



Jack Schroeder

August 21, 1925 - December 19, 2017

Iowa State Senator Jack Schroeder, "Happy" Jack Schroeder was born August 21, 1925 and passed December 19, 2017.

He married Virginia Posateri on April 30, 1947 and spent 68 plus years of bliss together.

Originally a butcher by trade but enlisted, with his mother's permission, into the Navy Air Corp in 1942 where he served in the Pacific Theater until 1946.

Jack graduated from Drake Law School in 1952 and became a partner in the Law Firm of Filseth and Schroeder.

In 1951, he was elected to State of Iowa House of Representatives until 1955. Then was elected as an Iowa Senator, where he became Majority Leader of the Senate until his retirement in 1967.

He served as President of the Iowa Heart Association and was on numerous boards including; Lutheran Hospital and Hawkeye BanCorp. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Sarasota Yacht Club, Long Boat Key Club and St. Armand's Lutheran Church.

He retired from law practice and became the founder, Chairmen and CEO of

General United Life Insurance Company and Chairman/Part Owner of Bettendorf Bank and Trust.

With an insurance career that spanned over 4 decades, Jack was an Insurance Executive for many companies including New York Life, All American Life in Chicago and as President and CEO of American Life and Casualty. He retired in 2010 with American Equity as Vice Chair.

Jack would light up a room and was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his wife Virginia, his daughter Sandy Cangelosi and brother Bill.

He is survived by his son Wally, grandchildren Andy Cangelosi, Jack Schroeder(Jessica), Chris Schroeder, Steven Schroeder(Yared), and Stacy Gaar (Ben) and four great grandchildren Jackson, Calvin, Aaron and Madeline.

He was loved by all that met or knew him. He is now with his family in heaven.

A celebration of life at St Armand's Lutheran Church in Sarasota, Florida will take place on January 6th, 2018 at 1 pm.

Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened today to read of the death of Senator Schroeder in the Des Moines Register. He was a great friend of my father, Senator Joe Coleman. Although they were on opposite sides of the aisle, my father greatly respected and admired his friend. I pause to think of how much better off our country would be if it followed the example of these two "giants". The passing of Senator Jack is yet another page being turned in the log of the greatest generation. He will be remembered this Sunday at Mass by the whole of the Coleman Family. May perpetual light shine upon him. Peace, Joe Coleman, Jr.

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“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

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“ Im so sorry to hear about Jack he and Mrs. Schroeder were always so kind to me when I worked at SBC.

Natalie Zanolli - January 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM