



## John "Jack" Tulley

May 11, 1941 - February 10, 2025

John "Jack" M. Tulley, 83 of Mt. Lebanon, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 10, 2025 with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Judy Tulley; cherished father of Jody (John Walter) and John (Alishia); loving grandfather of Jack Sailor (20), Madelyn (16) and Zach (15). He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Helen Tulley; his sister, Patty and his brother, Tom. Survived by his sister, Karen as well as many amazing nieces and nephews.

Jack was born and raised in Connellsville, PA where he was a high school athlete (basketball & football) and most importantly, where he met Judy, his wife of 61 years. They were introduced in 10th grade and together ever since. After attending college at W&J, Jack and Judy married and started their family. Jody was born in Chicago, then John was born a couple of years later in Pittsburgh, specifically Mt. Lebanon.

Most of Jack's career was spent in advertising, working as an Account Exec for several local firms, however, he would tell you his favorite years were spent owning and operating Sunshine Bead Company with his daughter Jody. They loved working side by side - it was a special place and Jack thrived on hanging out and chatting with everyone who came in. He got to know and love so many in the community over those years. He also loved hitting up local flea markets and auctions, searching for unique treasures for "the shop."

After official retirement, Jack continued to embrace life with his unwavering positivity. The guy literally never complained. He loved life, God, family, friends, neighbors and dogs . . . and not necessarily in that order ;)

Jack was a lover of music - it was always playing in the house and on any given day it could be 3 Dog Night, Queen, a contemporary Christian artist, Eva Cassidy or most recently, Chris Stapleton. He loved checking out live music and listening to old stuff on albums and CD's. The house was never quiet.

Jack loved nature - Bird Park was his happy place. He loved to walk the dogs there and go there quickly after a fresh snowfall. He also loved sports. Coached Jody & John growing up and loved to see and hear about his grandkid's various sports adventures. He followed almost all high school sports and lived for Penn State wrestling.

Jack was also a man with an unbelievably strong faith. He did not fear death but definitely wanted to live life to the fullest. In 2014, after struggling with kidney issues for many years, Jack was given a miracle kidney transplant. His health was failing, and it was a scary time but after just 5 months on the transplant list, Jack was given a kidney that was a "one in a million" perfect match. This was a true miracle, and we feel we were given almost 11 extra years with our special guy.

Jack meant so much to so many, but to no one more than Judy. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's almost 10 years ago and has been slowly declining, but he was by her side to the end - her constant companion and caregiver.

Jack (aka Pops) will be greatly missed. We will think of him, and talk to him, and try to live more like him every day for the rest of our lives. The only

difference is, he never had to try - it's just who he was and he made everyone feel special. He will be eternally loved.

Jack's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 2pm - 4pm, at Bird Park Pavilion, Bird Park Drive, Mt. Lebanon PA 15228. BBQ, music & remembrance - All are welcome!

Call/text Jody @ 412-654-7057 with any questions.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association ([act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org)) or Donate Life PA ([donatelifepa.org](http://donatelifepa.org)) in his name.

Professional services entrusted to D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 4522 Butler Street Pittsburgh, PA, 15201; [www.dalessandro ltd.com](http://www.dalessandro ltd.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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MAY 10. 2:00 PM.

Bird Park Pavilion

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. My husband and I always loved running into Jack and Peaches in Bird Park, he is truly one of the kindest and most optimistic people I have ever met. Even though he never met our kids, he always remembered their names and asked about them, remembering what they were up to and where they were living. It was a pleasure and a gift to have him in my life for those short moments, I'm sure his family misses him immensely.

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**Angie Phares** - May 15, 2025 at 12:13 PM

GR

“ Dear Jody, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Didn't know him well, but those times together...at an anniversary celebration in the Hollow, at the light up night on Beverly Rd., at your house, or wherever, he always made an impression on me...Kind, smart, funny, great taste in music :-), and I suspect he made everyone feel listened to, like he did to me. Best to you, John, and Sailor as you deal with this great loss.

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**Greg** - March 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM

MW

“ I honestly have never met a nicer man than Jack. He adored his kids and I was so lucky to work at sunshine bead with him and Jody, his daughter that he loved so much and was so proud of. He loved my kids, and when I was going through tough times, he was more of a dad to me as I had lost my dad when I was young. I would tell him things and cry when he would give me the biggest most wonderful bear. Hugs and tell me that everything was gonna be OK. He was right everything turned out to be OK. Jody, my heart aches for you. I didn't know your brother like I knew you, but I'm sure he's hurting also. What a dad you had, anyone that came in to the store was greeted like a long lost friend. I had not seen him for many years, but I always thought about him and thought about how kind he was to me, especially when I needed it the most. Rest now Jack, thank you for being so kind and watch over all of us, I'll never forget you and I will always love you. ❤️

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**Mary Withrow** - February 15, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JG

Dear Jody and family,  
I am so sorry to learn about your Dad's passing. I got to know him during my many trip to Sunshine Bead Company. He was the friendliest and most genuine soul. A few years after we met, I interviewed him for an article I was writing about people who made midlife career changes. He was so tickled to be working alongside you—I'm sure you know that. We spent a lot of time talking about our shared faith. He really was a treasure.  
Even though I haven't seen your Dad in years, hearing of his passing made me pause and remember what a wonderful man he was. I will pray for God to hold you and your family close in the days and weeks ahead.  
❤️ Jane Gavett

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**Jane Gavett** - February 17, 2025 at 01:16 AM

ME

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Marilyn Erwin - February 15, 2025 at 04:39 PM



Love this picture of Jack and Judy in their beautiful garden. I will miss looking out my kitchen window and seeing them working together on their little slice of heaven on earth. Always sharing their flowers and their knowledge of all things gardening. Such special people, the neighborhood won't be the same 😭 RIP Jack ❤️

Diane Behling - February 16, 2025 at 09:44 PM

HE

“ During my morning walks with my dog, Cori, we often passed by the Sunshine Bead Co., where I first met Jack.

Long before it became common, Jack always had a fresh bowl of water outside for passing dogs. His warmth and kindness were captivating and we soon struck up regular conversations outside the shop. It was through Jack that I met his daughter Jody, who has since become one of my dearest friends.

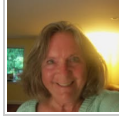
Jack's the kind of person who would leave you walking away with a smile— and maybe a few more beads that you planned on buying. 💕

Helene - February 15, 2025 at 11:06 AM

SS

Dearest Jody, I'm so sorry for your loss, may his memory be eternal 🙏  
Samira

Shaheen Samira - February 15, 2025 at 10:27 PM



*I worked with Jack many years ago at David W. Evans. We had some great conversations. He was a bright, kind and thoughtful man, a true Class Act. I still have his muffins recipe!*

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**Leslie Miller** - February 16, 2025 at 10:53 AM



*I remember Jack coming in frequently to meet with Mary Baits when she and I worked at USX. Jack was a gem of a gentleman and EVERYBODY loved him.*

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**Mary Starusko** - February 16, 2025 at 11:19 AM