



## John "Jack" F. Ballard, Sr.

April 29, 1933 - June 15, 2016

John F. "Jack" Ballard always hoped that his obituary would start with, "after finally getting a hole in one..." but that was not to be. The beloved Winter Park realtor was a legend on and off the golf course, making friends everywhere he went, sharing a joyful and laughter-filled life with his wife Joan, of 56 years.

Born on April 29, 1933 in Providence, Rhode Island, Jack met "Joanie" while in college and they fell head over heels in love. He'd found his soulmate, the mother of his children, his partner, his best friend for life. Together they set out to conquer the world.

Jack is survived by his wife, Joan and his three children: Jay (Luanne), of Orlando, Maryanne (Paul) of Tampa and Jennifer (Eli) of Brooklyn, NY. Poppy Jack will be missed by his grandchildren Monique and Ali Pitre, and Ryall and Ronin, Janney He also leaves behind his sister Jean, of North Carolina, his brother, William, of Connecticut, and his brother Ted of Massachusetts as well as Alex and Caroline, the neighbor children who adopted him as their next door grandpa.

A graduate of Brown University, Jack was a well-respected realtor for over 40 years and was a member of the Greater Orlando Realtors Association. He was also a member of Interlachen Country Club, as well as the Winter Park Rotary Club. Jack offered wisdom and expertise to his clients and friends, on

a consistent basis. Jack's colleagues at Fannie Hillman Real Estate constantly admired his positive attitude, commenting in awe that they never knew if his smile was because he'd just closed a million dollar sale, or completed another round of chemo. His smile was genuine and contagious.

To know Jack, was to love Jack. It's hard to imagine Winter Park without him. We're pretty sure he's finally getting that hole-in-one in heaven, with his Mom Margaret, his Father Edwin, his sisters Peggy and Katherine.

The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to all of Jack's friends, his colleagues, his caretakers, his neighbors. Thank you for sharing in our joys, our heartaches, and our love of Jack, as he navigated his cancer journey, with dignity and grace.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-11 am on Saturday June 18, 2016 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 526 North Park Ave. The funeral will immediately follow the visitation at 11am. In lieu of flowers, you can hug a child, root for the Red Sox, or contributions can be made to St. Margaret Mary school @[www.smmknight.org](http://www.smmknight.org) in his honor.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Jack was one of a kind. When he spoke to you he had a twinkle in his eye and he always made you feel like you were the only one in the room. A real Irish charmer . And so sincere and caring about his friends. And his game! It was an honor to have him as a friend and always great fun to have him as a partner. Pars and Birdies always Jack. We shall miss you.

Our sincerest condolences to you Joan and the entire family.  
With Love and Blessings,

Sal and Jackie Leccese

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Sal Leccese - June 25, 2016 at 01:25 PM

HK

“ Our china is now safe, our cookie jar is now full and the Red SOx are winning. But our hearts are saddened. WE will miss you Jack but Ray and Joe will be there to greet you and together you three will cover all of heavens golf courses. UNTil we meet again. We love you Jack. Helen

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helen keough - June 20, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ My condolences to the entire family. I only have fond memories of a man that is loved by so many. I will always cheer the Red Sox in your honor. Rest in peace!



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Jennifer Daft - June 20, 2016 at 07:08 AM

SS

“ Jack was a gentleman and always treated people the way he wanted to be treated. He will be sorely missed and our town will not be the same without him. George and Sarah Sprinkel

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**sarah sprinkel** - June 18, 2016 at 08:17 PM

KM

“ Joan and Family, My wife Donna and I extend our deepest sympathies and condolences. Jack made everyone around him feel good and appreciated. He was a great addition to our community and will be missed by all. Love, Kip and Donna Marchman

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**Kip Marchman** - June 18, 2016 at 09:51 AM

RR

“ I did not know Jack, but he and his wife raised a wonderful son. Jay, after reading the obit' I envy the long time you had with such a special man, I am saddened to know you and family are grieving and pray for you to find comfort in the kindnesses that come your way. Your friend, Raye.

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**Raye Roth** - June 18, 2016 at 08:27 AM

SD

“ I write this with tears in my eyes as I reflect memories with cousin Jack, as well as fond memories of all the Ballards and Dwyer clan. Great memories with Jay, Maryanne and Jennifer when they would come to Wingate Rd. and all the cousins and adults alike would play. Now, they meet in the Lord's house where they are together again. We will surely miss you Jack.

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**Shelagh DeWitt** - June 17, 2016 at 01:51 PM

TD

“ *The world has lost a kind and gentle man, I will miss you cousin! You were a role model for me and I continue to try to live up to your example. Like you, I am still trying for that elusive hole in one. Sincerest condolences, thoughts and prayers to Joanie, Jay, Maryanne and Jennifer!*

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**Tim Dwyer** - June 17, 2016 at 01:45 PM

MB

“ *Mary F. Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathephyllum for the family of John "Jack" F. Ballard, Sr..*



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**Mary F. Brown** - June 17, 2016 at 08:57 AM

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**Paul Henderson** - June 17, 2016 at 06:13 AM