



John (Jack) Frank Chizik

June 21, 1950 - July 23, 2022

John (Jack) Frank Chizik, 72, peacefully passed away on July 23, 2022, at his home in Sarasota, FL while surrounded by his loving family.

Jack was born in Washington, D.C., on June 21, 1950, to Hyman and Mary (Wright) Chizik. He graduated from Wheaton High School in 1968 and attended University of Maryland, achieving a master's equivalent. Jack was a high school teacher of Architecture and Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) and was incredibly proud of the fact that he taught in his old homeroom. Jack loved his students both in the classroom and on the baseball field. He was a dog lover and cherished his dogs over the years: Brandy, Whoopie, Rocky, and Penny.

Jack and his wife Carole moved to Sarasota, FL from Annapolis, MD on May 27, 2021. He was a proud father and grandfather who enjoyed spoiling his loved ones with gifts. Jack loved sailing the Chesapeake Bay, playing bridge, driving his MG, and cruising around the world.

Jack was a natural athlete and played softball and pickleball and bowled, but he was most known for his lifetime love of baseball. He played for an Orioles farm team and coached at Georgetown University and at the high school level. For the past 30 years, he played for the Baltimore Baseball Club where he most recently pitched the semifinal and final of the Roy Hobbs World

Series. As his teammate said, "He was happy to pitch anytime and anywhere for as long as he was needed." He truly considered his friends and teammates family.

Jack lived his life by one of his favorite quotes from Mark Twain: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor."

Jack is survived by his loving wife Carole Martin Chizik of Sarasota, FL; his daughters Jennifer (Luis) Carvajal of Wilton, CT and Stephanie Chizik of Baltimore, MD; and his grandchildren Lilianna and Sienna Carvajal of Wilton, CT.

To honor Jack's memory, his family is holding a celebration of his life on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Toale Brothers' Gulf Gate Chapel, 6903 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231. Anyone who knew him is invited to attend and remember his wonderful life.

If you would like to share photos of Jack for the ceremony, please send them to: stephanie.chizik@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org>) in his honor.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Gulf Gate Chapel

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ I am really sadden to hear about the passing of Jack as we called him a great teammate and friend. He was one of the best pitchers in the league and never tired. RIP my friend

Pete Hughes - August 08, 2022 at 06:39 PM

MC

“ Carole, so sorry to hear about Jack. While I never got to meet him, I could always tell from the way you talked about him and your adventures together that he was a dedicated, fun, and loving spouse. My condolences to you and your family. -marco

Marco Carbone - August 02, 2022 at 07:35 PM

VI

“ Carole - So sorry to hear about Jack! My thoughts are with you and your family! Hugs, Viji

Viji - July 31, 2022 at 11:58 AM

DS

“ It started 60 years ago. Jackie and I ended up meeting/going to camp together. We hit it off, and started a life long friendship. In the early days our parents spent a lot of time driving us back and forth to each other’s house. Once we got our driver’s licenses we were off and running. To keep ourselves occupied we did many crazy things, too many to list.

One Friday evening we swapped cars (we were probably 17). I had a 56 Chevy he wanted take for a ride. On the way back to my house a drunk driver ran into to him and totaled the car. He banged up his right arm and wrist pretty bad. We weren’t sure if it was going to rune his love for baseball. We all know how much he loved that. He worked hard at PT and recovered. What a blessing.

We both went on to college for a while but we’re always doing things together when I came back home. At my third attempt at college I met Carol and we became great friends. Good old AU. Back then we used to party at my house on a regular basis.

Somewhere along the line Jackie and Carol hit it off. How great. One of the most memorable trips was going to Carol’ s home in PA for Thanksgiving. When Jackie, Carol, Annie and I got caught in a blizzard on a mountain road on the way back and had to spend the night in our cars.

The rest of the story is predictable. Marriage, having kids, working and raising our families. Busy times.

I remember when they moved from Crofton to Annapolis. Of course we went cruising on the Chesapeake. Another time it was having a cookout at their house. I remember our buddy Mike getting a cramp in his leg and falling on us in the hot tub. Another time Carol rented a large sailing boat for Jackie’s 50th birthday for an evening dinner cruise.

The bottom line is Jackie was closer to me than my own brother. Great friend, husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed.

Hey Buddy I’ll meet you in heaven.

