



## Mr. John "Jack" Norman

June 10, 1947 - March 21, 2019

John A. "Jack" Norman passed away on March 21, 2019 at his home in Titusville, Florida after fighting a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his brother David in Greenfield, Massachusetts and numerous generations of cousins. Also the extended family who loved and cared for him. Jack was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts and raised in Deerfield. He graduated from Frontier Regional High School. While at school he was elected in 1965 to represent Frontier at the Student Government Day in Boston. Also, elected as citizen of the month, on the basis of leadership qualities, personality and contributions to the school. Certainly characteristics Jack carried throughout his whole life. He stayed very busy after school hours working on the Gibbs Farm, working for Walter Melnik and Sons at Bar Way Farm, an active member of the Deerfield Fire Department, a provisional officer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and commanding officer of the Sea Explorer Ship 60 Turners Falls. As if that wasn't enough he participated in boating, water-skiing and scuba diving.

Funny story – while working at the Melnik farm the cows got loose. Well, Jack was not your traditional cowboy. He drove his Cadillac one way and Walter, the owner, drove his Cadillac on the other side and that is how they rounded up the cows!

Entering into the working world, Jack spent many years driving truck. Including the paving and construction company Maxantes, Mayflower Moving, Pepsi and while driving for Pepsi he managed to establish his own transport

company which hauled produce up and down the east coast. His love and passion was always for the fire department. Jack was a proud Deerfield native who served on the Deerfield Fire Department for over 30-years. He continued to support the department even after moving to Florida. Recently donating a Federal Q Siren that proudly sits on Engine 1 in his honor. In 1996 he moved to Florida, good-bye to cold, snow and ice. He was often asked “Why Titusville?”. He would say “I carried an ice scraper with me and once I reached a place where they didn’t know what it was – it was time to put down stakes”. Still needing to do more in Florida, Jack went to work at the Space Center. He drove the bus and vehicles that brought dignitaries and their families, Presidents (Jimmy Carter for example), astronauts and their families (Mrs. John Glenn for example) and movie stars out to see launches. During his 15 years with the Space Center he received numerous awards for his exemplary service. Jack also started working for the Sheriff’s Department of Brevard County. The Department has a Mobile Command Center truck and trailer that he took great pride in making sure it was in tip top appearance. He drove it to sites where it was needed.

Jack continued his community contributions and his passion for the fire department by leadership of the Four Communities Fire Station. He made a significant difference in the flourishing of Station 28. He continued as a life time member attending as many meetings as he could. Nothing could keep him away, he even stopped there the day before passing on to God’s department. Jack had so many interests through the years the list is lengthy. But, his heart was with the real fire trucks. He restored many to their glory. Pride and Joy was the Cumberland-Carlisle 1947 Aherns Fox. He was a member of SPAAMFAA.org, Mohawk Last Do Collectors Club, Massachusetts Fire Truck Association, Florida Bucket Brigade and probably many more. He was always out searching for more trucks and deals, you know “Looky Looing”! Let us not forget the jokes – HE NEVER DID!! He so enjoyed making people laugh and smile. Almost every day he passed them on to friends and family via the computer or to visitors. Jack was happy to be around people, so

approachable, friendly and willing to interact with you. He had such an infectious personality that his web of friends is infinite. Jack found serving the community his calling. It is so evident by the number of people who miss him from this day forward.

Services: Celebration of Life

Saturday April 6th 2019

11:30 AM

Four Communities Fire Station, Sharpes Florida off from Route 1

Refreshments to follow

In lieu of flowers – memorial donations may be made to Four Communities Fire Station

P.O. Box 227, Sharpes Florida 32959

Second Service -Taking Jack home to his final resting place

Robbins Memorial Church

Greenfield, Massachusetts

Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 am

Riding on the Deerfield Antique Fire Truck as his final earthly fire call.

Burial will be at the cemetery on Upper Road, West Deerfield Massachusetts.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 6. 11:30 AM (ET)

Four Communities Fire Department  
4870 North Cocoa Blvd (N Us 1),  
Cocoa, FL 32927  
(321) 636-6666  
<http://fourcommunities.com/>

## Memorial Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Robbins Memorial Church  
55 Munson St.  
Greenfield, MA 01301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John "Jack" Norman*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *A friend since age three. Always part of our family, Jack, you are and always will be loved and missed. Your door and your heart were always open to everyone. Thank you for the caring, fun times, the family stories (oh how we would laugh!) You're still in my life, and appreciated and ❤️ every day.*

**Jane E Gibbs** - April 02, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Alex and Sandy Angus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John "Jack" Norman.*



**Alex and Sandy Angus** - March 31, 2019 at 12:52 PM



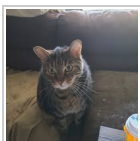
“ *You know the kind of man (good guy) in the John Wayne movies? That's Jack. A man of good caliber. Despite HIS illness, he never failed to call me up every couple of days to see if I was okay. And he remembered one joke after the other. So, he's gone and I'm still laughing. He made you feel good! Because he did it right all the way!*

**natasha Simpson** - March 29, 2019 at 06:27 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Jack's family. He will be dearly missed. I had the pleasure of listening to his jokes for about the past 10 years, and he never missed a beat. Jack had a good heart and a strong will and I admired him very much. May he rest in peace.  
Annette May

Annette May - March 29, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ Jack my friend you will be missed Thank you for making my time with Four Communities Fire Department an Awesome Adventure and everything you taught me. Thank You Jack your Friend Steve Mclaughlin



Steve Mclaughlin - March 28, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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“ Jack was one of the nicest people I ever had the privilege of knowing. He was always a gentleman and always had a kind word to share. I loved getting his messages he would send me. May you Rest In Peace. You are missed so much. Love to you in Heaven.  
Andie Claudius ❤️🙏

Andie Claudius - March 28, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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Couldn't be closer to the truth

Kenny - March 28, 2019 at 06:28 PM

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“ Jack never ever lost his sense of humor no matter what. He was such a loving caring man. I loved working with him here at the space center. Many times in our phone conversations Jack told me he had lived a good life and had been blessed with wonderful parents and siblings and friends and he had no regrets. Good speed my friend. I will miss your emails and phone calls.



**laura** - March 27, 2019 at 09:09 AM

KE

*Always had a smile*

**Kenny** - March 28, 2019 at 06:29 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Linda** - March 27, 2019 at 07:40 AM

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“ Even though we only became acquainted with Jack this year, he has made such an impact on us. He was always there for a quick joke. What a sense of humor. He will live on in our hearts. Bob Herndon and Jim Napier

**Bob Herndon and Jim Napier** - March 26, 2019 at 08:29 PM

JA

“ *Very sorry to hear of Jacks passing. He certainly was a "True Gentleman"~ Deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. May Jacks spirit "live on in their hearts forever" . Sincerely, Jackie Drew Gaines*

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**Jackie** - March 26, 2019 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Thank you to all the Health Staff and Hospice Nurses, Doctors and Care Giver - Chip Reed.  
Thank you to the Four Communities Fire Department for all their help, especially the last few hours.  
Not enough words to express the appreciation to all who have been such a blessing at this time.*

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**Linda Siano** - March 26, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ *10 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Funeral Solutions®** - March 26, 2019 at 07:41 AM