



JOHN J. TOOHEY

August 28, 1928 - September 25, 2020

John J. Toohey passed away Friday morning, September 25, 2020 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, NJ. He was 92.

Born and raised in New York, New York, he had lived in Woodside, Flushing, and New City, New York before moving to Florida for 25 years. He became a resident of Cedar Crest at Pompton Plains, NJ two years ago.

He served proudly in the United States Marine Corps, and was honorably discharged in 1948.

Mr. Toohey earned his Bachelors Degree in Fire Science from the John Jay College in New York City.

He worked as a firefighter with the City of New York for over 40 years, retiring as a Chief in 1991.

He was a member of the New York City Fire Chief's Association, the New York City Fire Department Emerald Society, the New York City Fire Department Holy Name Society, and the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary A. Toohey; and his second wife, Ann Mahoney Toohey. John is survived by his two loving daughters, Maryann McNamara and her husband James T. of East Haddam, CT, and Kathleen P. Ryan and her husband Vincent of Montville Township, NJ; a step-daughter, Donna Mahoney Acosta; a brother, Eugene Toohey of Florida; seven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful for Memorial Gifts "In Memory of Retired FDNY Chief John J. Toohey" to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, www.tunnel2towers.org/donate.

Cemetery

Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery

17200 Booth Memorial Avenue

Flushing, NY, 11365

Events

SEP **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church

24 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ, US

Comments



“ I was 11, maybe 12 in 1958/1959. My friend Kevin and I had a cigarette and matches. We were playing in an area just south of LaGuardia airport. This area was just many, many empty lots with dried weeds. We both wanted to try smoking our first cigarette. It was a little windy and we couldn't light the cigarette. We found a large cardboard box which we used to redirect the wind by lying on the ground next to the box to light up. It worked BUT we also set the weeds on fire. We couldn't stop the fire. It just took off. We started to run, got to the main street just as the firetrucks were responding. We waited for one to pass and sitting on the back end was Jack. Some years later we visited Jack and I mentioned that day. He said he saw us. We left the conversation at that.

Rest In Peace, Jack

John A Andersen - September 28 at 03:38 AM



“ That is hilarious! Yes, he would have kept his mouth shut.

Nana was always so fond of you - so nice to hear from you.

Jimmy McNamara and all the family

James McNamara - September 28 at 05:47 PM



“ Truly he was the best Godfather anyone could have.

. My grandmother and mother lived with Marie and John and the boys after Mom's father and brother died within a short time...This was during the depression and they were on hard times. . . They stayed until my grandmother was able to secure a job...and eventually moved to their own apartment down the block... Marie and John were family and my grandmother wanted to be near them... . Jack and Gene became my mother's adopted siblings.

. We visited years later when we lived in Jackson Heights. I remember vividly Kathleen's christening. My mother was Godmother and I thought it so cool to think maybe I was the god-sister.... I was 8 years old... .Well, I learned that that was not possible but I soon realized that being part of a beautiful family was a much better role...

Peace and Comfort to you all during this time...

Joan Andersen Marshall

Joan Marshall - September 29 at 10:09 AM



“ And here we are, nearly a century on from those living arrangements, and we can still look back on it warmly.

Thank you so much for your note. I am sure Mom and Aunt Kathleen are delighted to read it.

All the best.

James McNamara - September 29 at 11:53 PM



“ John & Joan:

Thank you both so much for sharing your memories of Dad, as well as his wonderful parents!

Maryann McNamara - October 01 at 11:08 AM



“ Rest in Peace John...My husband Buster is buried at Mount St. Mary's as is most of my family. When my time comes I will be there too...Many pleasant memories at Ocean Colony. John was a good man. My sympathies to the entire Toohy Family.

Marie Celestino - October 05 at 06:56 PM



“ Thank you, Mrs. Celestino. I remember you and your husband! Da loved that building.

James McNamara - October 06 at 10:10 AM



“ Thank you, Marie. Dad loved Ocean Colony & never stopped missing it & all the wonderful people. He also enjoyed Buster's cooking at parties there as well as stopping to chat with you when he & I were out for a walk. Thank you for commenting & stay well.

Maryann McNamara - October 08 at 04:46 PM



“ John & Joan - thank you so much for your funny & kind thoughts of my father & our family. We will miss him.

Kathy Ryan - November 03 at 04:30 PM