



John "Jack" Klinger

December 23, 1949 - August 29, 2024

John (Jack) Klinger, a proud veteran of the Army, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his son and daughter-in-law on August 29, 2024, from Colon Cancer.

The beloved son of Shirlee and John Klinger Sr, Jack grew up in South Holland, IL. He was born on December 23, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois.

At the age of 20, Jack enlisted in the Army. He valued this service highly and attained the rank of a PS1 Specialist. During his time in the service he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal W/2 stars, and Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device.

He then worked for Mi-Jack Products as a Purchasing Director for 38 years and retired in 2015.

Jack is survived by his devoted mother, Shirlee Klinger; Son and wife, John and Amber Klinger; daughter, Kimberly Klinger. He leaves behind many cousins nieces, nephews, and two loyal dogs, Rex and Max.

He was predeceased by his father John (Doc) A. Klinger Sr, and sister Karen Salley.

Jack was an avid golfer and bowler who spent his free time at home around his pool with friends. Being a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears, he could always be found watching a ball game. Burns Funeral Home and Crematory entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

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“Dad,
I can't believe you're gone. My heart hurts, tears fall from my eyes,
but the good memories of you are all I'm thinking of.
The way I could make you laugh until you couldn't breathe,
especially when you were at work.
The way you would just call me out of the blue while I was working,
because you were thinking about me.
You taught me a lot of things in life, of course the basics, but the fun
things too. Our time at the lake,
when you taught me how to tube, and fling me all of the lake trying
to get me off that thing.
Let me drink some of your beer when I was little without anyone
knowing.
The Daddy/Daughter dances you took me too, teaching me how to
ride a bike,
how to drive a car, how to drive a car I bought with a stick, without
knowing how to drive it.
And I always knew when you took out my car in the morning to go
get your coffee, so you
could drive around in it because it was a little sports car.
You gave me a work ethic like none other.
The day you gave me away at my wedding,
The wonderful family vacations we went on.
I will miss you beyond words.
One thing sticks in my head... the words you said to me when I was
21...
I said, Dad I'm not a little girl anymore and your reply was
"You'll always be my little girl".
So rest easy Dad, and as my last words said to you..
I will love you always and forever.
Love your little girl,
Kimberly

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