



## Gerard Henri Deguise

June 9, 1939 - August 9, 2016

Gerard “Jack” Henri Deguise passed away peacefully on August 9th, 2016 in Fort Myers, Florida after bravely battling cancer for the past eight months. Jack’s loving wife of 49 years, Nancy, was by his side, along with his brother, Bob and sister-in-law, Barbara.

Jack was born in Franklin NH, 77 years ago on June 9th, 1939. He was the son of Gerard Joseph Deguise and Eva Clara Masse, and nephew/cousin/grandson to a large, first generation French family that originated in Quebec. Jack was a wonderful, loving husband and the proud father of two sons. He grew up in Franklin, NH and lived in the area most of his life as an active member of the community. Jack and Nancy moved to the Fort Myers area of Florida in 2008.

Jack attended St. Mary’s Catholic grammar school in Franklin and Franklin High School. He made his mark in dramatics and also played basketball in high school. He had a beautiful red and white 1955 Ford Fairlane that he treasured when he was a young man. Jack was a veteran of the US Navy, spending four years in the service of our country in Europe on the high seas, first on the ship Denebola and then on the Mississinewa. He also spent part of his Navy years at Guantanamo Bay. Jack earned an Associate Degree in Business from Franklin Pierce College. He worked for Camp’s Hardware in Franklin before joining Oak Laminates for a successful career managing

production and sales of circuit boards during the peak growth period for High Tech in New England. Later in his career Jack spent many years in the sand and gravel business managing daily operations and dispatch for Pikes, Tilcon and Pembroke/Merrill Construction. Jack's proudest life achievement was as a husband and a father, working with his wife, Nancy to provide a safe and loving home life for their family in the same little town where he himself grew up.

Jack and Nancy retired to Florida in 2008 and continued to enjoy golf, the beach, car shows, an occasional casino visit and never ending home projects. Along with cousin Armand and his wife, Sondra, they made many new friends to include in their Florida family. His sister, Cecile cherishes the memory of many Christmas celebrations with Jack and his family in Franklin. His brothers, Bob and Paul are grateful for the time they spent together working on each other's homes, giving them all the opportunity to cross out items on their respective Honey Do lists.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife Nancy of Florida; his son Randy of Seattle WA; his son Kevin and daughter-in-law, Tracy of San Francisco. Jack is survived by his sister, Cecile Lockwood of Northfield NH; his brother Paul and wife Gail of Franklin NH; his brother Bob and wife Barbara of Amherst NH; along with many nieces and nephews who loved Uncle Jack and will miss him dearly – Brenda Lee Lockwood, Earl Lockwood, Lee-Anne and Dan Gregg, Paul, Lisa and Tom Kessler, and all the grand-nieces and nephews. Jack also leaves his mother-in-law, Ethel Magoon and his brother-in-law, Bobby Magoon.

Florida arrangements have been provided by the Gendron Funeral Home in Fort Myers, FL. Their website is available for those wishing to express condolences and fond memories of Jack. Services will be held at NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH in late August. Please refer to the Gendron web

site for updated information. Family and friends are welcome to attend and join a celebration of Jack's life. In lieu of flowers, Nancy asks that those wishing to honor Jack's memory please make a modest donation in his name to one of the following: Promises Hospital at 3050 Champion Ring Road in Fort Myers, FL who gently cared for Jack through the end of his illness; Cancer Specialists of Florida at 15681 New Hampshire Ct. in Fort Myers, FL who helped Jack bravely battle his disease; or the VA Hospital on Diplomat Road in Cape Coral, FL who stood by him as a veteran of US military service.

Services are being held on Tuesday August 23, 2016 at the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery 110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Boscawen, New Hampshire 03303. All family and friends are welcome to attend the services.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gerard Henri Deguise

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ Gerard Henri Deguise

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ There will always be a spot at the beach "living room" dedicated to you. We will miss your mischievous spirit, good conversations and awesome friendship. Your footprint on our lives is so great. Ed and Monica💕

Ed and Monica Merrill/Michigan - August 19, 2016 at 06:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Jack. I have a lot of memories of Jack as we went through St, Mary's and Franklin High together. Always fun to be around and had us laughing at St. Mary's with all the nuns. In reading his obit, I didn't know all about his whole career in the service--guess he led a very good life--Nancy and sons, just remember all the good times you had with him. It will help to get you through this difficult time. Hope to see you at the ceremony at the Vets Cemetery. regards Claire (Gauthier) Wallace

Claire (Gauthier) Wallace - August 17, 2016 at 08:07 PM

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“ Lots of good memories with Jack at the beach, 7/11 for coffee & doughnuts, going to the flea markets & get together at the holidays.

*Armand & Sondra*

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**Armand & Sondra Masse** - August 14, 2016 at 12:28 PM

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“ Jack , oh the memories we all shared , wether it be you giving me a razzing early in the morning at the beach or you laughing at all the people who never seemed to get there sun umbrellas in just right or talking march madness with my husband , or you being just as sweet as could be when you were ready for a batch of whoopie pies, all the meals at my mom and dads , but most of all the way you and Nancy shared your life! I will miss you, Debra Masse Bedard

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**Debra Masse Bedard** - August 13, 2016 at 07:29 PM