



James Joseph Stack

May 11, 1923 - June 9, 2014

James Joseph Stack Jr. was born on May 11, 1923, one of six children, in New York, NY to James Joseph Stack Sr. and Ella Stack (Higgins), proudly of Irish descent.

Jim enlisted in the Air Force Division of the US Army in 1943. He served his country with great bravery in World War II. For his demonstrated heroism, he received a number of honors and medals, including the Soldiers Medal for saving a life with the risk of personal peril, for rescuing a fellow crew member from the burning wreckage of a plane.

After the war, Jim returned to Fordham University and graduated in 1949 with a B.S. in Mathematics and a Minor in English. He received his Masters in Business Administration from New York University.

Jim met his life's true love, Mary Catherine Stack (Sullivan), in 1949, beginning his courtship by taking his future bride to a baseball game between the New York Giants (Jim's favorite team) and the Brooklyn Dodgers (Mary's favorite team). The Dodgers won. Mary and Jim were married in 1950 and were inseparable through 48 years until her death. They had two children, Kevin James, in 1951 and Coleen Mary, in 1955. Their children meant the world to them and Jim was an involved and affectionate father. His courage and faith were tested when his beloved Colleen died in a car accident in 1977.

Jim worked in the advertising business for 40 years, moving to Los Angeles in 1964, where he took a job as media director with McCann Erickson. He later became the media director for the Russ Reid Advertising Agency in Pasadena, focusing on humanitarian and charitable organizations such as UNICEF, St. Judes and World Vision.

Jim loved baseball and was an accomplished player in high school, college and in the military, even playing one summer of minor league ball for the Chicago White Sox organization.

Jim was predeceased by his wife Mary Catherine and daughter Coleen Mary, now joyfully reunited. He is also predeceased by his brothers Tom Murray, and John Stack and his sisters Gertrude Schonberger, Helene Danielson, and Betty Ryan.

He is survived by his son Kevin James Stack, daughter in law Laura Beth Stack, grand children Eric John Ghiselli, Brian James Stack, and Kelly Coleen Stack, brother in law James Sullivan, sisters in law Peggy Corrigan, Mickey Stack and Carol Murray, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in Jim's name to the Collings Foundation PO Box 248 Stow MA 01775, supporting living history events dear to his heart, including maintaining the airworthiness of one of the last B-24's still flying for generations to come. <http://www.collingsfoundation.org/menu.htm>

Tribute Wall



“ *James Joseph Stack*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *James Joseph Stack*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Uncle Jim was such a cherished member of our family. He was quick-witted and always seemed happy. My mother said he was like an "Irish politician". I last saw him in 2002 but have kept in touch by calling him on Christmas and his birthday. I spoke to him last month to wish him a happy birthday. I almost felt like I was talking to my dad, who passed away in 2011. They sounded so similar. God bless you Uncle Jim and enjoy eternity with your wife Mae and daughter Colleen.*

John F. Stack Jr. - Basking Ridge, NJ - nephew - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kevin, that is one of favorite pictures of your parents. It was a lovely tribute to your Dad. I will always remember the sock story. Please know our hearts break that we can not be there. We will see you in a few weeks.*

Kathy, Chris and Molly Widner - Martinez - Cousin/niece - June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ To Uncle Jim,

Please know that my dad's strong affection for his big brother was proudly passed to our generation, so that you have and will continue to have a very special place in our hearts always.

May you rest in peace; we will miss you dearly.

*With love,
Sandie, Mike, and Lauren Stack*

Michael Stack - HAMPTON, NJ - nephew - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *m very sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one.(1Peter 1:3)*

Monica - NC - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ *May you find comfort and strength to endure this time of sorrow by drawing close to God who gives support to those who rely on him. (Psalms 145:14,18)*

Lesley - IL - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM