



Jack Maguire

April 27, 1936 - April 4, 2017

Jack Maguire, 80, passed away peacefully at home, April 4, 2017. Jack was born in Akron, Ohio, April 27, 1936 to Thomas and Letitia Maguire. He was the youngest of 4 children.

Jack was a dreamer and an entrepreneur. He had an almost insatiable quest to try his hand at new endeavors. While living in Ohio, Jack worked as an electrician, law enforcement officer, and started his first ambulance service. After moving to Naples in 1971, he founded American Ambulance which provided ambulance service to Lee and Collier counties from 1971 until 1981. Jack was also responsible for instituting the first advanced life support program in Collier County. Jack retired as an executive with a local hospital.

Famous for saying, "One man's junk is another man's treasure," as well as his habitual presence at local garage sales, flea markets, dollar stores, or Harbor Freight, there wasn't a part, tool, piece of furniture, umbrella or flashlight he wouldn't dig up for a neighbor, family member or friend in need. So though Jack's family is a little concerned about the heaps of "junk" he has left behind for them to deal with, the stacks of playing cards, the wrench sets in Christmas wrapping, the never-ending collection of pens, it helps to remember the place of generosity for which these piles of stuff have accumulated. Because Jack wasn't so much stocking up for his own needs, but for what others might need. Those needs filled his heart, mind and multiple storage

units. And in those moments when someone would ask for a tool, part, or any kind of help, his face would light up and that item would suddenly be transformed into treasure.

On a last but serious note, Jack left behind a host of friends, family, and acquaintances. His presence was larger than life, and he will be missed.

Jack was predeceased by his son, John. He is survived by his sons Thomas (Christina) of Naples and Joseph (Jessica) of Fort Myers. Jack is also survived by his grandchildren Jonathon, Michael, Christopher, Cameron, Connor, Keiran, Cade, Kyle, and Connor.

A remembrance and gathering of friends will occur on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Tr. So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

Online condolences may be offered to the family by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Maguire*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Steven & Stephanie Kissinger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jack Maguire.*



Steven & Stephanie Kissinger - April 20, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack Maguire.*



April 19, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack Maguire.*



April 18, 2017 at 05:11 PM

MJ

“ Jack was our friend. He helped me make the transition from full-time employee at Naples Community Hospital to full-time employee for Naples Community Hospital in Tallahassee. As the Vice President/Director of Planning, my family and I were relocated to the Capitol in 1983 and Jack continued to help us in many ways.

He has supported my transition from Hospital Administration to Sculptor over the last twenty-seven years. If you were his friend, he'd do anything to help you in life. If you were not his friend, he'd give you a chance to become one; but after that...you were on your own. He was true to his feelings and opinions.

Jack gave us a proper fitting wheelchair when Linda's disabled brother came to live with us. On our visits back to Naples, he would update us with the latest local news, the status of our mutual friends, and his trips to South America. He continually surprised us with his energy, ingenuity and love for his family and friends.

We loved him and will miss him greatly.

*Michael & Linda Jernigan
Tallahassee, FL*

Michael & Linda Jernigan - April 18, 2017 at 03:57 PM

RM

“ I met Jack in June of 1978. After working closely with him for the next 7 months, we launched the advanced life support system under American Ambulance. We started with 6 ALS units and today, we have 26 units and a helicopter as well as multiple ALS engines thru out the fire department.

The then chairman of the Collier County Commission, Raymond Pistor, gave American Ambulance a grant for about \$1,400,000 and with that money, we purchased 6 ambulances and 18 crew members to staff every day of the week. Commissioner Pistor asked that we try to demonstrate at least one life saved during the first year of operation of American Ambulance which began Feb 2, 1979. On Feb 3, 1979, one of our first paramedics, Joe Fungiello, successfully defibrillated a 55 year old cardiologist in cardiac arrest at the Marco Island Marriot Hotel and brought him back from a certain death. The rest is history.

Two of my first medics, Tom Maguire and Jeff Page are like brothers to me today and still active in emergency medicine.

Make no mistake; Jack had his rough edges but his perseverance, resilience and determination to treat all people regardless of background with dignity laid the seeds of our emergency medical system today.

We owe a lot to this individual and I am so sorry he passed on without the recognition and celebration of his life before he departed us.

Robert Boyd Tober, M.D., FACEP
Medical Director CCEMS

Robert B. Tober, M.D. - April 17, 2017 at 06:01 PM

DB

To the Maguire families, I am so sad to hear that Jack (301) has passed away. I met him about 1970 when we each learned that the other were considering opening an ambulance service to take over the service provided at that time by the Pittman and Hodges funeral homes. I was young and needed family financing to make it happen. My father spoke to his friend Richard Pittman about the idea and when Mr. Pittman told him that half of emergency services could never be collected my backer went south faster than an Ohio yankee in March.

But details like that would never have stood in the way of Jack Maguire. He was sure determination. He opened American Ambulance and I went to work for him and we became friends for nearly 50 years.

Jack was not only a polarizing figure...he was the poster boy. He fought his way through life. Along the way he made some enemies and a host a loyal and steadfast friends. His accomplishments were remarkable. Many a person remarked to me over the years how Jack had taken a personal interest in the recovery of their loved one after receiving AA service. Years afterwards he would again and again visit them to show he cared. Years would pass but he would never forget.

Friends along the way might need a hand and Jack would always be there for them. He, like all of us, had his faults but he was the most loyal person I have ever known.

Unfortunately, in todays world of hurry up and go, people like Jack often get forgotten and rarely get tbe thanks they truly deserve. But Jack never sought thanks. He cared. He thrived on knowing he had made a little difference in a difficult world.

May he rest in peace and may God bless us with another yankee from Ohio.

*Danny Brack
Naples and Costa Rica*

Danny Brack - April 18, 2017 at 03:19 PM

CR

Very nice, Dr. Tober. Thank you.

Cindi Roper - April 18, 2017 at 09:49 PM

AP

Well said Dr. Tober. My late husband, George Pittman, met and friended Jack when he came to town. Until then the Funeral Homes ran ambulance service. They remained friends until George's death in 1988 through some of the early times of American Ambulance. Jack was a man of enormous energy, universal interests, and a wonderful friend.

Anita Pittman - April 19, 2017 at 06:52 AM

FC

Very well said Dr. Tober! My late husband, Dr. Lloyd Caudill was a friend of Jack's and also also thought he had been unappreciated for his service to our community. My Condolences to the Maguire family!

Franc Caudill - April 20, 2017 at 08:32 PM

LG

My husband , grandmother and I will truly miss Jack. He was a constant at our house and we loved every minute He will be missed everyday by grandma because they had so much fun picking at each other. We will miss him so much.

Lisa Graham - April 21, 2017 at 07:56 PM

PH

I remember Jack, from way back in the day. Jack was certainly one of the forerunners along with Dr. Tober, before EMS became a County system, in keeping up with the latest & greatest of patient care.

Condolences to the Maguire family. So sorry for your loss.

Pat Hedrich

Pat Hedrich - April 22, 2017 at 06:55 PM



Jack Maguire- was a key mentor in my life - through his son, John ,at a very young age (16) I became part of the American Ambulance team (312) and it became a "boy becoming a man experience." The years (1974 -1978) served to shape my life in so many ways -only a s dissertation could satisfy . I loved Jack, Tom & John - who became a sense of family - never duplicated ! Rest In Peace - Jack - John - forever in my memory of our of this world care for those in need in the darkest of night !

William R. Westman, LCSW

William Westman - August 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM