



## John "Jack" Kean

January 1, 2019

John "Jack" E. Kean, 62, passed away on January 1, 2019. Jack was born in Gloucester County to the late Elmer "Bud" and Elizabeth "Betty" Kean and raised in Elmer, Salem County. He attended the new Elmer Elementary School and later attended St. James High School, Carneys Point. Then he attended Gloucester County Community College, majoring in Police Science, and graduated in 1975.

His summer jobs were helping out at Kean's Lake Park as soon as he could walk. Jack loved to fish and swim and tend to the park store. In the winter he figure skated with the whole family. He appeared in several shows from the Colonial Skating Club in Haddonfield. Jack was also a member of the Atlantic City Skating Club and enjoyed skating at the Convention Hall. And when the Lake froze over he skated there, too with mom, pop, and Brother Bill. He also took up snow skiing and traveled to many resorts in New England, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Jack enjoyed traveling to the Casinos in Atlantic City. He had reward cards at many of them and took advantage of the free shows and hotel rooms. He was overjoyed to see Dolly Parton. He couldn't believe she was so short. He also loved Hawaii and Ireland.

After a brief stint as a prison guard, he realized that was not for him. Jack joined the Sunoco Corporation and worked at Ocean City, NJ Turnpike, and Pitman. He enjoyed the Turnpike because he waited on several famous

people.

Jack is survived by his brother E. William Kean of Pittsburg, CA and several cousins. I know he wants to give a hearty goodbye for his best friends who visited him frequently in the hospitals and extended care facilities: Christopher (Dr. Chuck) Bennett, Sabino Iovino, and cousin Bob McKeen.

Services will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 at Adams Funeral Home, 111 S. Main Street, Elmer, NJ 08318. There will be a visitation from 10 to 11 AM followed by the funeral service at 11 AM. Interment will take place at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Elmer. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in memory of John Kean to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Grove

Elmer, NJ 08318

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home - South Jersey Cremation Services (Elmer)  
111 South Main Street  
Elmer, NJ 08318  
(856) 358-3737

## Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Jack was one of the sweetest souls to ever step on earth, and I feel honored for having the privilege of meeting him. We met in the summer of 1999. I had just arrived from Brazil, and was living with his brother Bill, while taking care of his mother. I was learning to speak English. Jack's sweet and kind personality always made me feel comfortable. He taught me English without ever making me feel bad about my mistakes, on the contrary he was so kind, empathetic and reassuring. I will miss him greatly. Love you dearly my wonderful friend!!!



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**Teresa Alcala** - January 16, 2019 at 03:13 AM

OB

“ I have been John's nurse for a number of years, and he has gained a permanent place in my heart and the hearts of many here at SJEC. Miss you John...your CD unit xoxo no more pain.... Peace to you and your friends and family Mr. Bill Kean

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**octavia brevard** - January 09, 2019 at 10:46 AM

JE

“ Jack was a sweet soul. His sense of humor was infectious! Jack and I were students together at St. James High School. It was always so great to see him at our class reunions. May you Rest In Peace, Jack. My deepest sympathy to the Kean family.

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**JOANNE ERCOLI** - January 07, 2019 at 08:19 PM

DM

“ I remember Jack from his days at St. James. He was always pleasant, helpful and had lots of stories to tell. May his memory live on.  
*Don McNulty*

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**don mcnulty** - January 07, 2019 at 02:13 PM

MK

“ You were a great friend and a great godfather to my son Hunter.... You will forever be in our hearts and we will miss you sooo much jack.... We have alot of great memories with you that will be in our hearts forever and the best memory I will forever have is when you said yes to being Hunter's godfather... We Love you and you will be dearly missed friend!!! Sincerely, Michelle, Hunter (godson) & Family



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**Michelle Konopka** - January 07, 2019 at 08:22 AM