Love you all,

Dan and Tricia

Dan Shapiro - July 30, 2022 at 12:11 PM

JM

“ *Spending time with Jack and Carole on their boat, soup parties at our house, listening to memories of Jacks time spent with Jack Kent Cook. You will be missed! RIP*

jane mullenix - July 28, 2022 at 03:59 PM

GD

“ *Gary Donovan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.*



Gary Donovan - July 28, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ I met Jack at Arundel High School in 1993. He was pitching for the opposing team and he hit me on the elbow with the first pitch he threw me. Of course he apologized as I was running to first base. Fortunately for our team we started recruiting him and he joined the Baltimore Baseball Club. We were blessed with an excellent group of pitchers at the time but Jack stood out right away because he had that thing we call a "rubber arm". He was able to pitch all the time and his arm never hurt. Over the years we played many seasons and numerous tournaments each year and Jack was always the mainstay of the pitching staff. He could also play other positions and hit well too! At some point he and I started rooming together for our tournaments and we came to know each other well. We were tolerant of each others quirks and enjoyed our conversations about different experiences and the world in general. This past November Jack and Carol had already moved to Sarasota and Nina and I were able to stop by and visit them on the way to Fort Myers. Jack still played in the Hobbs Tournament and stayed in the same hotel where Nina and I stayed. We had breakfast together each day and caught up on family and world events. He called me a couple weeks ago and his first concern was to tell me he couldn't make the tournament this year. Of course I was still hoping and praying that his condition would improve and that he would at least be able to come and visit us. Now we know he will be there in spirit and we will all keep his memory with us as we continue playing the game that he loved! My sincere condolences and love to the family and friends of this special man!

Paul Williams - July 28, 2022 at 02:24 PM

KN

“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear this. My sincere condolences to you and your family. Jack was always very special to me. He and I taught together at Edison for 15 years. I still have many of the Christmas presents he so generously gave me over the years and remember him fondly when decorating every holiday. David and I have such wonderful memories of his birthday celebration on the sailboat under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge at sunset--what a fabulous evening!!! And he was surprised!!!! Jack's memory lives on in our hearts and thoughts. Prayers and love go out to you all!
Love,
Kathy Nave

Kathleen Nave - July 28, 2022 at 02:15 PM

SM

“ Stephanie Meeks purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.

Stephanie Meeks - July 28, 2022 at 11:11 AM

LE

“ I was also lucky enough to join Carole and Jack in their new Florida home earlier this year. Carole and I sat on the patio, sipped wine, and snuggled with Penny. We enjoyed a traditional dinner of Frikadeller courtesy of their visiting friends from Denmark. While they still lived in Maryland, Jack and Carole were gracious enough to take me out on their boat for a phenomenal afternoon on the water. Carole showed me pictures that day from their most recent cruise. This is a couple that enjoyed life to its fullest; they were always happy and willing to open their home and share their adventures. Jack will be missed. My heart goes out to Carole, their daughters, and granddaughters. Wishing you all peace and grace.

Lisa Eggers - July 27, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.*



July 27, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Jack and I met over fifty years ago bowling. We seemed to hit it off right away and were inseparable friends, spending many days and nights together, bowling, playing pinball and just hanging out. He was my best man in my wedding. We raised our families together, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with each other. We took trips together and he became the brother I never had.*

Raymond Lim-Sharpe - July 27, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“ *The smile on his face is the reflection of all the smiles on faces of all who knew him. Jack brought laughter and lightness to every gathering. I can never think of him without hearing his spontaneous laughter. He was a kind and caring gentleman in the truest sense. He is loved and will be deeply missed.*

Linda Noone, Annapolis

Linda Noone - July 27, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.*



July 27, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.*



July 27, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this news. Jack was an excellent bridge player and we miss him. I enjoyed playing bridge with Jack and have many fond memories of him.*

brenda e. weber - July 27, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Michal & the CDP Team purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.*



Michal & the CDP Team - July 27, 2022 at 12:24 PM

SC

“ I am so thankful I got to spend a bit of time with Jack and Carole earlier this year at their new home in Florida. Wonderful memories of touring around Venice, meeting Penny, a waterside lunch, a walk along the rock pier, fun conversations, and even chatting together with another MG fanatic we met along the way. (and his patience while Carole and I did some work together beforehand!)

Shawn Cox - July 27, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John (Jack) Frank Chizik.



July 27, 2022 at 11:50 AM