



John "Jack" Connors Jr.

June 27, 1941 - September 23, 2025

John "Jack" Connors, Jr., 84, of Hampshire, passed away September 23, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born June 27, 1941, in Mt. Pleasant, PA, the son of John Sr. and Dixie (Washabaugh) Connors. He married Lois "Arlene" (Shuster) on June 10, 1961, in Scottdale, PA. They were married nearly 58 years.

A proud veteran, John served in the United States Air Force for four years, beginning on June 10, 1959. John trained to be a helicopter mechanic. Later in life he became a proud member of the American Legion.

After discharge from the Air Force, John pursued his love of aviation by obtaining an Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) license and earning his Associate's Degree in Specialized Technology from the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. John dedicated 38 years of his life to United Airlines, where he worked as an aircraft mechanic and was a trusted mentor to many colleagues. His exceptional skill and leadership earned him the prestigious title of Mechanic of the Year for United's Central Division in 1982. John was deeply respected in his field and will be remembered for his commitment, work ethic, and the positive impact he had on those around him.

John was deeply loved by his family, always willing to do anything for them without hesitation. John opened his home to anyone in need, offering warmth and hospitality. Known for his infectious smile, he brought joy to all who knew

him. John will be remembered as a kind, funny, and sometimes mischievous man, whose presence will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his three children, Janet Kuttner of Hampshire, Judith (Scott Potenza) Connors of Mt. Prospect; and John F. Connors III of Hampshire; his grandsons, Trevor Connors, and Michael Gibas; his honorary Finnish daughter, Marika Harjumaa, an exchange student who lived with the family in 1986; and his partner, Jean Eicher of MT. Pleasant, PA.

He is preceded in death by his wife Lois "Arlene"; his parents; his sister, Dixie (John) Scobbie; grandson, Michael Robert Thompson; and his son-in-law, James "Jim" Kuttner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be directed to Solace Hospice & Palliative Care. A link to a donation form can be found at <https://solacehospicepci.com>

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park Street in Hampshire from 10:00 am until the 12:00 pm service. Inurnment of ashes with Military Honors will follow at Hampshire Center Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd
Hampshire, IL 60140

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home
284 Park St.
Hampshire, IL 60140
(847) 683-2711
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

OCT 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Michael J. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Connors Jr..

Michael J. - October 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Connors Jr..



October 14, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ From JPMC Commcard Transformation Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Connors Jr..

From JPMC Commcard Transformation Team - October 14, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Connors Jr..



October 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ T. Ucchi Uchida planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jack" Connors Jr..

T. Ucchi Uchida - October 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM