



John P. Emery

April 9, 1930 - July 27, 2023

John P. Emery (93), of Springfield, VA, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Thursday, July 27, 2023. He was a loving husband to the late Loretta (Polarski) Emery; beloved father to Janet (Emery) Lagowski, John Emery and Nancy Emery; grandfather to Nicole Seamans, Trisha Hays, Ashley Moon, Coby Emery and Logan Emery; great-grandfather to Cadence Hays, Brady Seamans, Remy Hays, Callie Moon, Evelynn Seamans, Emery Hays, and Ryder Seamans (due to arrive 9/23). He will truly be missed by many.

Jack was born on April 9, 1930 to George and Catherine (Galvin) Emery. He graduated from Roman Catholic High School for Boys in Philadelphia then completed his education by earning his bachelor's degree at Saint Joseph's University. He met the love of his life, Loretta Polarski at a dance. He married her a year later on May 21, 1955. Together they adopted three children from Catholic Charities in Philadelphia. Loretta passed away on May 29, 1982. He never remarried. Jack spent 40 years working for the United States government but his passion was his volunteer work in the Catholic community. He served as a lector, worked with the prison ministry and spent years, in to his 90's, in the Adoration Ministry choosing the wee hours of the morning, usually 2-3am, to serve as an adorer.

Relatives and friends may attend the funeral mass at St. Louis Catholic

Church in Alexandria, VA on Friday, August 4 at 11:00am. Reception to follow.
Graveside service Friday, September 22, 2023, 11:00AM, Most Holy
Redeemer Cemetery, 4268 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137.
Reception to follow. Please view and sign the family guestbook at www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery

4268 Richmond Street
Philadelphia, PA 19137

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Catholic Church
2907 Popkins Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

Tribute Wall

EL

“ My Uncle Jack memory- while on vacation in Dushore my Uncle Jack found out that Drivers tests were available once a month in Laporte. It was the week we were there. I had failed my drivers test in phila and was procrastinating trying again. My uncle Jack talked me into going in his station wagon. I couldn't take the test since it was a VA licensed car so we went back and got my cousins Grand Prix and brought me back. I passed the test! That was my Uncle Jack!

Ellen - August 04, 2023 at 12:31 PM

JL

I remember this!! 🥹

Janet (Emery) Lagowski - September 18, 2023 at 06:45 PM

FF

“ From Sean, Nancy and Patrick Foster planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Emery.

From Sean, Nancy and Patrick Foster - August 03, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.



August 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John P. Emery.

August 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ We will miss you Uncle Jack. You always had a smile and made us laugh. Rest in peace.

The Leskowski Family - August 02, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.



August 02, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.



August 01, 2023 at 08:56 PM



“ Janelle R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Emery.

Janelle R. - August 01, 2023 at 06:59 PM

RF

“ Robert F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Emery.

Robert F. - August 01, 2023 at 05:40 PM

RF

“ Robert F. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John P. Emery.



Robert F. - August 01, 2023 at 05:40 PM

JC

“ I had the pleasure to share many meals with Jack as we met with our friends from PTSC (Prime Time Single Catholics). Jack welcomed everyone and was a friend to all. I'll miss him.

John Caldwell - August 01, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John P. Emery.

August 01, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.



August 01, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.*



August 01, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John P. Emery.

August 01, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ *Theresa, Dave and Natalie Hughes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Emery.*

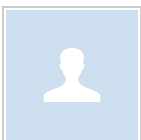
Theresa, Dave and Natalie Hughes - August 01, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *Theresa, Dave and Natalie Hughes purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of John P. Emery.*



Theresa, Dave and Natalie Hughes - August 01, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John P. Emery.

August 01, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.*



August 01, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.*



August 01, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Jack was a good friend of my sister Florence and her having get together with Jack and other friends in the Prime Time Singles Club, in which I was invited and got to be good friends with Jack and his daughter. Jack will solely missed.*

Rob Bove - July 31, 2023 at 07:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.*



July 31, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.*



July 31, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *I will miss this very wise and tactful man. His favorite joke when he would call our house went like this:
One of us: Hello
Uncle Jack: Hello; is your refrigerator running?
One of us: Yes, why?
Uncle Jack: we'll you better go catch it!
Can't tell you how many times we fell for that...then turned it around on him in later years! Great sense of humor and a robust laugh that I can still hear, and glad he is with Aunt Loretta and his family to share it with them now. Our condolences to Janet, John, and Nancy.
Ellen & Tom*

Tom and Ellen Cullen - July 31, 2023 at 06:20 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss.
I've been down that road 😞
Uncle Jack was the backbone of our family when my Dad died. He came to our house weekly to check on us.
I will miss him.*

Betsy - July 31, 2023 at 09:58 PM



Looking forward to seeing my cousins tomorrow for Uncle Jack's burial. He was the best!

Betsy - September 21, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John P. Emery.*



July 31, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *I will miss Uncle Jack. He was fun to be around. He always used to call me Yimmy. It was fu. To hear him say that.*

Jim Botella - July 31, 2023 at 05:51 PM