

JOHN "JACK" ANDREW REID

Age 64 of Baldwin, PA, and formerly North Point Breeze, passed away Thursday, March 7, 2024.

"He never met a stranger." When Jack met you, you became a friend, someone he was attentive to, someone he was there for, someone who mattered, no matter where you came from, what you did, what you had, what you didn't have. And you would get cards, cards for holidays, cards of concern and support, or cards just to say hi.

Jack was intelligent, wise, witty, and kind. A great reader and lover of music: Chopin, Queen, and the Beach Boys. A gentle man with refined tastes and a rock-n-roll soul.

Jack was a self-improver. As a "tech guy", he made spread sheets of everything, including schedules to practice the piano, work on electronics, brush up on math, and write. He spent long hours playing strategy games, anything from fantasy to military history. He loved animals, and any pet he had was thoughtfully cared for and cherished for its companionship, innocence, and trust.

And Jack was brave. He faced down the challenge of a terminal illness without complaint. He trusted in those who cared for him and protected those who loved him. Jack was a deeply spiritual man, gravitating toward scripture that focused on our relationships to others and to the natural world.

As a young man, Jack became an Eagle Scout. He attended CMU, where he became a brother in the Carnegie Chapter of Delta Upsilon and earned a degree in Public Policy. Later he became a technical trainer with his own company. He adventured by taking sailing and flying lessons. He believed in volunteering and did so at both Phipps Conservatory and his church. Throughout his life Jack was an enthusiastic member of various organizations, including Toastmasters, the Allegheny HYP Club, and the Greater South Hills Lodge No. 684 Freemasons.

Jack was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Marjorie Reid, longtime residents of New Cumberland, PA. He is survived by his partner Becky Carpenter; his best friend Dick Beeler; his cousin Sheila Bobala in Seattle; many other cousins in the northeast and northwest, and his many wonderful friends.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service and reception to be held at Hamilton Presbyterian Church, located at 4500 Hamilton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00AM, reception to follow, RSVP to bac7727@gmail.com.

Donations in Jack's memory can be made to the Human Society of Pennsylvania, the American Cancer Society, or to any other cause you wish.

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