



John "Jack" Newton Briggs jr.

June 12, 1942 - November 25, 2020

John Newton 'Jack' Briggs Jr., 78, of Fairfield, California, passed away peacefully in his Green Valley home on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020.

Jack was born on June 12, 1942 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Dr. John Newton Briggs, Sr., and Jane Leedom Briggs. He was the oldest of four siblings, was raised in Southern California and called Green Valley his home for 46 years.

He was a generous, devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend.

With a Denison University degree, he traveled the US and the world as a furniture business executive for over 40 years.

He loved fishing, hunting and watching golf and football. He was a great golfer and enjoyed playing cards with friends.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Nancy; daughters, Jane (Eric) Riddiough and Barbara (Brad) Sloan; grandchildren, Victoria, Trevor, Elle and Emma; siblings, Barbara (Bill) Haljun, Victoria (Chris) Briggs Bagdasarian and James (Margaret) Briggs; he is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and in-laws.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; and his grandparents, Stephen

Foster and Beatrice Branch Briggs and James and Olea Leedom.

Due to Covid-19 regulations, a private family memorial service will be held, and he will be laid to rest at Rockville Cemetery in Fairfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jack's name to Help Hope Live, to help a friend in need of kidney health at: <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/15218/>

Cremation and arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Rockville Cemetery

4219 Suisun Valley Rd.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Jack was a great friend of many classmates in the high school class of 1960 at Harvard in North Hollywood. It is clear from the memories of more recent friends that Jack remained exuberant in his love of life, family and friends. I will try to add some old photos for his remembrance. Best to all in club Jack Briggs. Bob Collins

Robert Collins - December 07, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JR

Thank you so much for sharing! It means so much!

Janie (Briggs) Riddiough - December 09, 2020 at 06:26 PM

ER

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Eric - December 05, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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Eric - December 05, 2020 at 03:43 PM

TB

“ Jack was one of a kind. All of the things that you would expect of a great person. A terrific family man...husband, father, grandfather. Jack was an amazing friend to many people. We all looked forward to our 5am Green Valley coffee get togethers almost everyday, with Jack and Nancy. Jack always brought the early mornings to life with his humor, laughter, and good conversations about everything you could imagine. Jack prided himself on being rather punctual. He was never late in over a decade+(probably more like 15+ years,) of those coffee catches. Always early waiting for the SBUX to open. Everyone knew about that...when its time to arrive its always early. When its time to go...you go! He was the chairman of the sunrise GV coffee club.

Many many great stories, conversations, memories and good times with Jack over many years. Could go on on on. Where to start... with no ending. Card games, Costco, great shopping deals, politics, (sometimes,) restaurants, breakfasts, his family and friends, whats on the daily agenda

Every now and then were the beneficiary to know someone like our good friend Jack.

Were all better for having had the honor to call him our friend.

All the best thoughts, prayers and memories to Jack's family and friends.

He will be missed, yes...but, his legacy of his family and friendship lives on and on.

Tim Bobitt - December 04, 2020 at 04:30 PM

JR

Thank you so much, Tim! What a beautiful tribute to my dad. I know your friendship meant so much to my dad and means so much to my mom!

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 07:55 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Eric - December 03, 2020 at 06:39 PM

“ Jane Leedom Briggs Riddiough shared this at Jack's memorial service today:

"If my dad knew a memorial like this was happening for him he would not have been a fan to say the least. Accolades and attention were not his thing. But the thing that he did do over and over in the lives of so many was show up and want what was best for us...so here we are dad.

According to my Uncle Jimmy, Bitsy Grant wrote in my dad's yearbook that he had a heart as big as all outdoors. This couldn't be more true. Not only did he love the outdoors and fishing, hunting, and golfing, but he loved all of us with so much commitment, humor and generosity. And, he gave without expecting much in return. He was the most difficult person to shop for at Christmas because there was nothing he ever wanted that he had not already bought himself! And, yes, he had a job that had him traveling often, but he always made sure we were cared for and able to do the things we loved.

I know we are all here today to remember him even though he hated being the center of attention but it didn't stop him from making his presence known. He was the life of the party. He loved a good vodka and a good joke or two. But then it was time to go. "Nance, I'm getting the car!" My dad ended up leaving us just like leaving a party, all too quickly and before some people had even arrived.

