



John Gordon Lukey

July 3, 1931 - January 7, 2023

John Gordon Lukey, LCDR (Ret) USN

BLOOMINGTON, IN – John G. Lukey (“Jack”), 91, of Bloomington, IN, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Columbus Regional Health surrounded by loving family. Jack was the beloved husband of Mary Jo Lukey (“Josie”).

Jack was born on July 3, 1931, in Northbrook, IL to the late John and Grace Lukey. He was a graduate of Purdue University in 1960, University of Holy Cross in 1976, and Indiana University in 1982.

After joining the US Navy in 1952, Jack performed fire control technician duties with distinction as a member of a seaborne artillery recommissioning team based out of the Boston Naval Shipyard. As a Chief Fire Controlman, he was selected for a commission, was sent to Purdue to finish his degree in Electrical Engineering and was then sent to Officer Candidate School. Jack served with pride as a SeaBee with Naval Construction Battalion 10 in Vietnam. He also served in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and stateside with the Naval Civil Engineering Corp. Jack retired in 1974 to pursue his dream of being an educator, and served as an elementary, middle and high school teacher in Unionville and Nashville, IN. In 1979, Jack returned to engineering with Technology Services Corporation and spent the remainder of his career supporting the naval AEGIS Combat System as a project engineer.

Jack knew he lived a rich, blessed life—he was grateful first and foremost to

our Holy Trinity. He discerned his joys, challenges and comforts as gifts of God's most gracious providence. Jack especially cherished his wife, children and family. He was also most grateful for his dear friends, his brothers and sisters in Christian fellowship, those who educated and trained him throughout his life, the men and women with whom he served in the US Navy, the churches he served and attended, CASA, the Gideons and so many other individuals and institutions, too numerous to mention.

For 70 years Jack was married to Josie, the love of his life. From their courtship to his last days, they were a loving, devoted team - supporting family, friends, church, community and each other.

Jack - our Dad also loved his life. He started out with a spanking every day, whether he needed it or not, as told by his mother Grace. (He probably needed it!) He and his Jo were each other's sidekicks in just about everything, but beyond work and service, he was a man of action and adventure! Growing up in our family meant fishing, camping, rock hounding, snorkeling, diving, shooting, hunting, church, scouting, singing all the way! He absolutely loved being in the Navy and truly valued the camaraderie of his fellow sailors and builders. Overseas, Dad mentored countless young Navy men and made our home open to them. He delivered meals on wheels and often stayed to visit, minister and fix stuff. He was often called Lucky Lukey, but we think we are the lucky ones to have had him as our own! He blessed our lives, and we love him and miss him so.

The loving father of Mark, Allen Daniel (Danny), Linda Porter and Paul John, Jack was also the proud uncle of nieces Karen and Chris; grandfather of Mark-John, Benjamin, Nathan, Evelyn, Michele, Wayne, Rebekah, Molly, Jane, Mary, Kate & Ellen; great-grandfather of Nova, Noah, Samaya, Bruna, Ashley, Rowan, Chloe, Araya & Love; and great-great grandfather of Aspen & Ashton.

Jack will especially be remembered by those who knew and loved him for his friendship, generosity, humor, integrity and his true-blue loyalty.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Gideons at:

Bloomington Camp

PO Box 614

Bloomington, IN 47402

Payable to: Gideons International, in memory of Jack Lukey

Calling hours will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 1 to 2 pm at the Free Methodist Church, memorial service to follow at 2pm—1121 S. Lincoln St, Bloomington, IN 47401.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Free Methodist Church
1121 S. Lincoln Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Service

JUN 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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