



John "Jack" Cacello

October 5, 1947 - February 3, 2023

John "Jack" Cacello

Age 75, of South Wilmington, IL passed away peacefully Friday, February 3, 2023 at his home. Born October 5, 1947 in Joliet, IL to the late Peter Alex and Mercedes Rose (nee Pomatto) Cacello. He was raised and educated in South Wilmington, graduating from Gardner-South Wilmington High School with the class of 1965 and also graduated from Illinois State University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in accounting. Soon after his college graduation he was drafted to Vietnam to join forces with the United States Army. Jack married Marcia Allen on October 26, 1973 in South Wilmington, where they raised three beautiful children. In 1997, at the age of fifty Jack proudly retired from Commonwealth Edison. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church and former member of the VFW Post #1740, where he was also the commander. Jack was very devoted to his children and was always willing to lend a helping hand or offer some useful fatherly advice. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, bird watching, and wood working. Of all his accomplishments he was most proud of being called "Boung" by his seven grandchildren. His best moments were spending time with them, whether it was for a brief visit or cheering them on at one of their sporting events. Surviving are his wife of forty-nine years, Marcia (nee Allen) Cacello of South Wilmington; three children, Angela Tjelle, Michael (Stefanie) Cacello, and Matthew (Elizabeth) Cacello, all of South Wilmington; seven grandchildren, Ryan, Maya, and Lyla Cacello, Ty and Taylor Tjelle, Jackson and Juliana Cacello; brother-in-law,

Jack Smolik of South Wilmington; and many close nieces, nephews, and their families. Preceding him in death were his parents; and sister, Jean Smolik. Visitation for Jack will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Monday, February 6, 2023 from 4-7 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to meet Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington for the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church or the South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
165 Rice St.
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 237-2230

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I worked with Jack from 83' to 86 at Braidwood PTC. He was one of the finest gentleman I have ever had the pleasure to know. His wit and dry sense of humor was always spot on. Most of all, he was a great family man and great guy. RIP “Action Jackson”

Steve Butera - May 05, 2023 at 05:04 PM

KG

“ We are so sorry for your lose. Blessings to you Marcia & family.



Karen & Larry Guest - February 08, 2023 at 10:51 PM

RT

“ We have so many memories of Jack it would be impossible to share them all. We have been blessed with a wonderful circle of friends. We have enjoyed so much together and Jack was always in the middle of it all. Our best memories are our camping trips. Jack was camping long before the rest of us so he was our "Pioneer Camper". We played so many pranks and he always took them with a smile. Jack did not get mad but he would get even. All part of our fun. Once again he has gone before us. Our "Pioneer" has blazed the trail we will all follow. Good buddy you will be missed. We will cherish all of our memories until we meet again.

Raelene & Jim Testa - February 06, 2023 at 07:20 PM

ML

“ My condolences and deepest sympathies to the entire Cacello family. Sorry I was unable to attend Jack the Bear’s service. I had the luxury of having conversations with Jack over the years at Dutch’s, the grocery store, post office and just about anywhere our path’s crossed. He had a great sense of humor and would always lighten your mood. He will be greatly missed by many. Gone but never forgotten, may he rest in peace.

Michael Lardi - February 06, 2023 at 07:07 PM



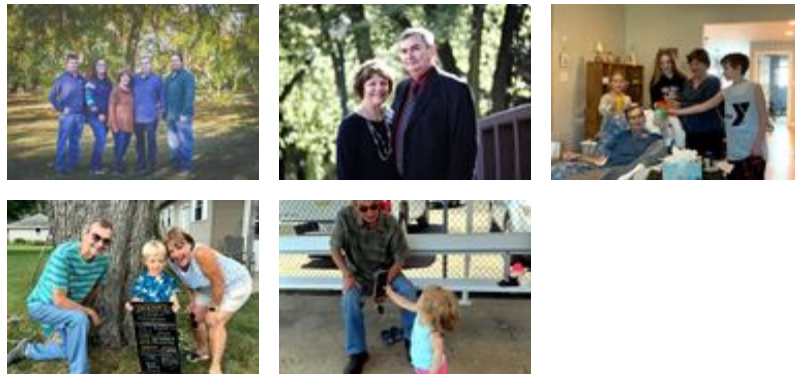
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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - February 06, 2023 at 01:23 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - February 06, 2023 at 11:58 AM

RZ

“ Mike , just notice the obituary of your father. Out of state now but thinking of you. God bless you and your family my friend

Rick Zilm - February 05, 2023 at 07:01 PM

CW

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Marcia, her children, and grandchildren on the death of Jack.
Cathy (Joyce) Walton

Cathy (Joyce) Walton - February 04, 2023 at 03:03 PM

DS

“ Our sympathy and prayers are with you Marcia. Jack was a wonderful man as evidenced by his loving family. He will be missed by many. We are so sorry for your loss. Donna and Bill Shockey

Donna Testa Shockey - February 03, 2023 at 09:28 PM

ML

“ My condolences and deepest sympathies to the entire family. I always enjoyed conversations that I had with Jack the Bear over the years. Whether it be at Dutch's, the ball diamond, store, or the post office, he had a great sense of humor and could give you that chuckle you needed no matter how bad of a day you had. He will be greatly missed . Sincerely, Mike Lardi

Michael Lardi - February 03, 2023 at 05:06 PM