



## John Emery Zaback

September 28, 1937 - February 9, 2020

John (Jack) Emery Zaback, 82, of The Villages, FL passed peacefully on February 9, 2020 while surrounded by his family. Jack was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, the son of John and Ethel (Edwards) Zaback. He graduated from Ashtabula High School in 1955 and received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the University of Notre Dame in 1959. On September 9, 1961 he married his high school sweetheart Sue Ridgway, and together they celebrated 58 years of marriage. An officer in the National Guard, he served active duty and in the reserves from 1960-1968. Jack's working career spanned nearly 50 years including his time at the Zaback Funeral Home, as partner at McDonald & Company Investments, and President of Society Bank of Eastern Ohio. An active member of his community, he was a campaign chairman for the United Way and the American Cancer Society. He enjoyed time spent as a member of the Elks Club and the Rotary Club. He was a lifelong parishioner at Mother of Sorrows in Ashtabula, and most recently at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in The Villages. Beyond anything, Jack's greatest joy came from being with family and friends. He loved them all and they loved him. He was a wonderful husband, grandfather, father, brother, and friend. Jack is survived by his wife Sue along with his three sons, Jay, Tom, Chris (Maureen), his sister Mary Jane Klepek, his brother Jerry (Pat), nine grandchildren - Sara, Maura, Erica, Katie, Thomas, Andrew, Mara, Cara, Emmy, and one great grandchild, Olivia. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ethel Zaback, his daughter Mary Kay Greenwood, and his

brother-in-law Frank Klepek. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:00 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Wildwood FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Wildwood, FL, Building the Way to Heaven Campaign, 5323 E CR 462, Wildwood, FL 34785. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Although we never had the opportunity to meet Jack, we are lucky enough to know his son Chris whose unique personality, generosity, and loving spirit are a testament to what an incredible man Jack was. The light that Jack brought into the world will continue to shine through those he loved. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Avi and Lilach Abergel

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**Avi Abergel** - February 21, 2020 at 03:49 PM

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“ Sue Kay, I am so sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I've known him since I was in elementary school when he worked at Cedar's Grocery Store on Main Avenue in Ashtabula. In other words, a long time. My sincere sympathy to you and your family. (I am grateful to Dick Haines, a retired Farmers Bank officer, who sent me the link to the funeral home.) Sincerely, Bob and Carol (Cheney) Gerlach

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**Carol Gerlach** - February 17, 2020 at 03:40 PM