



## Ralph "Jack" Jaret

September 20, 1922 - October 19, 2016

Ralph "Jack" Jaret was born in New York City to Frances and Joseph Jaret, the third of three boys who remained close through their lives. Jack attended Erasmus High School in Brooklyn, NY, where he met Ellen Freeman. They married on November 7, 1943, months before Jack enlisted in the US Army. He proudly served with the 32nd Division in the Pacific. During the war, he and Ellen used a secret code to evade military censors so he could tell her where he was in his letters home. Returning, he put himself through school, graduating cum laude from Pace University in business administration. He and Ellen started a family – sons Michael and Peter and daughter Susan. In 1984, Jack's beloved wife Ellen died at 62. But Jack was fortunate enough to discover love again with Sally Ward of Chicago. They married on April 20, 1985 and soon moved to Longboat Key.

After retiring from a successful career as an executive with Georgia Pacific and Stone Container, Jack became active in the local community. He served as the first chair of the investment committee of Sarasota Community Foundation, playing a key role in building the Foundation's base from \$300,000 to over \$250 million. In 2010, he briefly ran for mayor of Longboat Key – withdrawing because he admired the candidate he would have run against. In 1997-1998, he was commodore of the Bird Key Yacht Club. Jack also served on the vestry of the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota for three years and one year as the treasurer.

Jack cherished his three children, his five grandchildren (Chris, Courtney, Ryan, Dylan and Ellen), and his two great-granddaughters (Caitlin and Emme). He was very close to Sally's brother, Greg Ward of Sarasota. We all mourn his loss. He is especially deeply mourned by his wife Sally, who filled his life with delight and selflessly cared for him through his final days. But even as we grieve, we celebrate his long, generous, and joyful life.

A requiem mass will be held for Jack at the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota on Saturday Nov 5th at 11:00 AM.

Toale Brothers Funeral Homes in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to Jack's family and especially to you dear, sweet Sally. You were such a beautiful couple full of joy and laughter whenever I saw you together. My heart breaks for you, as I know your heart is breaking. My thoughts and prayers are with you and his entire family. God Bless. Hugs...Denise*

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**Denise Haggerty** - October 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I miss my grandpa each and every day. He was a man of true greatness. I am honored to have spent so many years living close to him and having the opportunity for him to get to meet his great granddaughter. There isn't a day that goes by that I won't think of him, miss him and celebrate his life.*

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**Courtney Jaret Mamuscia** - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM