



Justin "Jay" Lazarre, Jr.

April 2, 1939 - April 8, 2020

Justin "Jay" Lazarre, Jr., went home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 8, 2020, at the age of 81, as a result of complications from COVID-19.

He is survived by his spouse and the love of his life, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Lazarre, and their three children, Gary L. Lazarre (Nancy), Jeanne L. Billings (Terry), and Karen L. Dennison. He is also survived by grandchildren, Emily Billings Levy (Matthew), Taylor Billings, Chloe Dennison, and Zachary Dennison; great grandchildren, Caleb Levy, Sophie Levy, and baby Natalie Levy due in June; and beloved niece, Marie Sandi (Tito).

Jay was a devoted employee and former Vice President of Pellerin Milnor Corporation for over 30 years. He joyfully served his Catholic Church, including as a member of Pastoral Councils, building committees, and liturgical committees and as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Jay oversaw the construction of Divine Mercy Church and was awarded the Order of the St. Louis Medallion from the Archdiocese of New Orleans in recognition of his dedication and service to the Church. Jay loved working with his hands. He built a car, a boat, a clock, and beautiful furniture during his lifetime, even building a toy chest for his first great grandchild. He loved fishing and golf and was seldom seen without a cup of coffee in his hands. Above all, Jay was happiest when spending time with his family. Some of our fondest memories are of family gatherings, games played, golf tournaments and school functions he attended, carving pumpkins, dyeing Easter eggs, helping his family with projects around the house, and quiet hours enjoying a cup of coffee. He kept us in stitches with his dry wit and humor. In spite of battling illness for much of his life, Jay never complained. He was selfless with his time, talent, and treasure, more worried about taking care of everyone but himself.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Ka Yan Tong, Dr. Jill Lindberg, Fresenius Dialysis Center, and the many nurses and staff of 5 East at East Jefferson Hospital, most especially Carol. We are blessed to have our family friend and priest, Fr. Luis Rodriguez, who officiated at the funeral Mass. Special thanks to Fr. Robert Cooper, our pastor at Divine Mercy Parish. We are especially thankful for the outpouring of love and support from our family and friends during this difficult time.

A private Mass and burial were held on Monday, April 13, 2020, with only immediate family present. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Divine Mercy Catholic Church or

The American Diabetes Association. Please consider sharing your thoughts, favorite memory or condolences at www.muheisen.com.

Comments



“ I remember Mr Jay walking the halls at Milnor when I worked there. I had very few conversations with him but was fortunate enough to get to know him and his family better through my boss Gary Lazarre. I can remember when I walked past him in the halls, I was always rather shy but he always looked me in the eye and would either smile, place his hand on my shoulder or wink in passing which to me was so awesome. Even though I was shy and intimidated he made it a point to put me at ease. That’s what I remember most about Mr Jay, he was a guy who cared about others and wanted to make sure they felt comfortable in his presence. You only have to look at his kids to see what a awesome person and father he was. Although I’ve met all three of his kids Karen and Gary were really part of my life and even my wife’s life back then. Such great people, to this day I consider Gary the biggest mentor of my life. He has taught me so much even after I left Milnor and I know it’s all because of what Mr Jay past down to his kids. Also, Karen...bless her heart. We are connected on LinkedIn and I can always count on her to message me if I post something that is out of line and remind me that it might not be appropriate. These days you just can’t find such genuine people. I can remember the most recent time Karan messages me with “Hey Don really might want to reconsider that for LinkedIn”. She was right and I appreciate her for it. Those qualities came from her parents as well. I loved the Lazarre Family when I worked at Milnor and Love them today. Deb and I both have Jay in our prayers. God Bless him and hold him close.
Don and Deb Kirkland

Don and Debbie Kirkland - April 26 at 02:59 PM



“ I met Mr. Jay over 25 yrs ago , and I have always enjoyed being around him and his lovely family! Mr. Jay will be missed by so many friends! I will always remember Mr. Jay nodding his head to his living wife, Jackie , and saying in a kind gentle tone, “Now, Jackie!” Truly, I can hear this as I am writing ! I have many more fond memories that I will treasure forever! Always , Althea

Althea W. Ourso - April 20 at 09:06 PM



“ My name is Myron Johnson. I’m sorry to see in the paper that Jay has died. I have known Jay for many years. Jay’s dad and mother, Justin and Dottie, were good friends with my dad and mother, Doctor and June Johnson. I re-acquainted with Jay in 1964 when I started work at Pan American Life Insurance

Myron L. Johnson - April 20 at 12:31 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your father, Uncle Jay was well liked. I know due to situation it was private. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Lisa Adler - April 19 at 11:24 PM



“ Jay was a very wonderful person. He had a very good sense of humor. He was a man of few words. Whenever u asked him how r u doing, his answer was always,,I'm fine. I never ever heard him complain about anything. He will be sadly missed. Rest in peace JAY..

Janice Billings - April 19 at 10:00 AM



“ Sorry to see Jay's passing. He was my Uncle Justin's oldest child. We saw each other throughout the years, usually unfortunately at funerals, but he was always glad to see me and ask about the family. It is rare in this day and time that you find the love of your life at an early age but he and Jackie were it. His eyes lit up whenever he mentioned her name. Prayers for the family!

Mark Lazarre - April 19 at 06:52 PM