



John P. "Jack" McHale

January 9, 1934 - July 29, 2025

John P. "Jack" McHale, age 91, passed away peacefully at his home in The Villages, Florida, on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

Known affectionately as Jack or Jackie to his family and friends, he is survived by four children: John McHale Jr. and his wife Betty, Paul McHale, Marianne Byron and her husband Rich, and Jeff McHale and his wife Billie. He was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren and great-grandfather to fifteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Marlene R. Delmar McHale, who passed in 2019; his son, Michael McHale; and grandson, Michael McHale Jr.

Born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Jack graduated from St. Ann's High School in 1952, where he earned local fame for his athletic talent—particularly in basketball. Nicknamed "King of the Court," Jack once scored 74 points in a single game against Honesdale Catholic, a Pennsylvania state record that stood until 1960 when it was broken by Wilt Chamberlain. In recognition of his achievements, Jack was inducted into the Northeast Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 1989.

A natural athlete and scratch golfer, Jack retired to The Villages in 1996 after

a long career with Bell Telephone (now Verizon). He was an enthusiastic fan of college football, cheering loyally for Penn State, Notre Dame, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Tuesday, August 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Beyers Funeral Home, 134 N US Hwy 441, Lady Lake, FL 32159. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake, FL 32159, on Wednesday, August 6, at 8:30 a.m., followed by interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, FL.

In lieu of Flowers, please send donations to:

- Cornerstone Hospice-601 Casa Bella The Villages, FL 32612.
- Tunnels to Towers-2361 Hyland Boulevard Statton Island, NY. 10306
- St. Jude's Children's Hospital

If unable to attend the church service, it will be live streamed online at: <https://www.sttimothycc.com/mass-schedule> - scroll down to find "Watch Mass Live" on their website during the service time scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, at 8:30 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

1901 County Rd 25A
Leesburg, FL 34748

Previous Events

Family and Friends

AUG 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake
134 N US Highway 441
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 753-4444

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 6. 8:30 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church
1351 Paige Pl
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Burial

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens
1901 County Rd 25A
Leesburg, FL 34748

Entombment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg, Florida following service at St. Timothy's Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John P. "Jack" McHale*



Beyers Funeral Home - August 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

SO

Beautiful memories you all have here. Hold onto those to get through this rough time. You were loved 💕

Susan McHale (Oman) - August 05, 2025 at 11:47 AM

BB

“ *I played golf with Jack for several years on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He was always fun to be around and could drain the longest putts. We had a reunion of the golf group in June 2024 and it was great to get caught up with everyone. RIP Jack!*

Bob Berg - August 10, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ *The Art McHale Family Dan & Kathy, Ray & Scott, Liz, Susan, & Brian McHale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. "Jack" McHale.*

The Art McHale Family Dan & Kathy, Ray & Scott, Liz, Susan, & Brian McHale - August 02, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ The Art McHale Family Dan & Kathy, Ray & Scott, Liz, Susan, & Brian McHale purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. "Jack" McHale.



The Art McHale Family Dan & Kathy, Ray & Scott, Liz, Susan, & Brian McHale - August 02, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RM

“ Uncle Jack was one of my favorite Uncles! I have such fond memories of visiting their home when we were young. I remember, their dog, a Weimaraner, I believe that tried to steal the cookies that Aunt Marlene made for us. I'll always remember how kind they both were to us. I know they loved their children and families so very much. My heart goes out to all my cousins and family at this time. Praying for comfort and for continued fond memories.

Raymond McHale - August 02, 2025 at 04:14 PM

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“ Chris and Jim Howard purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John P. "Jack" McHale.



Chris and Jim Howard - July 31, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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