Jan" (Mummert) Moreland of Springfield, IL and his brother-in-law and friend Ronald Olsen of Benbrook, TX, as well as by many cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and business associates. In addition to his loving wife, Lillian, and parents, Jack is predeceased by his brother Ronald "Ron" Moreland, sisters-in-law Betty Lou (Weigel) Olsen, Mary Lou Weigel (Betty's twin) and Janet (Weigel) Katschke, and brothers-in-law Robert "Bob" Katschke and Daniel "Dan" Yovich, and son-in-law David Forbes.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 25, 2022, from 6pm-8:30pm and Saturday, February 26, 2022, from 10am-11am at Zion Lutheran Church, 540 Oak Park Avenue in Beecher, Illinois. The funeral service will also be at Zion Lutheran Church at 11am on Saturday, February 26, 2022 with Pastor Ronald Rock officiating. Interment will be at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, 28054 S. Yates, Beecher, Illinois. Hack-Jensen Funeral Home, Beecher, Illinois, is handling the arrangements and can be reached at 708-946-2161.

The family wishes to thank Pastor Ronald Rock, Village Woods and Vitas Hospice for the compassionate care and support they provided to Jack's family. Charitable donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 540 Oak Park Avenue, Beecher, Illinois 60401.

Cemetery Details

St John Cemetery Eagle Lake

28054 S Yates Ave
Beecher, IL 60401

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Zion Luthern Church
540 Oak Park Ave
Beecher, IL 60401

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Luthern Church
540 Oak Park Ave
Beecher, IL 60401

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary Moreland lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Moreland*



Mary Moreland - March 04, 2022 at 04:42 PM

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“ *Mary Moreland lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Moreland*



Mary Moreland - March 04, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.*



February 24, 2022 at 04:45 PM

FH

“ *From Leonard, Kathy and Larry Hall purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.*



From Leonard, Kathy and Larry Hall - February 23, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.*



February 23, 2022 at 11:21 AM

BC

“ Pam, My Thoughts & Prayers are with You and Your Family! With Deepest Sympathy!

Bernice Cail

Bernice Cail - February 23, 2022 at 09:10 AM

DO

“ Douglas W Olsen purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.



Douglas W Olsen - February 22, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.



February 22, 2022 at 11:46 AM

JB

“ I will forever be great full for having the opportunity to meet grandpa Jack over the Christmas holidays. I had heard many stories from Jaclyn over the past couple of years but had not had the opportunity to meet him until our engagement dinner this past December. He reminded me so much of my own late grandfather. He and Jaclyn´s late grandma Lil are part of a great generation that I will personally miss. Patriotic, hard working and loyal. I am very grateful having met grandpa Jack and will always remember our conversations at dinner. I wish I had the chance to meet grandma Lil, whom Jaclyn misses so dearly. But I am happy grandpa Jack and grandma Lil were reunited this Valentines Day. Thanks for the memory. - Jay

Jason Benedict - February 21, 2022 at 08:02 PM

LJ

“ My mom Louella Jellema and best friend Pauline Boland worked for Jack at Cidair back in the mid 1960's. The way Jack would tell it, he worked for them!! The 3 remained close for almost 60 years. He and my mom spoke at least weekly for a number of years. He recently flew to South Dakota to spend time with our family. I am so glad he and mom were able to spend some time together before she passed away in 2020.
He was an awesome man who cared so deeply about those he loved. I'm sure the 3 are having an awesome heavenly reunion.

Laurel Jellema - February 21, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.



February 21, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.



February 21, 2022 at 12:46 AM

JE

“ To the family of Jack, we are sorry to hear about his passing. Jack was such an amazing person, my husband and I are proud to have said that we got to work with him. He has taught us so much in the years that we got to work side by side with him. Even after the ending of a great era @ Moreland International, we stayed in contact with Jack. Our children even had the opportunity to speak with Jack on the phone and always looked forward to calling him and getting his calls. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Jack.

A special thanks to Mary for keeping in contact with us as Jack's health declined and kept us posted.

Jen, Dale and Family.

Jen - February 20, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ Jack was my mentor in business, a kind father in law, who took care of his family. I looked forward to our conversations about the industry. Every time I would go to a trade show people would bring up his name. It made me proud to be apart of the Moreland family. He influenced me in other ways too, by discussing what it meant to be a Lutheran, which lead me to converting over from Catholicism. I will truly miss him. His wit, humor, his love for his family, and his passion for doing good.

Victoria Moreland - February 20, 2022 at 06:27 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John "Jack" E. Moreland.



February 20, 2022 at 09:54 AM



“ To the Moreland family my sincere condolences. Mr & Mrs Moreland always treated me like family. Wonderful people. From taking me to church, on vacations with them, teaching me how to ice skate, entrusting me to feed Champ and banging pots and pans on New Years. On behalf of the Cribari family, we couldn't have asked for better neighbors on Grant Street. I am grateful and will keep these memories close to my heart forever. So sorry for your loss.
Love, Julie xo

Julie Henry - February 19, 2022 at 10:46 PM



Julie, you are such an angel. We love you so much.

Pamela Moreland-Doup - February 19, 2022 at 11:42 PM



Julie Henry - February 20, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ Pamela Moreland-Doup lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" E. Moreland



Pamela Moreland-Doup - February 19, 2022 at 08:04 PM

PM

“ You were the best father that a daughter and son could ask for. People have no idea how much you’ve helped others. You were always a giver and not a receiver. You’ve instilled values and passed along life skills to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that they will use all their lives. Thank you for your unconditional love, leadership and wisdom. Your legacy will live on forever. I’m so sorry that you suffered with the deterioration of your body and mind. I wish I could have taken your pain away. Your heartbroken and loving daughter, Pam Moreland-Doup

Pamela Moreland-Doup - February 19, 2022 at 08:02 PM