



John "Jack" Smithson

August 7, 2020

John "Jack" Foster Smithson died in the hospital on August 7th, 2020. John was predeceased by his parents Jack & Mary Smithson, of Niagara Falls, New York.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Caren T. Smithson; their son, Darren Smithson and wife, Lena; his brother, Roger Smithson and wife, Veronica of Florida; his sister, Bonnie and husband, John and their son John Thomas Jennings all of Tennessee; his brother-in-law, Russell Johnson and wife, Lillian of South Carolina and their children, Lee Johnson and Kimberly Thering and husband Jon and their son, Brandon all of Massachusetts.

John was sometimes called "Red" but better known as "Jack" by his friends.

Jack served in the United States Navy from 1968 until his retirement as a Senior Chief (AOCS) in 1988. After his retirement from the military he worked for DynCorp, AMSEC, SAIC, Northrup Grumman and DMS of Silver Springs, MD as an Instructional System Designer. Jack officially retired for his second and final time in 2011.

A service will be held in his honor and to celebrate his life at Albert G Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia at 11 am September 18, 2020.

A guest list is being established due to the COVID-19 restrictions. If you would like to attend please call or message Caren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Union Mission Ministry in Norfolk, VA in John's name.

Cemetery Details

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery

5310 Milners Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Matthew 5:4*
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ”



Sheldon Neely - September 15, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John "Jack" Smithson.* ”



September 15, 2020 at 07:46 PM

JB

“ *Joan And Barbara lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Smithson* ”



Joan and Barbara - September 14, 2020 at 09:42 AM

DJ

“ *Donald Overton Jr lit a candle in memory of John "Jack" Smithson* ”



Donald Overton Jr - September 08, 2020 at 10:42 PM