My dad may not have needed to engage in all the happenings, details of our lives, but he loved knowing we were living well, that we were ok. My sister and I often would call our mom (I mean often!) Dad was there, in the background, just knowing there was love and life happening and he was just as content if not more not to be directly involved. He loved the safety and comfort of his recliner (how fitting he was in the recliner business for all those years) and his five mile radius we all joked about time and time again, but, I would argue that he adored his wife his family and his friends even more.

Under normal circumstances, I know that this cemetery would be filled to the brim with people who knew and loved my dad. We are sad that not everyone could be with us. On behalf of my mom and my sister I want to thank you for being with us in spirit. We cannot begin to express our gratitude for all the outpouring of love and support through your texts, emails and memories about my dad. We feel so grateful!

My dad was not a big fan of long drawn out goodbyes so I'll keep this short and sweet for you: Dad,, we miss you and we love you! I'm looking forward to one day seeing you again at the absolutely best party that will never end and you won't be able to leave early."

Jane - December 03, 2020 at 06:14 PM

RR

What a special loving tribute to your Dad Janie. Love to you. Mom & Dad

Reese & Jane Riddiough - December 07, 2020 at 08:28 PM

DC

Janie, a beautiful to your Dad. May he Rest In Peace, and our heartfelt condolences to you and the family. ❤️🙏

dino colla - December 10, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JA

Thank you so much!

Jane - December 27, 2020 at 08:47 AM

LS

“ I didn't know Jack, but I'm sad for those who lost him - I know he had to be a great man because I know his wonderful daughter, Janie. I can only imagine how Jack touched and blessed people's lives because Janie has done just that to mine. Her warm, open heart has been a gift of light and love to me. Thank you, Jack, for blessing the world with not just yourself but your beautiful daughter, too!

Lili Sinclair - December 03, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JR

Lili, Thank you so much for your lovely, kind words! So thoughtful and beautiful ❤️

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 07:59 PM

WA

“ A very generous man and wonderful person...he will be missed by many...Wayne@Rpm autowerx 🙏🙏

wayne adolfo - December 02, 2020 at 10:14 PM

JR

Thank you so much, Wayne!

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 08:00 PM

DC

“ You left us so suddenly and early in life. You made many friends just being your kind and gentle self. I for one was glad to get to know you. You are in the hands of the Angels now and will be so missed by Family and friends and all you that had the privilege to get to know you.

RIP, Jack 🙏

Dino Colla

Dino Colla - December 02, 2020 at 09:37 PM

PS

I will always remember our first meeting when our children were engaged. You introduced us to your favorite Chardonnay Rombauer Each time we came to California I looked forward to seeing you and Nancy. You hosted Hugh and me at your club many times Especially on Easter Sunday. We will miss you Jack. Pamela Sloan

Pamela Sloan - December 02, 2020 at 10:14 PM

JR

Jack, all these years you've been my friend and confident. Remember the early days golf with the boys, KR, Nicky, Hank, Blohm and more. You were always there, at home or on the road. You took me on my first fishing trip and taught me how to hunt fish with a fly rod. You introduced me to the men in your family. We will never forget your Dad and how generous he was with you boys. Later in life you made it a point to leave parties early so you and Nancy could get up at 4 am for coffee. Well Jack, you have left this party here on Earth way to early. Look around for a good card game. We will all join you sooner or later. Love you like a Brother, Jim Rowe

Jim Rowe - December 03, 2020 at 11:53 AM

BA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



barbara - December 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM

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Eric Riddiough - December 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM

JR

Oh how he loved the card room! And the trips with his brother and sisters and spouses in the later years.

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JT

“ *We worked together for many years at Lane furniture. Always a great guy.*

Jack Tidwell - December 02, 2020 at 06:50 PM

JR

Thank you so much! And thank you for staying in touch with him for all these years!

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 08:08 PM

AP

“ *Jack was a great person. My sympathy to Nancy and his daughters. He will be missed.*
Ann Petrich

Ann Petrich - December 02, 2020 at 12:40 PM

VF

Jack was always fun to see. He had that smile, always, and what GREAT neighbors. Super sense of humor. Gone way too soon! He will be missed. Loved that sweet guy!

Victoria Forristall - December 02, 2020 at 06:09 PM

JR

*Thank you, Ann!
And thank you, Vicki, My parents hit the jackpot when it came to who they got to have live next door to them!*

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 08:06 PM

GS

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Greg Silva - December 01, 2020 at 05:40 PM

JR

Thank you, Greg!

Janie Riddiough - December 04, 2020 at 08:03 PM